

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Election Notes

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

10:00am – 1:00pm

I. Welcome and Opening

Dr. Traci L. Calhoun, Administrative Coordinator, welcome everyone at 10:05am. The meeting was held in person at 1360 W. Temple St. and on Zoom on August 24, 2022.

Ms. Lisa Porter and Ms. Natasha Wen reviewed the directions to access Spanish interpretation on Zoom, rename on Zoom and receive assistance remotely via email.

Mr. Antonio Plascencia provided greetings on behalf of the Office of Parent and Community Services and called the meeting to order at 10:12am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Paul Robak, CAC member lead the flag salute at 1360 W. Temple St. in view of all in-person and on Zoom. The pledge was recited in Spanish as well.

III. Public Comment

Ms. Lisa Porter asked any non-member of CAC to give public comment. No one on Families@lausd.net email, phone, in person or on Zoom requested to give Public Comment

IV. Overview of Member Expectations for CAC and Expectations for PCS

Dr. Traci Calhoun reviewed the Participant Meeting Norms and 7 Norms of Collaboration.

Dr. Traci Calhoun thanked the service of previous officers. All CAC Officer seats are declared vacant.

Dr. Calhoun, reviewed the Alignment of the CAC to the 22-26 Strategic Plan, CAC Member expectations, Expectations of PCS.

V. Roll Call / Establish Quorum

Angie Cardenas, Senior Parent Facilitator conducted roll call she asked members to answer aloud as their names were called. Quorum was established at 10:28am with 25 members present.

Ms. Cardenas projected the attendance list for all participants to see.

At 10:30am Ms. Cardenas seated the alternates. Philip Frieland, alternate, Seated Ms. Christine Altounian, parent, Mr. Carl Peterson, community member, Ms. Ebony Olivo (Gordon), parent and Mr. David Parker, parent.

28 voting members were present at the time of roll call.

VI. Officers Election Process and Guidelines

Ms. Porter, Senior Parent Facilitator reviewed the Officer Responsibilities and Ms. Leah Brackins, Senior Parent Facilitator, reviewed the CAC Officers Election Guidelines.

VII. Election of CAC Offices

Electioneer: Lisa Porter, Senior Parent Facilitator, Office of Parent and Community Services, thanked all former officers and declared again that all officers seats are vacant.

Chairperson

Ms. Porter reviewed the qualifications for CAC Chairperson and those who are eligible. The list was also emailed to members.

Mr. John Perron previously submitted his interest form Chairperson and was given 45 seconds to provide a speech. Miho nominated Ms. Harman-Holmes and Ms. Ingrid Levy. Ms. Harman-Holmes respectfully declined the nomination. Ms. Ingrid Levy respectfully declined. Ms. Gabriela Rangel nominated Ms. Miho Murai. Ms. Porter stated that Ms. Miho Murai is not eligible to run for this office.

Ms. Harman-Holmes nominated Kelley Coleman but she was not present.

Ms. Miho Murai nominated Ms. Joanne Sathokvorasat. Ms. Sathokvorasat declined.

Ms. Harman Holmes nominated Ms. Gabriela Rangel. Ms. Rangel declined.

Motion: Mr. Paul Robak motioned to close and accept nomination and Ms. Mirna Sweeney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The results were 30 members voted in favor, 0 against and 0 abstained.

Result of vote for CAC Chairperson:

The roll call vote results were 30 members voted in favor of John Perron for CAC Chairperson, 0 voted against and 0 abstained.

Ms. Cardenas announced John Perron will serve as the new CAC Chairperson for 22-23 school year.

Vice-Chairperson

Ms. Porter reviewed the qualifications for CAC Vice Chairperson and those who are eligible. The list was also emailed to members prior to the meeting. Ms. Ariel Harman-Holmes previously submitted her interest form Vice Chairperson and was given 45 seconds to provide a speech. Mr. John Perron also submitted his interest but as elected Chairperson, cannot run.

Ms. Kelly Bedford nominated Mr. Bryan Davis. Mr. Davis declined the nomination.

Motion: Ms. Rocio Elorza motioned to close nomination and accept the nominee for the position of vice-chairperson, Miho Murai seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 29 in favor.

Result of vote for CAC Vice-Chairperson:

The roll call vote results were 30 members voted in favor, 0 against and 0 abstained.

Ms. Porter congratulated Ms. Harman-Holmes as she will serve as the new CAC Vice Chairperson for 22-23 school year.

Student Representative

Ms. Porter explained that only the student present, Ms. Maribelle Bellias can be nominated. Ms. Bellias nominated herself. No other student qualified.

Motion: John Perron motioned to close nomination and accept nominee for Student Representative. The motion was seconded by Paul Robak. The motion passed with 30 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstained.

Result of vote for CAC Student Representative:

The roll call vote results were 30 members voted in favor, 0 against and 0 abstained.

Ms. Porter congratulated Ms. Maribelle Bellias as she will serve as the new CAC Student Representative for 22-23 school year.

Secretary

Ms. Cardenas indicated there were no candidates who submitted a candidate interest form to serve in this position.

Mia Howard self-nominated for the position of Secretary. Ms. Harman-Holmes nominated Rocio Elorza. Ms. Elorza accepted the nomination.

Motion: Mr. Paul Robak motioned to close nomination and accept the nominees for secretary. The motion was seconded by Joanne Sathokvorasat. The motion passed with 30 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstained.

Ms. Elorza and Ms. Howard were each provided 45 seconds to provide their speeches.

Result of vote for CAC Secretary:

The roll call vote results were 15 members voted for Ms. Howard; 10 members voted for Ms. Elorza. 5 members abstained. Majority + 1 members (16 votes) was not received.

Ms. Porter accepted a suggestion from the members to allow candidates to provide an additional 45 second speeches.

A second roll call vote was taken. The results were 19 members voted for Ms. Howard; 11 members voted for Ms. Elorza. 0 members abstained. Majority + 1 members (16 votes) was received.

Ms. Porter congratulated Ms. Howard as she will serve as the new CAC Secretary for 22-23 school year.

Upon request, members took a short recess before continuing with the election.

Training & Education Officer

Ms. Porter explained that for this position candidates must have at least 1 year of CAC experience. The list of eligible names was shared. Ms. Murai, Mr. Robak and Ms. Arlaina Jackson previously submitted interest in the position. Each were provided with 45 seconds to provide their candidate speeches. Ms. Gabriela Rangel Torres nominated herself for the position. Ms. Rangel Torres was given 45 seconds to provide a speech.

Motion: Mr. Paul Robak motioned to close nomination and accept the nominees for CAC Training and Education Officer. The motion was seconded by Ingrid Levy. The motion passed with 29 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstained.

Result of vote for CAC Training and Education Officer:

The roll call vote results were 16 members voted for Ms. Murai, 4 members voted for Paul Robak, 5 members voted for Arlaina Jackson and 3 members voted for Gabriela Rangel. 2 members abstained.

Ms. Porter congratulated Ms. Murai as she will serve as the new CAC Training and Education Officer for 22-23 school year.

Parliamentarian & Historian

Ms. Porter explained that this position must have at least 1 year of CAC experience. The list of eligible names was shared. Mr. Robak and Ms. Murai previously submitted interest in the position. Mr. Robak was provided with 45 seconds to provide his candidate speech. Ms. Murai was already elected as CAC Training and Education Officer, so she was ineligible to run for Parliamentarian and Historian. Ms. Harman-Holmes nominated Rocio Elorza and Arlaina Jackson. Ms. Elorza declined. Ms. Jackson declined. Ms. Rocio Elorza nominated Ms. Gabriela Rangel. Ms. Rangel accepted the nomination.

Motion: Ms. Murai motioned to close and accept nominations for Parliamentarian and Historian. Ms. Nancy Hernandez seconded. The motion passed with 29 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstained.

Ms. Gabriela Rangel was provided with 45 seconds to provide her candidate speech.

Result of vote for CAC Parliamentarian and Historian:

The roll call vote results were 17 members voted for Mr. Robak, 10 members voted for Gabriela Rangel, and 2 members abstained.

Ms. Porter congratulated Paul Robak as he will serve as the new CAC Parliamentarian and Historian for 22-23 school year.

Public Relations Officer

Ms. Porter explained the role of the Public Relations officer. Mr. Robak and Mr. Perron previously nominated themselves but had been elected to previous position. Mr. Davis also previously nominated himself but was experiencing audio difficulties. Ms. Porter moved to the next candidate, Ms. Arlaina Jackson. Ms. Jackson was provided 45 seconds to give her speech.

Ingrid Levy nominated herself for the position. Miho Murai nominated Gabriela Rangel and Rocio Elorza. Ms. Rangel accepted the nomination. Ms. Elorza accepted the nomination as well.

Motion: Ms. Mia Howard motioned to close and accept nominations for Public Relations Officer. Mr. Bryan Davis seconded. The motion passed with 30 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstained.

Ms. Levy Ms. Elorza, and Ms. Rangel was provided with 45 seconds to give her speech.

Result of vote for CAC Public Relations Officer:

The roll call vote was conducted. The votes were received as follows:

Arlaina Jackson, 11 votes

Bryan Davis, 3 votes

Rocio Elorza, 5 votes

Gabriela Rangel, 0 votes

Ingrid Levy, 9 votes

Ms. Porter stated that no one received a majority + 1 vote so a runoff between Arlaina Jackson and Ingrid Levy would occur. Each candidate was provided with an additional 45 second to give a speech.

Result of the run-off vote for CAC Public Relations Officer:

Arlaina Jackson, 14 votes

Ingrid Levy, 13 votes

Ms. Cardenas stated that the total number of voting members was 29. No candidate received the majority +1 votes so a second run-off election for CAC Public Relations Officer was held.

Result of the second run-off vote for CAC Public Relations Officer:

Arlaina Jackson, 14 votes

Ingrid Levy, 13 votes

Ms. Levy withdrew her name as a candidate for CAC Public Relations Officer. Ms. Porter explained that an election must be held even if only one candidate remained on the ballot.

Result of the third run-off vote for CAC Public Relations Officer:

Arlaina Jackson received 25 votes, which was above the majority + 1.

Ms. Porter stated that this concluded the election for the 22-23 school year.

Chairperson: John Perron

Vice-Chairperson: Ariel Harman-Holmes

Student Representative: Maribelle Bellias

Training and Education Officer: Miho Murai

Secretary: Mia Howard

Parliamentarian and Historian: Paul Robak
Public Relations Officer: Arlaina Jackson

Dr. Calhoun thanked PCS members and CAC members and congratulated newly elected officers.

Mr. John Perron, as the new CAC Chairperson, passed the time to the presenters from the Division of Special Education.

VIII. Presentation from the Division “Prioritization of 2022-23 CAC Topics”

Introduction by Division of Interim Director of Division of Special Education (DSE).

Ms. Claudia Valladarez, Specialist provided an update on the CAC Topic Calendar for the 22-23 school year.

IX. Announcements

Dr. Calhoun announced that two scheduled CAC dates will be impacted due to Accelerated Learning dates.

Question was asked by Rocio Elorza about the start date for CAC Subcommittees. Ms. Porter responded that CAC Officers will select sub-committee chairpersons on September 7.

Paul Robak announced a rumor that he heard regarding boycotts of Accelerated Learning.

X. Adjournment:

Chairperson John Perron thanked the members and adjourned the meeting at 1:56pm.

