

**Adopted**

**HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

December 4, 2007

**CALL TO ORDER** In accordance with Education Code Section 72000, the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hartnell Community College District was called to order in the Board Room at 4:00 p.m., by Board President Aaron Johnson.

**PRESENT** Board of Trustees: Aaron Johnson, President  
Berna Maya, Vice-President  
Bill Freeman, Trustee (arrived at 4:30 p.m.)  
John Martinez, Trustee  
Brad Rice, Trustee  
Kari Lee Valdés, Trustee  
Phoebe Helm, Interim Superintendent/President – Board Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT** Lorena Moreno, Student Trustee  
Kevin Healy, Trustee-elect, Area 1  
Patricia Donohue, Trustee-elect, Area 3  
Elia Gonzalez-Castro, Trustee-elect, Area 4

Trustee Johnson stated that the Board will conduct three meetings this evening and will open first the Annual Organizational Meeting and move into closed session. The Board invited the Trustees-elect into closed session to assist with the transition of legal and personnel matters.

Trustee Johnson further stated, as indicated in Education Code 72027 (b), the newly elected trustees officially take office on the first Friday of December, as such the current Board conduct all three meetings and remain in place until Friday, December 7, 2007.

**ADOPT AGENDA** On a motion by Brad Rice, seconded by Berna Maya, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to adopt the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT -  
CLOSED SESSION** There were no public comments on Closed Session Items.

**CLOSED SESSION** The Board Members, including Trustees-elect, Dr. Phoebe Helm, Interim Superintendent/President, Larry Carrier, Vice-President, Administrative Services (for a portion of the session), Bill Brown, Attorney, adjourned to Closed Session at 4:05 p.m. to consider legal, personnel, labor, and/or contract matters authorized for Closed Session per Government Code Sections, 3549.1, 54956.9, 54957 and/or 54957.6.

**OPEN SESSION** Board President, Aaron Johnson reconvened the regular meeting at 5:08 p.m.

**PRESENT** In addition to those present were:  
Management Staff:  
Celia Barberena, Vice President, Student Services  
Larry Carrier, Vice President, Administrative Services  
Tamberly Petrovich, Director, Human Resources/Equal Employment Opportunity

Academic Senate:  
Jennifer Lagier Fellguth, President

Hartnell College Faculty Association:  
Ann Wright, President

Classified Senate:  
None present

C.S.E.A.:  
Margie Wiebusch, President

Student Senate:  
Lorena Moreno, President

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Trustee Johnson recognized Supervisors Fernando Armenta and Simon Salinas as well as Mayor Dennis Donohue and Trustee Sonia Jaramillo, Gonzales Unified School District. He acknowledged the success of the relationships between Hartnell and the County of Monterey and the City of Salinas, and he thanked the dignitaries for their presence.

At this time, Trustee Johnson, Trustees-elect Donohue, Healy, and Gonzalez-Castro introduced their families.

**REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Aaron Johnson reported that the Board accepted the retirement of Larry Carrier, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Administrative Services as specified in the letter submitted by Mr. Carrier. It is anticipated that the terms of his retirement will not increase the budget. Trustee Johnson thanked Mr. Carrier for his service and professionalism.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Dr. Phoebe Helm presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Donna Duell, Consultant who was instrumental in revitalizing the nursing program and wished her well as she returns home. Trustee Johnson also expressed his appreciation for all of her efforts and commitment to the program and College community.

**RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION OF TRUSTEES**

Presented by Dr. Phoebe Helm, and on a motion by Aaron Johnson, seconded by Kari Lee Valdés, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation to Steve McShane for his outstanding public service.

Presented by Dr. Phoebe Helm, and on a motion by Kari Lee Valdés, seconded by Brad Rice, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation to Aaron Johnson for his outstanding public service. In addition, as the out-going chair, Trustee Johnson was presented with a gavel.

Presented by Dr. Phoebe Helm, and on a motion by Aaron Johnson, seconded by Brad Rice, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation to Berna Maya for her outstanding public service.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW TRUSTEES**

Trustee-elect Kevin Healy, Area 1, was sworn in by Mayor Dennis Donohue. Trustee-elect Bill Freeman, Area 2, was sworn in by Monterey County Supervisor Simon Salinas. Patricia Donohue, Area 3, was sworn in by Board President, Aaron

Johnson. Elia Gonzalez-Castro, Area 4, was sworn in by Monterey County Supervisor Fernando Armenta.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 2008**

In accordance with Education Code Section 72000, the election of officers were conducted as follows:

**Board President**

Nominations for President of the Board for 2008 were opened. Brad Rice nominated Kari Lee Valdés and Bill Freeman nominated John Martinez. Both Kari and John accepted the nomination and on a vote of 5 to 2, Kari Lee Valdés was elected Board President for 2008.

**Vice President**

Nominations for Vice President of the Board for 2008 were opened. Bill Freeman nominated John Martinez, John Martinez nominated Bill Freeman, and Kari Lee Valdés and Elia Gonzalez-Castro nominated Patricia Donohue. Trustee Martinez denied his nomination; however, Bill Freeman and Patricia Donohue accepted. On a vote of 5 to 2, Patricia Donohue was elected Vice President for 2008.

**Board Secretary**

On a motion by Brad Rice, seconded by Kari Lee Valdés, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to elect Phoebe K. Helm, Interim Superintendent/President as the Board Secretary for 2008.

**Representative to Sunrise House**

On a motion by Kari Lee Valdés, seconded by Brad Rice, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to table indefinitely the election of a representative to the Sunrise House.

**DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIME FOR 2008**

At the request of Trustee-elect Gonzalez-Castro, the Board discussed changing the Board meeting time of closed session to 5:00 p.m. and open session to 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Kari Lee Valdés, seconded by Lorena Moreno, the Board moved to approve, as amended, the designation of Board Meeting dates and time for 2008 as follows:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Closed Session</u>	<u>Open Board Meeting</u>
January 8, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
February 5, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
March 4, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
April 1, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
May 6, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
June 3, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
July 1, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
August 5, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
September 9, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
October 7, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
November 4, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
December 2, 2008	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 7:15 – AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE OF SUPT/PRESIDENT AS BOARD SECRETARY**

On a motion of Kari Lee Valdés, seconded by Brad Rice, and on a roll-call vote, the Board moved to adopt Resolution 7:15, Authorizing Signature of Superintendent/President as Secretary of the Board.

AYES: 7  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Prior to the adjournment, Trustee Freeman thanked all of those involved in his campaign—many of whom were in attendance. He dedicated his victory to his parents—whom he lost this year.

Trustee Johnson read a complimentary letter he wrote where he states that the College has made great strides, under extraordinary circumstances, under the leadership of Dr. Helm. He then asked Dr. Helm to consider applying for the Presidency to foster permanent change and sustainability.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Brad Rice, seconded by Kari Lee Valdés, and unanimously carried the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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Aaron P. Johnson  
Board of Trustees President

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Phoebe K. Helm  
Board Secretary