

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: SUPERINTENDENT

COMMUNICATION NO. 142-2009/10-S
Prepared by the Office of the Superintendent
for Presentation to the Board of Trustees
January 11, 2010

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. Background

In December 2004, after voter approval of the district's general obligation bond measure, the Board of Trustees established a Citizens' Oversight Committee and approved Bylaws for the committee. The committee is charged with reviewing quarterly expenditure reports to ensure that bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the Measure R and informing the public regarding the expenditure of bond proceeds.

By law, the committee must consist of a minimum of seven members, including a member of the local business community, an enrolled student active in a community college group, a member of the college foundation or a college advisory council, a member of a taxpayers' organization, a member of a senior citizens' organization, and two members of the community at-large. In order to ensure broad representation, the Board of Trustees chose to appoint a larger panel when the committee was formed.

The following five positions on the Citizens' Oversight Committee are currently vacant.

1. Enrolled student active in a community college group
2. Member of the business community
3. At large member (two positions open)
4. City of Palmdale representative

The committee Bylaws provide that members be appointed by the Board through the following process: (a) appropriate local groups will be solicited for applications; (b) the Superintendent/President or his or her designee will review the applications; and (c) the Superintendent/President or his or her designee will make recommendations to the Board.

Press releases, announcements on the college's web site, and e-mail announcements were used to advertise the vacancies. Since none of the applicants identified themselves as enrolled students, the district will continue to solicit applications to fill that vacant position. In addition, the City of Palmdale position remains open.

B. Budget Implications

None.

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C. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees appoint the following individuals to the vacant positions on the Citizens' Oversight Committee:

Member of the local business community

Bernard E. Brown II

At large

Karen Clarke

Andrew Mercy

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent/President