

Southern California Regional Occupational Center  
2300 Crenshaw Boulevard  
Torrance, CA 90501

Minutes of the Joint Powers Board Meeting  
Via Teleconference - Zoom  
September 17, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Present:** Matthew Brach, Michael Christensen, Nancy Cobb, Bill Fournell, and Ida VanderPoorte

**ADMINISTRATORS**

**Present:** Atlas Helaire, Ed.D., Teresa Farquhar, Linda Larson, Jennifer Pesavento, Ed.D., and Hillard Smith

**STAFF PRESENT**

Miguel Figueroa, Sara Leon, and Anna Levin

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. President Cobb asked Member Christensen to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member VanderPoorte to approve the September 17, 2020 agenda. Member Fournell seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Brach – Yes; Christensen – Yes; Cobb – Yes; Fournell – Yes; VanderPoorte – Yes

**Result:** Motion carried 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain

## **COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITION**

None

## **STUDENT VOICES**

None

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT**

None

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD**

Superintendent Helaire commented that he received a letter from LACOE indicating the receipt and approval of SoCal ROC's 2020/2021 budget.

## **STAFF REPORT**

None

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **ITEM NO.**

- 1 APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF AUGUST 2020
- 2 APPROVE PAYROLL A WARRANT REPORT AUGUST 2020
- 3 APPROVE B WARRANT REPORT AUGUST 2020
- 4 APPROVE B WARRANTS ISSUED WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS FOR AUGUST 2020
- 5 APPROVE PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDERS
- 6 APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER REPORT AUGUST 2020
- 7 APPROVE REVOLVING CASH FUND AUGUST 2020
- 8 APPROVE AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS
- 9 APPROVE COURSE OUTLINE

President Cobb asked if any Members of the Board had any items they wanted to pull from the Consent portion of the Agenda. No items were pulled.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member Fournell to approve Items 1-9. Member VanderPoorte seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Brach – Yes; Christensen – Yes; Cobb – Yes; Fournell – Yes; VanderPoorte – Yes

**Result:** Motion carried 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain

## **PERSONNEL**

None

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

1. Approve acceptance of gifts donated to the Center

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member Fournell to approve the gifts donated to the Center. Member Brach seconded the motion.

Mr. Smith commented that the first donation is from a former welding student and the second is from our local Sears store that recently closed their auto shop. Both donations will be used in the engineering and design sector programs.

**Vote:** Brach – Yes; Christensen – Yes; Cobb – Yes; Fournell – Yes; VanderPoorte – Yes

**Result:** Motion carried 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain

## **GENERAL**

1. Approve MOU with Durousseau Electrical Institute (DEI)

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member Christensen to approve the MOU with DEI. Member Fournell seconded the motion.

Superintendent Helaire stated that this MOU will provide students with both residential and commercial electrical training. He mentioned that DEI has state approved curriculum and SoCal ROC has the facility making it an ideal partnership. DEI will facilitate the program ensuring that we stay in compliance with industry protocol. Any revenue generated will be split between DEI and SoCal ROC after instructor and material costs.

Member Fournell asked if this program was different from what we already offer.

Superintendent Helaire stated that the program with DEI will be more of a capstone level course.

Member Christensen asked if DEI has a partnership IBEW and does it prepare students for

the apprenticeship programs.

Superintendent Helaire stated that he would get the answers to those questions and email them to the Board members.

**Vote:** Brach – Yes; Christensen – Yes; Cobb – Yes; Fournell – Yes; VanderPoorte – Yes

**Result:** Motion carried **5** – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REMARKS**

Member Fournell shared that MBUSD is in full distant learning mode and noted that they are more structured than last spring. He commented that the one common complaint they are receiving is with student attendance; students being marked absent when they are present.

Member VanderPoorte asked all Members of the Board if they had spoken to their Superintendents about the commitment to support SoCal ROC.

Member Brach shared that everyone on the PVUSD Board supports SoCal ROC. PVPUSD will soon have an agenda item to sign a resolution in support of SoCal ROC.

Member Christensen shared that RBUSD's Board members are all supportive of SoCal ROC. He also stated the RBUSD offered two learning modules; hybrid and online distant learning with the ratio being 80/20 in favor of hybrid. Member Christensen also asked for an update on the enrollment numbers of each district.

President Cobb shared that ESUSD is receiving a lot of political pressure from parents regarding the way the district is handling the current race and diversity issue. She commented that she is amazed on the improvements to the virtual learning and the dedication that teachers have shown. President Cobb shared ESUSD is also very supportive of SoCal ROC.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS REMARKS**

Superintendent Helaire commented that he submitted an application for the CTEIG grant for the 2020/2021. Awards will be announced in early 2021. Superintendent provided the Board with preliminary enrollment numbers for the on-line classes offered to JPA students: ESUSD – 16, MBUSD – 16, PVPUSD – 18, RBUSD – 16, TUSD – 7. Currently, TUSD is not approving students to enroll in SoCal ROC courses unless the students are completing a pathway. Superintendent Helaire stated that TUSD's premise is that they feel they can offer CTE at a lower cost. Lastly, Superintendent Helaire shared that Spectrum would be on campus on Monday interviewing him for a story about the Center's financial hardship due to no direct funding.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member Fournell to adjourn to closed session at 7:19 p.m. Member VanderPoorte seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Brach – Yes; Christensen – Yes; Cobb – Yes; Fournell – Yes; VanderPoorte – Yes

**Result:** Motion carried 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain

**Topic:**

1. *Personnel – Lay Off Notices*

Any action taken in Closed Session will be reported out in Open Session.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member VanderPoorte to reconvene to Open Session at 7:26 p.m. Member Brach seconded the motion.

1. *Approve revised job Description for Accounts Payable/Payroll Technician*
2. *Approve the rescission of the Accounts Payable/Payroll Technician position layoff*

**Vote:** Brach – Yes; Christensen – Yes; Cobb – Yes; Fournell – Yes; VanderPoorte – Yes

**Result:** Motion carried 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain

**ADJOURN MEETING**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member Fournell to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Member Christensen seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Brach – Yes; Christensen – Yes; Cobb – Yes; Fournell – Yes; VanderPoorte – Yes

**Result:** Motion carried 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain

Nancy L. Cobb  
President

10/20/2020  
Date