



## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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*South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium*

**Thursday, February 9, 2017**

**10:00 p.m. – South Bay Regional Public Safety Training  
Room #103**

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Walter Tribley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present:	Dr. Walter Tribley	Monterey Peninsula College
	Dr. Kathleen Rose	Gavilan College
	Mr. Benjamin Figueroa	Hartnell College
	Mr. Jeff DeFranco	Lake Tahoe Community College
	Dr. Isabel O'Connor	Cabrillo College
	Dr. Nanette Solvason	Foothill College
	Dr. Gari Browning	Ohlone College
	Mr. Rick Bennett	Mission College
	Mr. Steve Cushing	SBRPSTC
	Ms. Linda Vaughn	SBRPSTC
	Mr. Michael Lombardo	SBRPSTC
	Mr. Gregg Giusiana	SBRPSTC
	Ms. Melissa Beckwell	SBRPSTC

Absent:	Ms. Michelle Schneider	College of San Mateo
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**II. Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2016**

Motion approved.

**III. Public Comment**

**IV. Closed Session**

None.

**V. Business**

**a. Selection of JPA Board Representative for Hartnell College**

Mr. Benjamin Figueroa was selected as the new primary board representative for Hartnell College.

Motion: Dr. Isabel O'Connor 2<sup>nd</sup> : Mr. Jeff DeFranco

**b. Selection of Primary JPA Board Representative for Foothill College**

Mr. Moaty Fayek was selected as the new primary board representative for Foothill College.

Motion: Dr. Isabel O'Connor 2<sup>nd</sup> : Mr. Benjamin Figueroa

**c. Selection of Alternate JPA Board Representative for Cabrillo College**

Dr. Kathleen Welch was selected as the new alternate board representative for Cabrillo College.

Motion: Mr. Benjamin Figueroa 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Kathleen Rose

**d. Selection of Alternate JPA Board Representative for Monterey Peninsula College**

Mr. Steve Crow was selected as the new alternate board representative for Cabrillo College.

Motion: Dr. Isabel O'Connor 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Jeff DeFranco

**e. FPPC Electronic eDisclosure.**

Mr. Michael Lombardo, the filing officer for the JPA, informed the Board that the process for submitting annual, assumption, and departure forms has gone digital. A website, EDisclosure, has been created so that all of the necessary forms for JPA members and proceedings are filed electronically. This new process allows Board Members to submit statements electronically on <http://form700.fppc.ca.gov>. Mr. Lombardo instructed the Board Members on the procedure for submitting these statements so that

they may file their own if they choose. He noted that he would be cc'd on everything to ensure JPA Board compliance.

f. **FTES Update**

Ms. Linda Vaughn notified the Board that the numbers reflected in the FTES report distributed were no longer accurate as they have increased. With only 87 FTES left to schedule, almost all commitments have been met with the partnering colleges with the exception of Foothill College.

Dr. Nanette Solvason and Ms. Vaughn discussed the thinning of EMT courses at Foothill. Ms. Vaughn explained that the Chancellor's Office changes for unit value calculation in recent years caused Foothill units to increase, making costs to go up exponentially for students, potentially causing the decrease in enrollment.

A solution was proposed, suggesting the EMT courses be articulated as enhanced non-credit. This however, poses a potential issue for students as they would not be receiving credit for the certificated program. The courses would essentially be cheaper for students to take but that cost could come back if the students find they need the units, as they would have to purchase those units from the college.

Dr. Solvason explained that Foothill currently runs a Paramedic program that, instead of requiring units, requires students to have worked as an EMT, indicating they possess an EMT license. This being the case, the lack of credit for the EMT course would not affect the student's ability to further their education and enroll in the Paramedic program at Foothill

College. Ms. Vaughn brought the issue of degrees to light, as many students enrolled in other public safety programs are interested in obtaining their Associate's Degrees or using the units for transferability. Dr. Tribley suggested the possibility of implementing some sort of credit for prior learning certificate.

With the exception of the EMT issue, the FTES numbers look good and the Consortium has the potential to generate additional FTES. Mr. Jeff DeFranco inquired as to what, if anything, could affect the projected FTES numbers. Ms. Vaughn responded that occupational shrinkage is a possibility but that the Consortium has overscheduled in the event the issue should arise. All consortium courses are positive attendance.

**g. Regional Paramedic Program**

Mr. Steve Cushing announced that that the previously tabled idea of a Regional Paramedic Program in the southern area of the Bay Area Community College Consortium (BACCC) has advanced. Due to the hefty financial burden of this program, multiple colleges would need to participate in its creation. Monterey Peninsula College, Hartnell College, and Gavilan College have all expressed interest in this program.

Dr. Kathleen Rose recognized the need for the program but noted that the participating colleges have no desire to detract from the Paramedic Program currently in place at Foothill College. Dr. Solvason informed the board that she and her staff had conducted research into their student base. She stated that twelve students out of over one hundred live south of Santa Clara County, meaning the implementation of a new Paramedic Program

in the southern region would not impact the program at Foothill. Dr.

Solvason also warned that the colleges do not want to flood the market with paramedics.

Between the 4 colleges, 100k has been budgeted for research purposes, including curriculum. Ms. Vaughn suggested a six to nine month timeline for the proposed research on viability and plan for implementation of the program. Dr. Solvason volunteered that Foothill's Paramedic Program curriculum could be found on their website and that the Board should feel free to reference it.

#### **h. Fire Program-Physical Abilities Prerequisite**

The Law Enforcement program requires both a passing score on the physical abilities test and written exam to make sure future recruits are able to perform well in the academies. The Fire program, in contrast, has experienced a high failure rate due to the lack of entry level testing.

Ms. Vaughn explained to the Board that the Fire Academies always accrue long waitlists only to have students drop out after the physical exam given on the first day of the academy. This negatively affects students on the waitlist that may have been able to excel in the program. Mr. Gregg Giusiana added that the number of injuries sustained during the academies is significantly reduced with the inclusion of entry level testing.

Ms. Vaughn noted that the proposed physical entry level exam would be modified from the Law Enforcement physical agility exam to be applicable to the Fire Academy.

**i. Personnel Action/Follow-up Report**

After a 50 year career in public service and over 10 years as President of South Bay, Mr. Steve Cushing announced that he would be retiring effective June 30, 2017. He expressed his appreciation for the organization and added that he felt confident that, at this point in time, the Consortium would continue to prosper under the current team and JPA Board. The Board thanked Mr. Cushing for his dedication to the Consortium.

The executive team at South Bay asked the Board for direction regarding the Executive search. The original posting, listing the requirements, was not located in archives. The Board agreed to assist the Consortium with their search.

The action was approved.

Motion: Kathleen Rose                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff DeFranco

**VI. Adjourn**

*\*Next JPA Board meeting will be on May 18, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.*