

Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Highlights

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September 17, 2009 Board Meeting



Board of Education

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Palos Verdes Peninsula
Unified School District

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Vice President**
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Trina L. Williams, Member
Inglewood Unified School District

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

New Board Member Trina L. Williams Welcomed to the SoCal ROC Board

Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD) Board Member, Trina L. Williams, took the oath of office and was seated as a member of the SoCal ROC Board Of Education by Board President Ginny Snider. Board Member Ms. Williams replaced Alice Grigsby, who completed a twelve year term at IUSD in June 2009 and also served on the SoCal ROC Board. Ms. Grigsby now serves as a SoCal ROC Board Member-at-Large.



Ginny Snider administers the Oath of Office to Trina L. Williams

Future Physical Therapist Relays Aspirations to the Board

Aspiring to be a Physical Therapist, Veronicka Espinosa is expanding her horizons by taking sequential courses in the SoCal ROC Health Science and Medical Technology sector. Ms. Espinosa, a senior at El Segundo High School, discussed her career pathway with the Board. In June 2009 Veronicka completed the year-long Medical Assisting (Administrative & Clinical) program and is currently enrolled in the Personal Fitness Trainer program a new SoCal ROC course offered this year at the Center. Ms. Espinosa stated she is enjoy-



Ginny Snider and Veronicka Espinosa

ing learning about nutrition, exercises, and anatomy. Ms. Espinosa plans to major in Kinesiology at San Diego State University after completing her general education requirements at El Camino College. Board President Ginny Snider presented Ms. Espinosa a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Board of Education.

The Board Recognized Student Advocate, Mark Alcantar, A SoCal ROC Affiliate



Ginny Snider and Mark Alcantar

Director of Programs and Student Support Services Atlas Helaire introduced Mark Alcantar of Medical Clinical Laboratory, Inc. to the Board. Mr. Alcantar, the Laboratory Director of the Santa Monica based Medical Clinical Laboratory, Inc. has been partnering with the SoCal ROC Phlebotomy program by providing externships for students for over five years. Upon completion of the nine week Phlebotomy program students are required to complete a forty hour externship which the students where students actually work in a lab environment. Mr. Alcantar oversees the training program and ensures that students met all requirements prior to certification including performing fifty successful venipunctures. The Board recognized Mr. Alcantar for mentoring many students into successful careers, writing letters of recommendations, and assisting with identifying job opportunities. Mr. Alcantar expressed his gratitude to the Board and said that he has

high expectations of the well trained students and is proud of the SoCal ROC Phlebotomy program. Board President Ginny Snider thanked and presented Mr. Alcantar with a certificate of recognition.

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The Board heard presentations on the following:

- Superintendent Dr. Christine Hoffman gave the Board an update on the Building A Modernization that work on the roof is underway and parts of the interior are currently under construction. Dr. Hoffman also stated that State of California will be officially releasing frozen Prop 1D funds during the next few months.
- Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean provided an update on the WASC Self Study. The Expected Student Learning Results (ESLR) are complete. In preparation for the study, the leadership team reviewed the criteria and evidence collected to formulated questions. Meetings are underway with staff members and the community to take an extensive look at SoCal ROC. All responses and information will establish areas to focus on for continuous improvement. The WASC visit will be held April 2010.
- Ms. St. Gean also reported to the Board that SoCal ROC had an excellent start of the fall semester due to great staff teamwork and cohesiveness. A summary of the fall semester which commenced on September 8, 2009 included: nine new instructors were hired and a new teacher orientation was held; a Staff Development Day was held for all instructors; 933 high school students and 966 adult students are enrolled in programs at the Center in Torrance.



First Day of Fall Semester at SoCal ROC (l-r): Students arrive at the Torrance Campus; Career Guidance Specialist Pat Morrow counsels a student; Fashion Design Instructor Ragina Cox orientates students.

- The 2008/09 SoCal ROC Annual Report was presented to the Board by Dr. Hoffman and Ms. St. Gean. In September 2008, the Board approved a revised Board Goals- Targets for Success, an outline of seven areas that sets goals and measures achievement. The areas include curriculum and instruction; staff development; finance and budget; articulation; career technical education programs; recognition; and facilities. Dr. Hoffman ended the report by providing 2009/10 priorities. Those priorities include: complete Building A modernization; continue to submit courses for UC approval; expand the Aviation Academy; complete WASC Self-Study in preparation for the visiting team; continue to work toward making adult programs cost neutral; continue to implement tenets of Program Based Budgeting; continue with second year implementation of Funding Formula plan for satellite program; and apply for Critical Hardship for modernization projects. To view the 2008/09 Annual Report online, please visit the SoCal ROC website: www.socalroc.com.



The Board approved:

- Deputy Superintendent St. Gean presented the Unaudited Actuals for 2008-2009. This presentation included an overview of all funds (unaudited actual and the 2009 – 2010 budget) ending balances and reserves.