I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order

Mr. Quintero called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Andy Howard led the pledge of allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Ms. Martinez was reported absent.

D. Open Communication for Public Comment

No public comments were made.
II. ACTION ITEM

A. PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

1. Resolution commemorating the life of Miguel Contreras, Secretary/Treasurer of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO)

   It was moved by Ms. Yanez, seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution commemorating the life of Miguel Contreras, Secretary/Treasurer of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO).

   Whereas, Miguel Contreras was born Sept. 17, 1952 and raised in the small Central Valley farm town of Dinuba, California; and

   Whereas, Miguel Contreras, his parents and five brothers labored as farm workers; and

   Whereas, When Miguel Contreras was about 17 he and his family became activists with the United Farm Workers. He was later elected as a union leader and led a bitter 1973 strike after grape growers across California refused to renew their UFW contracts; and

   Whereas, In 1977, Miguel Contreras became an organizer for Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees (HERE) Local 2 in San Francisco. In 1979, he helped coordinate a citywide 27-day strike - the first major hotel walkout in more than 40 years. It produced the biggest wage and benefit increase in Local 2's history; and

   Whereas, In 1993, Miguel Contreras became political director of the L.A. County Federation of Labor. After Federation Executive Secretary-Treasurer Jim Wood died, Contreras was elected by acclamation to replace him in May 1996; and

   Whereas, In 2000 Miguel Contreras helped lead a strike by janitors, many of them poor immigrants, against building owners in Los Angeles. The work stoppage ended with a new contract for the janitors that was touted as a model for blue-collar labor organizations across the country; and

   Whereas, During two bond measure campaigns, Miguel Contreras and the County Federation of Labor supported the Rio Hondo Community College District in its efforts to improve access for students; and

   Whereas, Miguel Contreras touched the lives of many people and his influence had an important impact on the Rio Hondo Community College District; and
Whereas, Miguel Contreras passed away on May 6, 2005; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, the Rio Hondo Community College District commemorates the life of Miguel Contreras. The Rio Hondo College community mourns the passing of a dedicated public servant and expresses in one voice its deepest condolences to his wife, Maria Elena Durazo, and sons, Michael and Mario.

III. ADJOURNMENT

92. It was moved by Mr. Camalich, seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

The date of the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is May 11, 2005, 6:30 p.m., Rio Hondo College, 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601