

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Timothy Jemal



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T. J. Prendergast III



Barbara J. Jay



David B. Lang



Terri Whitt Rydell



James R. Wright

Board Meeting Highlights

Meeting of the Board of Trustees, December 16, 2019

Board Selects Officers for 2019-2020



During the SOCCCD December Board of Trustees organizational meeting, the Board of Trustees selected officers to fill the positions of president, vice president, and clerk. With a unanimous vote—Trustee T.J. Prendergast III was selected as president, Trustee Timothy Jemal for vice president, and Trustee R. James Wright to serve as clerk. A formal presentation was also made to Trustee T.J. Prendergast, by Chancellor Burke, to thank him for his year of service as President of the Board of Trustees for 2018-2019. President Prendergast additionally recognized Trustee Wright with a 25-year service pin.

1. **Invocation by Trustee Tim Jemal**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance by Trustee David Lang**
3. **Reports:**
 - **Board Reports:**



Trustee Jay reported that she attended several events throughout the month. On December 3, Trustee Jay attended the Saddleback College Nurses Pinning Ceremony, where 48 students were recognized as graduates of the nursing program. Trustee Jay thanked all administrators and staff for their thoughtful remarks and reflections of the semester and congratulated the nursing students on their success. On December 6, Trustee Jay attended the EOP Care CalWORKs Adopt-a-family program at Irvine Valley College and was proud to participate. On December 10, Trustee Jay attended the Irvine Valley College (IVC) foundation board meeting, where the board discussed fundraising challenges, proposed changes

to Title V, and the edit to the foundation board by-laws to accept cryptocurrency in fundraising efforts. Finally, Trustee Jay was happy to attend the big band concert at IVC and the Feast of Lights at Saddleback.



Trustee Jemal reported that he attended two events with the Orange County Business Council (OCBC), one including the *Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet* awards, where both Saddleback College and Irvine Valley College were nominated for awards. Trustee Jemal also attended the OCBC holiday gathering with other business leaders and elected officials. He was joined at the event with Chancellor Burke and Student Trustee Martha Uriarte. Trustee Jemal made note of the historic moment that occurred in the U.S. Senate last week, when 100 U.S. Senators voted unanimously to approve a resolution recognizing the Armenian Genocide. While it took the U.S. Senate 104 years to get to this point, Trustee Jemal expressed appreciation for the U.S. Senate's actions and provided a special thanks to the South Orange County Community District for unanimously voting to recognize April 24 as Armenian Genocide day in the District.



Trustee Lang took the opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of Dr. Glenn Roquemore, former IVC President, and thanked Dr. Roquemore for his 18 years of service to the District. Secondly, Trustee Lang recognized Brandye D'Lena, Executive Director of Facilities Planning/Purchasing/Material Management, for her years of service to the District. Trustee Lang expressed appreciation for all of Brandye's work on complicated and difficult matters over her tenure in the District.



Trustee Milchiker reported on the many events she attended since the last board meeting. On December 3, Trustee Milchiker attended the Nurses Pinning Ceremony to recognize 48 graduates. Trustee Milchiker expressed her pride for the Saddleback College Nursing program, as it continues to be the No. 2 nursing program in the country. Trustee Milchiker also attended the IVC Employee Holiday Party, IVC Radio Gals performance, Saddleback's Feast of Lights, and the Saddleback Inspecting Carol production. Trustee Milchiker reported that she was happy to participate in the District's Adopt-A-Family program lead by the efforts of Jim Gaston. Trustee Milchiker also reported on her visit to SC Channel 39 "OC Now". She was invited by Karyn Bower, the Video Journalism Professor at Saddleback College. Trustee Milchiker mentioned that students participated in every aspect of the production as writers, producers, news anchors, and videographers. They have their own [YouTube Channel](#) as well. Trustee Milchiker extended congrats to district managers of the year; Priya Jerome, Executive Director of Procurement, Central Services and Risk Management, and Herb Richter, Workday HCM/Finance Resource Planning Program. She also congratulated the IVC Women's Volleyball who were ranked No. 1 in the state – and clinched their 3rd Orange Empire Conference title, and the IVC Men's Basketball who won their Championship game. Finally, Trustee Milchiker reported that she enjoyed President Stern's report on the visit from the delegation of Chinese educators who toured Saddleback College and proposed sister college arrangements with two schools in China. Marvelous for our international students and our professors. Trustee Milchiker wished everyone a happy holiday season and encouraged students to take advantage of the many resources provided by the health center during finals week.



President Prendergast reported that on November 20, he attended the Orange County School Board Association (OCSBA) meeting, where the board discussed the mental health funding available through the county that could help support mental health needs of students within the K-12 schools and community college. Additionally, President Prendergast reported on the opportunity for the SOCCCD Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution in support of OCSBA's efforts to seek county funding for mental health. Finally, Trustee Prendergast learned that community colleges can be members of the California School Board Association (CSBA). During annual conferences, CSBA has sessions specifically geared toward community colleges and the board could consider attending CSBA conferences in the future. On December 2, President Prendergast attended the nurses' pinning ceremony at Saddleback College and was impressed to see 48 graduates of the program. Secondly, President Prendergast attended the Saddleback College holiday get-together on December 11 and is thankful to President Stern for the invitation.



Trustee Whitt Rydell, in the interest of time, shortened her report to simply wish everyone a wonderful Christmas holiday and Hanukkah. Her request of students, faculty, and staff were to put work aside for a short period of time and focus on family and friends. Trustee Whitt Rydell expressed thanks for all that consider their work sacred and appreciates the hard work conducted throughout the year.



Trustee Wright reported on his attendance to several events. On November 21 and 23, Trustee Wright attended the Community College League of California's (CCLC) annual convention held in Riverside, CA with over 600 attendees. Of the several sessions that Trustee Wright attended, the most notable were sessions about how trustees and CEOs create, nurture, and sustain a campus culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion; AB 705; and homelessness in higher education. Trustee Wright also attended the following events— Saddleback College Nurses' Pinning, Irvine Valley College Masquerade Holiday Party, Saddleback College President's Circle Holiday Celebration, Saddleback Feast of Lights, the Saddleback Holiday Open House, and finally the CSEA holiday party.

Student Trustee Martha Uriarte reported that on November 27, she was requested to appear on Laguna Woods TV to interview about her role as a Student Trustee, how to enroll in classes as a new, re-entry, or emeritus student, and about all of the current events going on the campuses. Trustee Uriarte thanked faculty and staff for their support of students and for the services and programs available.

Chancellor Kathleen Burke reiterated her sentiments about all of the amazing events taking place on campus, many of which she attended. Chancellor Burke made a special point to recognize the success of the City to Sea Faculty Job Summit, focused on diversity with six other community college districts throughout the Southern California region. Chancellor Burke reported on the astounding attendance of the event — nearly 400 attendees — which will help all of the districts to improve greater diversity, equity, and inclusion in various faculty hiring pools. For more information, please view Chancellor Burke's [written report](#).

Irvine Valley College President's Report: Acting President Cindy Vyskocil congratulated the IVC Women's Volleyball Team and Coach Pestolesi for a strong winning season. Secondly, Acting President Vyskocil reported that the IVC Men's Basketball Team has a record of 10-1 and the Women's Basketball Team has a record of 11-1. Acting President Vyskocil thanked all students, staff, and faculty for contributing feedback on the job description for the president's search. Finally, Acting President Vyskocil reported on a more somber note, mentioning that a search for a missing person last seen on Mounty Baldy, has a son that attends IVC. As they continue to search, our thoughts are with the Irvine Valley College student and his family. For more information, please view Acting President Vyskocil's [written report](#).

Saddleback College President's Report: President Elliot Stern welcomed and introduced Nicola Perry, the new Director of Strategic Enrollment Management. Secondly, President Stern announced that the college's naming committee has been put together, led by the foundation's executive Director, Liz McCann. Thus far, the committee has discussed many opportunities to work with prospects for various naming rights for portions of the stadium. A prospectus list will be ready for the committee to review in five to six weeks. Finally, President Stern mentioned that the third Promise Program cohort will begin with 1,000 students enrolled in the program. With a focus on enrolling more minority students, the program continues to grow and flourish. For more information, please view President Stern's [written report](#).

Saddleback College ASG President's Report: ASG President Jake Rybczyk was not in attendance.

Irvine Valley College ASG President's Report: ASG President Feras Khatib was not in attendance.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Trustees:

2.4 Annual Organizational Meeting—Board officers are elected, trustee representatives are appointed; and, regular Board meeting dates and times, and the agenda planning calendar are approved.

6.9—Board Policy Revision—Review and study: there are three (3) Board Policies for review and study: BP 106—Board Elections; BP 3508—Public Safety Camera System; and, BP 4207—Payroll Period for Personnel.

6.9—Board Policy Revision—Approval: There are six (6) Board Policies for approval; BP 4091—Administrator Retreat Rights; BP 4113—Parental Leave for Management Personnel; BP 4201—Change in Position of Personnel Into or Within Management; BP 4220 Substitute Classified Employees; BP 6125—Field Trips, Excursions, and Field Study Courses; and, BP 6150—Study Abroad Programs.

Irvine Valley College:

5.3—Notice of Completion on IVC’s Access Control and Security Systems and Hardware Project, Security Cameras Scope for a final contract amount of **\$620,098.73**.

5.4—2020 Speech and Debate Team Competition in the International Forensics Association Speech Tournament in Narita, Japan from **March 6-13, 2020**

6.1—Irvine Valley College Direct Access, Energy Services Provider Agreement, Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. - recommendation to approve the use of perform Master Retail Electricity Supply agreement and the associated Transaction Confirmation with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc - estimated that the “lock-in” rate on energy will save the college \$39,497 dollars annually.

Saddleback College:

6.5—Approve Dual Enrollment Partnership Agreement with Capistrano Unified School District

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District-wide

5.5—Revised 2020-2021 Instructional Laboratory and Materials Fees for Saddleback College and Irvine Valley College—Fees recommended for removal to ensure that fees do not create an unintended barrier to student success and completion.

5.8—Student Out of State Travel - recommended to New York (IVC), New Mexico (IVC), and West Virginia (SC).

Public Hearings:

6.11—District’s initial proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) - public hearing provides an opportunity to the public to comment on the District’s proposal to the CSEA.

6.13—District’s initial proposal to the Police Officers’ Association (POA) - public hearing provides an opportunity for the public to comment on the District’s proposal to the POA.

6.15—Academic Employee and Classified Administrator Personnel Actions—Regular Items – routine personnel approval items, including Exhibit C, the job description and the proposed timeline for the Irvine Valley College **presidential selection process**.

Viewing Online

South Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees meetings are recorded and archived. To view, please visit the link: http://www.socccd.edu/about/about_board_minutes_video.html.

Broadcast Schedule

7 pm, Friday, December 20 - Irvine Valley College TV33
7 pm, Saturday, December 21 - Saddleback College TV39

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