Location: Rio Hondo College Board Room  
3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier CA 90601

Members Present: Mr. Oscar Valladares, President (Presiding)  
Ms. Rosaelva Lomeli, Clerk  
Ms. Norma E. García, Member  
Ms. Vicky Santana, Member  
Mr. Gary Mendez, Member  
Ms. Lina Campillo, Student Trustee

Members Absent: None.

Staff Members: Ms. Teresa Dreyfuss, Superintendent/President  
Ms. Doralí Pichardo-Díaz representing Academic Senate  
Ms. Sandra Hernandez, President, CSEA  
Ms. Christina Almanza, President, ASRHC  
Ms. Reneé Gallegos, (Recorder)

Guests: Mr. Joshua Morrison, Legal Counsel  
Mr. Jerry Quemada, Consultant  
Dr. Caroline Durdella, Dean IRP

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order (6:00PM)

Mr. Valladares called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Lomeli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

All members were present.

D. Open Communication for Public Comment

No comments were made.

II. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Valladares read the item to be discussed and recessed the meeting to Closed 
Session at 6:03PM. Mr. Valladares reconvened the meeting at 6:18PM and reported that no 
action was taken in Closed Session.
With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
➢ Superintendent/President

No action taken on this item.

Mr. Mendez stepped out at this point of the meeting.

III. ACTION AGENDA

A. PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

1. Nomination and Selection of Rio Hondo Community College District Board of Trustees Officers

It was moved by Ms. Santana, seconded by Ms. Lomeli for the purposes of discussion.

Mr. Valladares recognized Mr. Joshua Morrison, Legal Counsel.

Counsel requested to wait a few minutes until Mr. Mendez returned.

Mr. Mendez returned at this point of the meeting.

Counsel provided factual background information regarding the resignation of Mr. Mendez as President of the Board of Trustees at the June 12, 2019 Board Meeting. BP 2210-Board of Trustees Officers prescribes that the Vice President automatically succeeds to become the President of the Board upon the resignation or death of the President of the Board (See below language extracted from BP 2210). It appears that there was a resignation and as a result/consequence the Vice President became President pursuant to BP 2210. That email went out and Counsel understood that Mr. Mendez sent an email to some of the Board members yesterday, indicating that Mr. Mendez tendered his resignation that had not been accepted and is essentially withdrawing it now. Counsel asked Mr. Mendez to clarify.

Mr. Mendez responded that it has no bearing on his decision but as a point of order, Rio Hondo College Board Policy adopts Robert’s Rules of Order. Under Robert’s Rules of Order a resignation needs to be tendered and accepted by the Board of
Trustees. That can only be done under sunshine laws of California and Brown Act by agendizing properly so it can be accepted or rejected by the Board. That process has been skipped so his point of order is that had RHC adopted Roberts Rules of Order, acceptance or rejection of the resignation should have been done first prior to calling for an election of officers. This body has not always followed Robert’s Rules of Orders. That is his point of order.

Counsel affirmed that this is how he understood Mr. Mendez’s communication. There is another Board Policy BP 2430 regarding Delegation of Authority. Counsel read section II. and III. (See below language extracted from BP 2430.)

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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Board Policy

BP No. 2430

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I. The Board of Trustees delegates to the Superintendent/President the executive responsibility for administering the policies adopted by the Board and executing all decisions of the Board requiring administrative action.

II. The Superintendent/President may delegate any powers and duties entrusted to him or her by the Board, including the administration of educational centers, but will be specifically responsible to the Board for the execution of such delegated powers and duties.

III. The Superintendent/President is empowered to reasonably interpret Board policy. In situations where there is no Board policy direction, the Superintendent/President shall have the power to act, but such decisions shall be subject to review by the Board. It is the duty of the Superintendent/President to inform the President and/or the whole Board of such action and to recommend written Board policy if one is required.
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Counsel reported that it seems we are at a crossroads in terms of interpreting the policy. President Dreyfuss is charged with interpreting policy and providing direction. By virtue of the resignation that was announced by Mr. Mendez and affirmed during open session at the last Board meeting, the Board agreed that it was accepted at that time. Therefore, Mr. Valladares succeeds as the President of the Board, and there is a vacancy for the Office of Vice President.

Mr. Valladares reported that he would assume the Office of President of the Board of Trustees with the support of his colleagues.

112. It was moved by Ms. García, seconded by Ms. Santana and the Board of Trustees the Board voted unanimously by the five members present [García, Lomeli, Mendez, Santana, Valladares] and declared that Mr. Valladares is the Board President due to the resignation of Mr. Mendez at the last Board meeting, leaving a vacancy for the Office of Vice President of the Board of Trustees. The Student Trustee advisory vote was aye.

113. It was moved by Ms. Lomeli, seconded by Ms. Santana and the Board voted unanimously by the five members present [García, Lomeli, Mendez, Santana, Valladares] to open nominations for the Office of Vice President of the Board. The Student Trustee advisory vote was aye.
Ms. Lomeli was nominated for the Office of Vice President of the Board. Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed.

114. It was moved by Mr. Valladares, seconded by Ms. García and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously by the five members present [García, Lomeli, Mendez, Santana, Valladares] to affirm Ms. Lomeli as the Vice President of the Board of Trustees. The Student Trustee advisory vote was aye.

115. It was moved by Ms. Santana, seconded by Ms. Lomeli and the Board voted unanimously by the five members present [García, Lomeli, Mendez, Santana, Valladares] to open nominations for the Office of Clerk of the Board.

Ms. Santana was nominated as Clerk. Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed.

116. It was moved by Mr. Valladares, seconded by Ms. García and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously by the five members present [García, Lomeli, Mendez, Santana, Valladares] to affirm Ms. Santana as the Clerk of the Board of Trustees. The Student Trustee advisory vote was aye.

Nominations were complete at this point of the meeting.

2. **Appointment of an Acting Superintendent/President**

   It was moved by Ms. Santana, seconded by Ms. Lomeli to divide the question and for the purposes of discussion.

   Mr. Valladares recognized Mr. Mendez.

   Mr. Mendez cited current Board Policy 2430-Delegation of Authority, specifically, sections IX. and X. where it states that the Vice President of Academic Affairs assumes the duties as acting Superintendent/President should the position become vacant due to resignation, termination, death or verified illness of the existing Superintendent/President.

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   **IX.** In the absence of the Superintendent/President, his/her duties shall be assumed by the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

   **X.** In the event the Office of the Superintendent/President becomes vacant because of resignation, termination, or death of the existing Superintendent/President, or by an extended and incapacitating illness as certified by medical documentation, the Board shall appoint an Interim Superintendent/President.
Ms. Santana reported that it is her recommendation that President Dreyfuss stay on to assist the new Superintendent/President, Dr. Arturo Reyes during the transition period.

Ms. Garcia reported that for the stability of the institution it would be best that President Dreyfuss stay on board as needed to assist Dr. Reyes citing items with the budget and the building program that need continuous attention.

Mr. Mendez reported that there are several seasoned CEO’s in the San Gabriel Valley that the District can call upon to assist Dr. Reyes. Dr. Reyes is a sitting President and a clean break is better for the institution. He also recommended that the item of appointment of an employee to serve in an advisory capacity to the new Superintendent/President be postponed at this time.

Mr. Valladares asked President Dreyfuss if she was available to serve on an as needed basis?

President Dreyfuss declined.

Mr. Mendez recommended that Dr. Laura Ramirez be the acting President as prescribed in BP 2430.

117. It was moved by Mr. Mendez, seconded by Ms. Lomeli and the Board of Trustees voted by the five members present [Garcia-No, Lomeli-Yes, Mendez-Yes, Santana-Yes, Valladares-Yes] to affirm the appointment of Dr. Laura Ramirez as the acting President for the period of July 1, 2019 – July 10, 2019 and postponed the appointment of an employee to serve in an advisory capacity to the new Superintendent/President. The Student Trustee advisory vote was aye.

IV. STUDY SESSION

1. Discussion on 2019-2020 Board Goals and Objectives - Dr. Caroline Durdella

Dr. Durdella reviewed the 2019-2020 Board Goals. The Board will schedule a study session in August to review the Board self-evaluation results and to begin discussion on development of Board Goals for next year. This will also be an opportunity for team building/training with the full board and Dr. Reyes.

2. Board Self Evaluation Instrument Review and Discussion - Dr. Caroline Durdella

Dr. Durdella shared the instrument for the Board self-evaluation. Ms. Lomeli requested that rating rubric on the survey be changed. There was consensus among the Board to review the survey individually and turn any suggestions in to the President’s Office by Monday, July 1, 2019. Ms. Garcia requested that the survey be released during the week of July 8th so she can complete it before her planned vacation time. The survey will be released on July 8th and close on Monday July 22, 2019.

President Dreyfuss departed at this point of the meeting.
3. **Board Discussion with Respect to Providing Goals for the New Superintendent/President**

The Board of Trustees discussed and agreed upon the following initiatives/goals for the new Superintendent/President as outlined below:

**6-Months Goals**

**Board**

1. Develop Communication Protocol
2. Board Team Building, Development and Training
3. Identify Measurement of Effectiveness
4. Establish Board Values
5. Board Docs & Streaming

**Institution**

1. Team Building/Listening Sessions with the Campus Community
2. Review and Provide Feedback on Student Success Initiatives and Institutional Plans

**Community**

1. Develop a Community Engagement Plan and Timeline

**One-Year Goals**

1. Develop a Safety and Security Campus Plan
2. Update Emergency Preparedness Plan
3. Review and Update Inclusive Hiring Practices
4. Complete Guided Pathways

The recorder will email these goals to the Board in the morning.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

118. It was moved by Mr. Mendez, seconded by Ms. Santana and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously by the five members present [García, Lomeli, Mendez, Santana, Valladares] to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM. The Student Trustee advisory vote was aye. The date of next regular Board Meeting is Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 6:00 PM.