



The **ACADEMY**

South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium

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Thursday, May 16, 2013

**10:00 am – South Bay Regional Public Safety Training
Room 103**

I. Call to Order

Dr. Steve Kinsella called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Present:	Dr. Steve Kinsella	Gavilan College
	Mr. Henry Yong	San Jose/Evergreen
	Dr. Ron Travenick	Ohlone College
	Mr. John Mummert	Foothill College
	Mr. Alfred Muñoz	Hartnell College
	Dr. Walter Tribley	Monterey Peninsula College
	Dr. Celine Pinet	Monterey Peninsula College
	Mr. Steve Ma	Monterey Peninsula College
	Mr. Steve Cushing	SBRPSTC
	Mr. Mike Lombardo	SBRPSTC
	Ms Linda Vaughn	SBRPSTC
	Ms. Marti Rogers	SBRPSTC

Absent:	Dr. Susan Estes	College of San Mateo
	Mr. Bret Watson	DeAnza
	Mr. Gregg Giusiana	SBRPSTC

II. Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2013 (A)

Motion to approve the meeting minutes by Mr. Alfred Muñoz and seconded by Dr. Ron Travenick.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Business

a. Request for re-engagement in JPA (A)

Up until 2003, Mission College was an active participating member college of the JPA Board. Since then, their participation as a member college became dormant. Within the last year, Mission College has approached South Bay and expressed interest in, once again, re-engaging in the JPA

Mission College has a very robust Fire Program curriculum serving as in-service programs as well as pre-employment programs and would provide a much needed college partner with which fire courses could be registered.

President Cushing requested the Board approval Mission Colleges' expressed intent to rejoin the JPA pending receipt of the college's formal written request.

Motion to approve by Dr. Travenick, 2nd by Mr. Mummert.

b. Selection of Mission College JPA Representatives (A)

Mission College has identified and asks the JPA to approve Mr. Rick Bennett, Vice President of Administrative Service, and Dr. Daniel Peck, Vice President of Instruction, as the college primary and alternate Board representatives.

Formal approval was requested from the Board. Dr. Steve Kinsella granted approval pending commitment letter.

Motion to approve by Dr. Ron Travenick, 2nd by Mr. John Mummert.

c. Firing Range Lead Abatement (D)

Test commissioned by SJECCD identified the existence of above allowable levels of lead in the South Bay indoor firing range. The structure was immediately shut down and has remained closed lead levels can be appropriately abated. South Bay is currently seeking competitive bids for abatement clean-up.

In light of the elevated lead levels, President Cushing directed range instructors and Operations staff be provided written notice of possible lead exposure. They were urged to contact their respective health care providers to request a blood screen test. Preliminary feedback from 3 staff members was that blood test results were negative for elevated lead levels.

Additional lead samples will be taken in various classrooms, break-rooms, locker room facilities and police academy recruit assembly areas to ensure that lead dust has not been transported beyond the range proper. Initial estimates for range clean-up could cost upwards of \$100,000 and something near that figure thereafter for scheduled preventative clean-up. Facility "Lease Agreement" language between the Consortium and SJECCD will need to be thoroughly discussed and clarified with the pending lease renewal.

Once the range is returned to service, strong consideration is being given to the introduction of "green ammo". While "green ammo" is less toxic, it is also significantly more expensive than lead based munitions. If we elect to take this route, some of this cost would, reluctantly, need to be transferred to students in the form of higher materials fees. Additional cost/benefit analysis will be completed before a final decision is made.

John Mummert suggested that federal government grant could possibly be of assistance as it is a compliancy issue. It is certainly worth checking into as there are some unique grants available through the educational realm. Anticipating some road

blocks, POST may be an ally to facilitate should a grant be available. President Yong added that Santa Rosa Academy has a lead-free range.

d. Basic Aid District (D)

A recent development is that SJECCD intends to modify from an “apportionment” based funded district to what is known as “Basic Aid.” This is a property taxed based funding model and not FTES formulated.

Consequently, we will be losing 260 of their usual 285 FTES commitment. Only 4 community colleges throughout the state are “Basic Aid”. Of those 4 colleges, 2 are Member Colleges to the Consortium: College of San Mateo and San Jose/Evergreen College District.

With this new development the SJECCD will not be in a position to commit FTES to South Bay. President Yong expressed his hope that fellow JPA members will be in a position to increase their FTES commitments for the good of the vocational education public safety students and the Consortium.

Steve Ma says MPC has already staked 7% of their FTES cap. Dr. Cèline Pinet added the concept of what they do as Member College comes into question when FTES commitment is not equally shared.

e. Update-Chancellor’s Review (D)

Some key issues were prompted for inquiry by the State Chancellor and constituents, Elias Regalado and Fred Harris. The issues preliminarily identified for further review are in regards to colleges claiming apportionment on public safety courses and general compliance concerns.

In-service training course advertisements are under scrutiny of verbiage used for enrollment/eligibility requirements. Eligible enrollment only by sworn law enforcement personnel does not seem to affirm the course(s) would be available to all qualified students as required by (CCR) title 5, section 58102.

The Consortium continues to emphasis to the Chancellor’s Office that the JPA was created and approved by that entity as a JPA to provide vocational education training for its member colleges. At no time has the JPA Agreement been altered from its original status and every effort has been made by this JPA to fully comply with all Education Code requirements.

Because this inquiry has been committed in writing; the Chancellor fully anticipates a “fact finding” conclusion and follow-up. Linda Vaughn is currently working with Dr. Vic Krimsley to organize a response to the Chancellor's Inquiry. This will require several months of work, however, we are confident we will be fully prepared with solid and clear answers.

f. FTES Re-calculation (D)

With Board approval, the Consortium has been operating on a “deficit spending budget” for the last four budget cycles. While implementing strategies toward making steady progress of a balanced budget and financial solvency, recent events represent a significant financial threat:

- Firing range clean-up (estimates could exceed \$100,000 over the next 1-4 yrs.)
- Two college partners moved to a Basic Aid status - posing significant loss of FTES commitments (nearly \$1,000,000 in apportionment revenue).
- Notice of intent from SJECCD to pursue commercial lease of the property.
- Continued decline in FTES will significantly impact our ability to provide educational opportunities to the vocational education population.

Though the Executive Team continues to take furloughs and implement creative and innovative strategies to offset the declining impact, circumstances beyond the control of the Consortium have emerged which have not only stymied that progress, but also represent a significant financial impact which threatens the immediate fiscal health of the Consortium.

Even with the growth of 3 Member Colleges to the JPA since Steve Cushing’s tenure, more FTES commitment will be needed. In order to be viable, South Bay needs 2100 FTES commitment annually. In response to the suggestion of a sliding scale commitment, Dr. Walter Tribley says MPC and most other Member Colleges would not be able to commit during the extreme current budget hardship. If it were only a financial argument, there would be no issue as it would be an opportunity to capture growth. It is valuable revenue for colleges to engage if the money is available for FTES purchase. Feeling passionate to provide incentive as a money argument, John Mummert applauded the insight given by Dr. Tribley. Mr. Mummert is motivated to bring this as a means to re-educate his college constituents.

Dr. Kinsella stated that South Bay has already pulled out all stops with staff realignment and operating on a skeleton crew. Additional staffing cuts would make it nearly impossible to complete the work for which the JPA was created.. POST, the JPA, and local public safety entities are urged to campaign for support by the Chancellor’s Office of public safety training vocational education.

Dr. Steve Kinsella advised the next conversation with the State Chancellor will be to re-educate on the motivation for the survival of JPA. Should there be a continued push to open courses currently deemed as restricted access, it will jeopardize public safety on a national security level. Dr. Kinsella says he will not refrain from pointing this out.

With a schedule conflict for the previously scheduled July 18th Board Meeting, the next meeting will be Thursday, July 25th.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm. *Next meeting scheduled July 25, 2013.*