

# RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Citizens' Oversight Committee

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Thursday, December 11, 2008, 6:30 p.m.  
Rio Hondo Community College Board Room

## Minutes

### I. Call To Order

- A. Call to Order** - *The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Michelle Yanez-Jiminez.*
- B. Pledge of Allegiance** - *The pledge was led by COC member Bob Archuleta.*
- C. Roll Call** - *Committee Members Present: Gustavo Camacho, Carlos Jackson, Rob Lawe, John Lopez, Diana Villalba,\*Juanita Gonzales, Bob Archuleta, Michelle Yanez-Jiminez, Steven Valdes and Ernesto Zumaya\*\*. Not Present: Asuncion Guzman and Joseph Vu.*
- D. Open Communications for Public Comment** - *Chair, Michelle Yanez-Jiminez called for open comment and there was no comment from the public.*
- E. Approval of Minutes** - *The committee approved the minutes with no corrections.*
- F. Photograph** - *A photograph was taken for the Annual Report.*

\* *Late arrivals*

\*\* *Representing students in the absence of Asuncion Guzman.*

### II. Reports

- A. President's Update** - *Dr. Martinez shared with the committee that he and Steve Massetti, the construction Program Manager, had been making presentations to the community about the progress of the College and the construction program. He reported that the semester was almost over and that the College was expecting a report from the accrediting agency. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges in January. Also, enrollment for the Spring semester was about 23,000 so far and that in these tough economic times, a community college education was both a great value and part of stimulating the economy with a well trained workforce. Senator Huff visited the campus and on February 27, there will be a student rally at Pasadena City College in regards to the California State budget.*
- B. Building Model Progress Report** - *Jay Sunyogh returned to the committee with the models of the campus pre-construction and post-construction. The committee was asked to look at the height of the cases and choose which case height they thought made it easiest to view the models and presented them well. The committee decided to have two different heights because the cases can be interchanged.*

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- C. Building Program Progress Report** - *Steve Massetti presented an update on the construction programs announcing groundbreakings for the South Whittier Educational Center and for the Administration of Justice buildings in February and March respectively. He distributed the new Building Access and Excellence brochures to the committee along with project sheets and COC cards that provide pocket size information for committee members. He talked about LEED certification and the commitment of the program to building green, but that only projects with construction costs over 15 million would be LEED certified. He also spoke about the completed projects including the Pedestrian Bridge, the Maintenance Building and the Fire Technology Building.*
- D. Annual Report** - *The committee was made aware that the Annual Report was being completed and would be mailed to homes in the new year.*
- E. Bond Quarterly Expenditure Report** - *Vice President, Finance and Business, Teresa Dreyfuss reviewed expenditures with the committee and since there were several new members present, offered to have the bond counsel return to share with them the roles and responsibilities of being a member of the COC.*
- F. Building Program Web Page** - *The Building Programs webpage was reviewed with the committee and they were told that this can be used as a tool for them to educate community members about the progress of the program. It is also possible for committee members to contact members of the College with any questions that they might have. They were also made aware that all of the Minutes and Expenditure Reports for the program are available on the website.*
- G. Future Meetings Dates and Place** - *The next meeting will take place at Rio Hondo College on March 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. with a walking tour of the construction on the campus. Please make sure to wear walking shoes for the tour.*
- H. Other Business** - *There was no other business.*

**III. Comments from Committee Members** - *No further comments from members.*

**IV. Adjournment** - *Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.*