

# SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Timothy Jemal



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Terri Whitt Rydell



James R. Wright

## Board Meeting Highlights

### Meeting of the Board of Trustees, September 23, 2019

# Undocumented Students Action Week

October 14 - 18, 2019

The Board of Trustees passed a resolution deeming October 14-18, 2019 – Undocumented Students Action Week in the South Orange County Community College District. Activities, forums, and workshops will take place throughout the district during that week.

1. **Invocation** by President T.J. Prendergast
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** by Terri Whitt Rydell
3. **Reports:**
  - **Board Reports:**



**Trustee Jemal** reported that he attended the Saddleback College Gala and was proud to participate as a donor. Trustee Jemal extended kudos to Dr. Elliot Stern, Liz McCann, and her team for a job well done. Trustee Jemal explained that the attendee count at the gala appeared higher than in prior years and that the program was effective and efficient. Trustee Jemal also reported that he attended the Orange County Business Council's event to release the [2019-2020 Community Indicators report](#). Highlights of the report are that the local economy remains strong and population continues to grow. However, the county continues to face challenges related to housing and food insecurity. One data point that Trustee Jemal was happy to see, was that Orange County—compared to neighboring counties—is by far the most educated. Forty percent of the adult population have earned a bachelor's degree or higher.



**Trustee Lang** reported that he unfortunately could not attend the Saddleback College Gala but heard wonderful things about the evening. Trustee Lang reported that he joined his colleagues to take a tour of the Saddleback College Health Center. During the tour Trustees learned about the supportive services offered at both Saddleback and Irvine Valley colleges to help students with non-academic barriers, such as mental health, clothing, and food insecurity.



**Trustee Milchiker** reported about her appearance on Laguna Woods Television (LWTV) and her promotion of the study abroad programs to emeritus students, with a particular emphasis on her recent trip to Costa Rica. Trustee Milchiker also reported on the success of the Saddleback College Gala and that she truly enjoyed the videos of students presented during the event. Trustee Milchiker requested that the videos viewed during the gala, be placed on the college or district website for the general public. Finally, Trustee Milchiker reported on her attendance at the Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force meeting. During the task force meeting, Trustee Milchiker learned that the facilities bond compromise was reached and that two of the \$15 billion will be allocated to community colleges, if the bond passes in the March 2020 election. The task force expects that Governor Newsom will sign the bill and that it will be placed on the March 2020 ballot. Trustee Milchiker also outlined the 2020 legislative priorities for the task force, which include: affordable housing, the student centered funding formula, and financial aid.



**President Prendergast** expressed regrets for being unable to attend the Saddleback College Gala due to a prior family obligation, but he heard wonderful things about the event. President Prendergast reported that he attended the Tustin Unified School District's (TUSD) State of the Schools breakfast, an event that updates stakeholders about the progress, success, and challenges faced by K-12 schools in Tustin. In addition, he explained that the State of the Schools breakfast is a great opportunity for the community to learn about the impact and positive aspects of local education.



**Trustee Whitt Rydell** reported that she had a fabulous time at the Saddleback College Gala, and in her opinion, this year's gala was one of the best ever. Trustee Whitt Rydell truly enjoyed seeing the heartfelt and impactful videos about students and appreciated that all of her invited guests gave generously during the event to support student scholarships. Trustee Whitt Rydell also reported on her attendance at the Saddleback College Chapter AAUW meeting hosted by Trustee Milchiker, and she explained that AAUW is an association of college educated women who raise money for scholarships for women in higher education, including women attending community colleges. Finally, Trustee Whitt Rydell made an announcement about an upcoming event hosted by the Saddleback College Liberal Arts Division, which will be a public reading of the literary journal "The Wall". The event will take place on [October 17 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.](#) in the Ronald Reagan Board Room.



**Trustee Wright** reported that he attended the Saddleback College football game on September 14 against Ventura College, where the Gauchos won 48-24. Trustee Wright also reported about his attendance to the South County Veterans Resource Fair. Trustee Wright explained that the resource fair was well organized and that the event drew many attendees. Finally, Trustee Wright expressed his excitement for the upcoming Saddleback College football game against Moorpark College to be held on September 28 at 6:00 p.m.

**Student Trustee Martha Uriarte** reported on her collaboration with Coast Community College District Student Trustee Spencer Finkbeiner to conduct a regional beach clean-up day on October 12. Student Trustee Uriarte also reported about her visits to the health centers at both Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College to learn about the supportive resources available for not only students, but families, and community members in need. Student Trustee Uriarte reported on her attendance at the Orange County Business Council's Community Indicators Report luncheon as well as

her meeting with Anissa Heard-Johnson, Director of Student Life at Irvine Valley College. Finally, Student Trustee Uriarte thanked Grace Garcia and Kristen Duggins in the Chancellor's Office for being helpful with her schedule and travel in association with her duties as a student trustee.

**Chancellor's Report: Chancellor Kathleen Burke** reported on several items in addition to her written report. Chancellor Burke reported that through community outreach efforts, preliminary discussions have begun about a partnership with 2-1-1 Orange County to address non-academic barriers for students, with a concentrated focus on housing. Potential partners also at the table include the United Way and Airbnb. As discussions progress, Chancellor Burke will continue to keep the board informed. Secondly, Chancellor Burke directed the Trustees' attention to the [infographic](#) handout which demonstrated the rate of return on investments made in education by SOCCCD students and taxpayers. The 2016-2017 data reflected in the infographic is from an economic impact study conducted by Emsi and paid through strong workforce funds and the LAOCRC. Chancellor Burke also updated the board on some pertinent legislation, including AB 48, approved by the Assembly on September 14. AB 48 authorizes \$15 billion in general obligation bonds for the construction and modernization of preschool and K-12 school facilities, community college facilities, and public university facilities. From the \$15 billion, community colleges are expected to receive two billion. If signed by the Governor, the bond measure will appear on the March 2020 ballot. Finally, Chancellor Burke requested that the Board of Trustees close the meeting in honor of her former colleague, Darlene Montes, Dean of Academic Affairs at LA Mission College, who died tragically last week. More information can be found in Chancellor Burke's [written report](#).

**Irvine Valley College President's Report: President Glenn Roquemore** congratulated President Elliot Stern on a successful scholarship gala; he enjoyed the evening. Secondly, President Roquemore reported on his tour of the health center at IVC where he learned that 400 meals are distributed to students each week, which demonstrates the great need on campus. Finally, President Roquemore announced that *Undocumented Students Action Week* will be recognized on campus from October 14-18. During that week, several activities will be held on campus in support of undocumented students. More information can be found in President Roquemore's [written report](#).

**Saddleback College President's Report: President Elliot Stern** announced that the Saddleback College Homecoming game will be celebrated on October 19. Secondly, President Stern thanked everyone who supported and attended the Saddleback College Scholarship Gala. President Stern shared data from the event, which included the following:

- 2018 proceeds were \$186,000 and net \$51,000;
- 2019 gross proceeds were \$280,000 and net was \$140,000 (the highest return in five years);
- 41 tables were sponsored in advance;
- 15 new sponsors were added;
- four new board members have collectively donated \$25,000 to the foundation;
- Sponsorships and paddle raises increased by 100 percent in 2019.

President Stern gave credit to Liz McCann and Erin McHenry for bringing the right people to the gala who believe in the mission of the college. Finally, President Stern shared that Trustee Jay was extremely happy with the success of the gala and said it was "a classy affair." More information from President Stern can be found in his [written report](#).

**Saddleback College ASG President's Report: ASG President Jake Rybczyk** announced that in the beginning of the year, the SC-ASG had 40 members, now ASG has over 60 members. ASG President Rybczyk announced that the ASG was proud to bring 12 volunteers to the Saddleback College Scholarship Gala, which was a great way to show support. In addition, eight other student members attended and sat at the ASG sponsored table. Finally ASG President Rybczyk announced that six student ASG members will soon travel to Sacramento for the Student Affairs Association conference. ASG President Rybczyk will be sure to share what is learned at the conference.

**Irvine Valley College ASG President's Report: ASG President Feras Khatib** reported that the IVC-ASG completed interviews for committee members and reviewed over 140 applications. ASG President Khatib reported that student engagement has increased with seven new ad hoc committees. ASG President Khatib announced an exciting event that will allow all 39 clubs to interact with students. The event is called Club N.E.O.N. and will take place on November 25 and 26. Finally, ASG President Khatib reported that 18 to 20 students will travel to Sacramento for the Student Affairs Association conference.

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### 4. Consent Agenda:

- **Resolution:**  
5.2—Supporting Undocumented Student Action Week, which is planned statewide for October 14-18, 2019.
- **Notices of Completion:**  
5.6—**District-wide** Wireless Access Points Installation Project—final contract amount \$329,962.81  
Irvine Valley College Panic Button Installation Project—final contract amount \$65,617.79

### 5. General/Approval Items:

#### **District Services:**

6.1—Trustee Travel and Compensation—Annual report of Chancellor and Trustee travel and Trustee compensation

6.12—Fine Arts Building Project—Geotechnical and Testing & Special Inspection Consultant Services Agreement with Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical and Environmental Services Consultants for \$299,612.

#### **Saddleback College:**

6.3—Facility Use Agreement with Capistrano Unified Valley to offer Adult Education courses from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024 for a five-year total of \$346,500.

#### Study Abroad Programs:

6.4—Study Abroad Program to Santander, Spain from July 3-August 2, 2020 (Summer 2020)

6.5—Study Abroad Program to Salamanca, Spain from February 14-April 25, 2020 (Spring 2020)

6.6—Study Abroad Program to Southeastern Brazil from July 27-August 8, 2020 (Summer 2020)

6.9—Study Abroad Program to London, England from July 21-July 29, 2020 (Summer 2020)

6.10—Study Abroad Program to Oxford, England from March 12-May 15, 2020 (Spring 2020)

6.7—Saddleback College Gateway Building Project 6.12—Geotechnical and Testing & Special Inspection Consultant Services Agreement with C.E.M. LAB Corp for \$290,000.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

6.11—Amendment No. 2 to Sales Contract between the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints and SOCCCD on behalf of Saddleback College to authorize the sales contract and issue the final payment for purchase of land.

#### **Districtwide:**

6.12—CCFS-311 Annual Financial and Budget Report was approved.

7.1—Teacher of the Year Recognition Ceremony

SOCCCD honorees are Michael Hoggatt, Learning Disabilities Instructor, Saddleback College and Benjamin Mis, Psychology Instructor, Irvine Valley College. The ceremony will be held on Friday, November 1, 2019 at the Disneyland Hotel.

*The meeting was adjourned in memory of:  
Rodney (Rod) Fitz – Saddleback College  
Darlene Montes – LA Mission College*

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**Broadcast Schedule**

7 pm, Friday, September 27 - Irvine Valley College TV33  
7 pm, Saturday, September 28 - Saddleback College TV39

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