

**Tacoma Community College
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
December 17, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Building 12 – Room 120**

MINUTES

Board Members

Liz Dunbar
Bob Ryan
Don Dennis
Gretchen Adams (by phone)
Chad Wright (by phone)

Administrators/Staff/Others

Tod Treat	Mary Chikwinya
Cathie Bitz	Laurie Savona (by phone)
Laura Saunders	Jaleel Brown
Rick Brady	Mary Fox
Judy Colarusso	Kim Ward
Bill Ryberg	Dolores Haugen
James Newman	Kelly Sadler
Loo-Moy Call	Andy Duckworth
Shawn Jennison	Angela Wheeler
Olga Webstad	Marie Harris
Mecca Salahuddin	Charlie Crawford
Natalie Wilkerson	Shema Hanebutte
Krista Fox	Suzanne Reilley
Pat Shuman	Kathryn Held
Julie Benson	Robert Drake
Chris Young	Kelly Shaffer
Victoria Ichungwa	Carol Ferguson
Elizabeth Lewandowski	Debbie Olson
Beau Jackson	Val Robertson

I. Call to Order

Chair **Dunbar** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Executive Session

At 10:00 a.m. Chair **Dunbar** announced that the Board would adjourn into Executive Session until approximately 10:45 to review the qualifications of the candidates for the position of TCC President. Action was expected to be taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:45 the Board reconvened into Open Public Session.

III. Approve: Possible Offer of Employment for Position of President

Chair Dunbar stated that the Trustees had a good discussion and deliberation on the Presidential candidates brought forward for consideration. She thanked the Search Committee for its hard work and stated that it did an excellent job in bringing forth the top candidates. The Board appreciated the individual comments provided from the forums and Chair Dunbar stated that the comments were very helpful and a significant piece of the search process.

Upon a motion by Board member **Ryan**, the Board unanimously approved extending a contract to Dr. Sheila Ruhland.

Trustee Ryan stated that when he and Trustee Dennis went to the campus of Dr. Ruhland to interview faculty, staff, and community members, without exception Dr. Ruhland was praised as hard-working and positive. Chair Dunbar said that Dr. Ruhland has a deep knowledge of education, and Trustee Wright was impressed with her knowledge of programs that TCC has in place such as the Men of Distinction.

Upon a motion by Board member **Dennis**, the Board unanimously agreed to make an offer to Dr. Ruhland today, and upon a clarifying motion by Board member **Wright**, the Board unanimously agreed that Chair Dunbar communicate the offer to Dr. Ruhland and conduct negotiations for the contract.

IV. Public Comments/Remarks

Remarks from the audience were positive about the efforts of the Board. The Board was asked if it was happy with its selection, and the Board unanimously agreed that it was. They stated that Dr. Ruhland is committed to student success, to TCC, and to the community, and she will be a dynamic leader.

V. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Liz Dunbar, Board Chair