

# Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Highlights

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**Christine A. Hoffman, Ed.D.**  
SoCal ROC Superintendent



Maritza Molina and  
Dr. Christine A. Hoffman



Lori Smith-Hillman

## OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

Superintendent Dr. Hoffman administered oath of office to Centinela Valley Union High School District Board Member Maritza Molina.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Atlas Helaire, Director of Programs & Student Support Services, introduced SoCal ROC American Sign Language (ASL) Instructor Lori Smith-Hillman to the Board. SoCal ROC's ASL program is offered at SoCal ROC's Center and South High School in Torrance. The ASL course is UC/CSU approved under the language requirement. Ms. Smith-Hillman introduced three students from El Segundo High School that are currently taking ASL: Megan Gomez, Brayden Turnbull, and Ashley McManus. Brayden Turnbull and Megan Gomez performed songs to the audience by translating the lyrics into ASL.



Brayden Turnbull

## STUDENT VOICES

Carlos Chan is a senior at Torrance High School and aspires to be a Multi-Media/Graphic Designer. He plans to earn a degree from California State University, Long Beach and to own a graphic design company. Carlos gave a summary of his course pathway through the SoCal ROC's Arts/Media & Entertainment Sector. He completed the following SoCal ROC courses: Media Design 1 & 2, Media Design 3 & 4, Silkscreen/ Production Art, Web Page Design, and Desktop Publishing. He is currently completing Silkscreen/ Production Art II and Media Design 5 & 6. In the upcoming spring semester, he will be taking Adobe After Effects and Intro to Transportation Design, a new SoCal ROC course. Carlos displayed the ESLR poster that he designed last year for SoCal ROC in preparation for the WASC visit. Carlos concluded that he is very appreciative of what SoCal ROC has to offer, not only to him but for all high school students. Carlos participated as a student speaker at the recent Counselor/Administrator Appreciation Luncheon. Board President Barbara Lucky presented Carlos a Board Certificate of Recognition.



Carlos Chan addresses the Board; Barbara Lucky presents a Board Certificate of Recognition to Carlos; William Watkins, Ed.D., Barbara Lucky, Alice Grigsby, Carlos Chan, Maritza Molina, Heidi Ashcraft, Trina Williams, and Arlene Staich

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## STAFF REPORTS

### Update on Building A Modernization

Superintendent Hoffman gave the Board an update on the Building A Modernization. Dr. Hoffman reported that the front section of Building A recently underwent demolition and that plumbing, HVAC, and electrical construction are currently underway. Construction to the medical and dental classrooms located on the second floor is targeted to be completed during late spring. Planning is currently underway for Phase 5 which consists of the new Career Center and hopefully this portion of the project will be completed by the start of the fall semester.



Left: Second Floor Hallway; Top Center (l-r): Dental Classroom; Medical Classroom; 2nd Floor Rest-Rooms; First Floor Rest-Rooms and Hallway

### 2009/2010 Annual Audit Report

Dr. Hoffman introduced P. Robert Wilkinson of the auditing firm: Wilkinson Hadley King & Co., LLP. Mr. Wilkinson reported that the SoCal ROC audit is similar to the school district audits as it is both a financial and compliance audit. Mr. Wilkinson noted that a new area was reviewed this year: post-employment benefits. Mr. Wilkinson concluded that SoCal ROC received a letter indicating an unqualified opinion, which is the best opinion that a school district can receive. Mr. Wilkinson also concluded that there were no findings noted in the audit.

### Budget Update

Superintendent Hoffman provided an update on the State budget for 2010/2011 after attending the School Services workshop. The Governor's budget includes a special election in June whereby voters would be asked to extend existing taxes for an additional five years in order to spare education from severe cuts. The Governor's budget also includes additional deferrals for school districts. Dr. Hoffman reminded the Board that SoCal ROC's budget over the past three years has been cut 24%.