



TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)
Corey Calaycay (Claremont)
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
Jackie Doornik (Glendora)
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)
Meshal Kashiflghita (La Verne) *Arrived at 7:09 a.m.*
Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)
Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)
Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)
Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel) *Arrived at 7:04 a.m.*
John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)
Robert Joe (South Pasadena)
Allen Wu (Walnut)
Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Sho Tay (Arcadia)
Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)
Patricia Cortez (Covina)
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)
Catherine Marcucci (Industry)
VACANT (L.A. County)
Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)
Tim Sandoval (Pomona)
Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)

STAFF PRESENT

Jason Farned
Rose Alba
Tristan Hallum
Gilbert Holguin
Anais Medina Diaz
Cecilia Contreras

GUESTS PRESENT

District Counsel, Kelly Alhadeff-Black

1. Call to Order

Board President Shevlin called the meeting to order at 7 a.m. Trustee Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk of the Board Contreras confirmed a quorum and noted absences.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

3. Consent Calendar

Motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Calaycay and carried by the following vote to approve Items 3.1- 3.8 of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Aviles, Gonzales, Barakat, Calaycay, Finlay, Doornik, Garcia, Klinakis, Shevlin, Leon, Armenta, Vienna, Capoccia, Joe, Wu, Johnson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tay, Estrada, Cortez, Velasco, Marcucci, Kashiflghita, Janbek, Sandoval, Menchaca, Sternquist

4. Presentation: None

5. Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)

Title of Position: District Manager



Members of the Board of Trustees, District Counsel, Director of Administrative Services, and Human Resources Analyst entered closed session to discuss the public employee performance evaluation of the District Manager. At the conclusion of the closed session, President Shevlin requested District Council Black report out any required public disclosure action. District Council Black indicated after discussion, there was consensus from the Board for action and requested a motion.

Motion by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Menchaca and carried by the following vote to approve an amendment of contract for District Manager, Jason Farned to annual base salary of \$14,996.67 per month and 4% contribution of base salary to 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

AYES: Aviles, Gonzales, Barakat, Calaycay, Doornik, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashiflghita, Shevlin, Leon, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Wu, Johnson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Tay, Estrada, Cortez, Finlay, Velasco, Marcucci, Janbek, Sandoval, Sternquist

6. Review of Preliminary Engineer's Report Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Melanie Lee of SCI Consulting Group provided an overview of the item. The Preliminary Engineer's Report was received and filed.

7. Consider Draft Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

District Manager Farned provided a presentation and overview of the item and stated that the Finance and Audit Committee had convened and recommended approval of the draft budget.

At the conclusion of a robust discussion that included the District's Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) and associated interest, a suggestion was made to increase the assessment by an additional \$1 and commit the proceeds to an Additional Discretionary Payment (ADP) to CalPERS.

District Manager Farned indicated that was feasible but cautioned that the District's UAL was calculated annually and could change significantly from one year to the next based on variables outside of the District's control. Therefore, next year's Annual Valuation Report may not reflect the same liability projections (for better or worse) that are currently being used to make this decision. While he agreed that a large single year ADP would be a prudent decision in any case, he cautioned trustees that the outcome of such a payment would be unknown until the next valuation report. He further stated that the best long-term approach is to evaluate UAL annually during budget discussions and ensure that minimum payments are met, and additional funds are available in the Pension Liability Reserve Account to make impactful ADPs based on the most current valuation reports.

Motion by Trustee Barakat, seconded by Trustee Leon and carried by the following vote to direct staff to revise the draft annual budget to increase the proposed annual assessment by \$1, and prepare a resolution to order collection of special benefit property taxes inclusive of the FY 2023-2024 annual budget with those changes, with additional funds raised to be used for an ADP to CalPERS.

AYES: Aviles, Gonzales, Barakat, Calaycay, Doornik, Klinakis, Kashiflghita, Shevlin, Leon, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe



NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tay, Estrada, Cortez, Finlay, Velasco, Garcia, Marcucci, Janbek, Sandoval, Sternquist, Wu, Johnson

8. Consider Filing Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 557

The item was tabled for a future Board meeting.

9. District Administration

9.1 District Update

District Manager Farned introduced new Director of Communications, Anais Medina Diaz; provided a mosquito update; announced that students from Clifton Middle School in Monrovia, San Jose Charter Academy in West Covina, and Sierra Middle School in Sierra Madre will be presented with Vector Inspectors of the Year completion certificates; shared that the district was a finalist for Best Instagram Presence at the Golden Post Awards which recognizes government agencies for outstanding use of social media. Although the district did not ultimately win the award, District Manager Farned thanked the Communications Department for their great work with the district's social media platforms.

9.2 Remote Meetings

District Manager Farned reported out the results of research he conducted for costs associated with retrofitting the board room with updated audio and visual equipment to accommodate remote meetings per current legislation. He also provided general guidelines regarding the process needed should the board want to consider remote meetings in the future including need to agendaize item for action. District Counsel Black confirmed that offering remote meetings was not required. Consensus of the board was to not pursue remote meeting option and continue in-person meetings only at this time.

10. Committee Reports

None

11. Trustee Reports

None

12. New Business

None

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 a.m.