I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order

Ms. Shapiro called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ray Wong, Whittier Astronomical Society, led the salute to the flag.

C. Roll Call

All Board members were reported present with the exception of the Student Trustee DeLeon.

D. Open Communication from the Public

Mr. Ray Wong, Whittier Astronomical Society, addressed the Board regarding the Rio Hondo College Observatory.

107. On motion of Ms. Santana, seconded by Mr. Mendez, the Board voted by unanimous vote of the five members present [Shapiro, Garcia, Mendez, Pacheco, and Santana] to move item IIIA1., Extension of PLA agreement out of order of the agenda.
III. ACTION ITEM - Taken out of Order

A. FINANCE AND BUSINESS –
   1. Extension of PLA Agreement

108. On motion of Ms. Santana, seconded by Mr. Mendez, the Board voted by unanimous vote of the five members present [Shapiro, Garcia, Mendez, Pacheco, and Santana] to approve the extension of the Project Labor Agreement between Rio Hondo Community College District and Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trade Council and authorized the Superintendent/President or designee to sign the documents on behalf of the District.

II. STUDY SESSION

- Discussion of Enrollment
  - CBT Work Group – The Board of Trustees had a round table discussion with Mr. Joe Darin, Collaborative Brain Trust Consultant and Senior Advisor, as well as several staff members serving on the CBT Advisory Group regarding a strategic enrollment management plan.

Ms. Garcia left at this point of the meeting (6:40 p.m.)

- Discussion of State Bond - California for Quality Schools (CQS) ballot measure for a 2016 state general obligation bond has been certified for the November 2016 general election ballot. Voters will have the opportunity to approve a $9 billion state school bond, including $2 billion for community colleges. The $2 billion bond is proposed to be allocated for $500 million (each year) for 4 years. Most likely, one of the two approved FPP projects which they are Fine Arts Center and Remodel of Wray and Music Rooms will be funded by this state bond measure.

- Discussion of County Parks Plan Located at County Sanitation Landfill – Trustee Mendez discussed the possible opportunities that Rio Hondo College could have with the County Parks Plan located at the County Sanitation Landfill (See Attached).

III. ACTION ITEM

A. FINANCE AND BUSINESS
   1. Extension of PLA Agreement – Taken out of order.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Shapiro recessed the meeting to closed session at 7:31 p.m. and upon returning from Closed Session reported out the following action:

Pursuant to Section 54957

- PUBLIC APPOINTMENT
  - Interim Manager Mechanical/Electrical Services

109. On motion of Mr. Mendez, seconded by Ms. Santana, the
Board voted by unanimous vote of the four members present [Shapiro, Mendez, Pacheco, and Santana] to approve the appointment of Jesse Echeverria as the Interim Manager of Mechanical and Electrical Services.

V. ADJOURNMENT

110. On motion of Mr. Mendez, seconded by Ms. Pacheco, the Board voted by unanimous vote of the four members present [Shapiro, Garcia, Mendez, Pacheco, and Santana] to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. and announced the date of the next regular meeting:

- Date of Next Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Puente Hills Landfill – Park Master Plan

Rio Hondo Community College

By Gary Mondez, RHC Board Member

1. **Rio Hondo SEA (Significant Ecological Area)** – Linking/connecting/expanding wildlife corridor.
   Wild life such as coyotes, deer, raccoons and others species have accessed our SEA through makes shift and often dangerous means. There exist a gap between the Chino Hills Wild Life corridor and Rio Hondo’s SEA which wild life traversed. It would be desirable in the best interest of wild life to create/designate/expand an official wild life corridor which would allow animals to travel safely.

2. **Rio Hondo Environmental Studies.** Rio Hondo has the opportunity to enhance existing programs to include new regional park’s walk/hike paths, gardens, wildlife, fauna, and trees.
   Rio Hondo College’s environmental biology courses utilize the SEA for studies. An expanded access and linking trial to include the proposed park would greatly increase educational opportunities for Rio Hondo College students and members of the public.

3. **Rio Hondo Community courses.** Rio Hondo has the opportunity to consider offering community courses (credit and noncredit) related to the environment, physical fitness and other programs for park patron and especially children.
   Rio Hondo may choose to provide community courses (credit/non credit) on walking, hiking, bird watching, flora and fauna, and other healthy lifestyle and nature courses that will benefit the community.

4. **Partnerships with K-12 for environmental programs.** Possible grant opportunity.
   The park may present opportunities for partnerships in providing outdoor courses for teachers and or K-12 students.

5. **Rio Plaza- regional public transportation center to serve as an additional gateway to Regional Park.**
   As a regional transportation center, Rio Plaza may serve as a regional gateway to access the park for public transit riders. Media and informational materials should include this.

6. **Rio Hondo and Park adjoining border improvements:** over looks, road and foliage.
   How does the Rio Hondo community desire the upper hill to look from the campus? Trees, shrubs, chaparral, access trails etc?

7. **Rio Hondo’s current walking and hiking fitness program** complimentary features.
   Rio Hondo may wish to have the Regional Park accessible from the Rio Hondo campus for students, staff, faculty and others for educational, health and well being purposes.
8. **Rio Hondo Observatory improvements.** Enhancements and partnership for community access and educational programs. Rio Hondo may help the regional park serve as a draw to regional star gazers. With Rio Hondo’s Observatory, classes may be offered on a regular basis to the public and educational groups like K-12. A small amphitheatre for stargazing classes with small immediate parking may be desirable.

9. **Educational partnership** to provide community courses: Nature walks, fitness courses, field biology, etc.

10. **Hiking trail** connection from Rio Hondo and possible perimeter road access.

11. **Walking/Running designated lanes.** Police and Rio Hondo fitness students and staff may have access from campus to walking/running designated lanes throughout park.

12. **Schabarum Sky trail and trail head improvement.**

   The trail heads current condition warrants improvement and should serve as a hiking access trail to the Regional Park in connection with the Rio Plaza, public transit center.

13. **Native American** history local research. Information should be provided on the early indigenous societies.

14. **Mini Conference Center** at very top of West side plateau hill with a near 360 degree view that would be ideal for a conference center to host P.O.S.T Executive programs, Fire programs, and other college related events. Rio Hondo may use this as a laboratory for its new “Hospitality program” transferable to the highly reputable Cal Poly Pomona program. Rio Hondo may profit from such a venture and add a steady stream of income from a mini conference center. This regional conference center will be a great draw. Regional organizations would surely be interested in utilize such a beautiful center with a great view. An example if this would be the Kellogg West Center at Cal Poly Pomona.
Puente Hills Landfill – Park Master Plan

Rio Hondo Community College & Whittier Astronomical Society

By Gary Mendez, RHC Board Member

Rio Hondo Observatory Partnership with Regional Park

Create partnerships to increase community access and educational programs. Rio Hondo may help the regional park serve as a draw to regional star gazers. With Rio Hondo’s Observatory, classes may be offered on a regular basis to the public and educational groups like K-12.

A small amphitheatre and adjacent parking is encouraged to be built to attract regional users and astronomy classes.