



MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mt. San Antonio College was called to order at 5:14 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Trustees Baca, Bader, Chen Haggerty, Chyr and Hall were present.

STAFF PRESENT

Christopher C. O'Hearn, President; Jack Miyamoto, Interim Vice President, Human Resources

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None.

2. UPHOLDING BOARD ETHICS – ETHICAL CHALLENGES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Laura Schulkind, from the Liebert Cassidy Whitmore law firm, presented a Board training session on Upholding Board Ethics. Ms. Schulkind's presentation included an analysis of Government Code Section 1090, which states that officers/employees may not make contracts in which they are financially interested, as well as Political Reform Act conflicts, Common Law Bias, and Economic Interest Disclosure.

According to Ms. Schulkind, there are basically three major categories of law that address ethical behavior by public officials:

- Financial Interests. Conflict of interest laws prohibit trustees from financially benefiting from Board decisions, or acting on matters that benefit family members.
- Fair and Open Decision-Making. California's open and public meeting laws (the Brown Act) require that the public's business be done in public. Examples of violations include making decisions in private that should be made in public, and violating provisions that closed session information shall be kept confidential.
- Use of Public Funds. It is a felony to misuse public funds. Examples include claiming expenses that were not incurred and using College resources for personal or political purposes.

Ms. Schulkind also reviewed with the Board several Case Studies and discussed the appropriate manner for handling each situation.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss the following item:

- Public Employee Performance – President/CEO, Discussion of Goals Pursuant to Government Code 54957

The public meeting reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

4. ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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