



**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)  
Sho Tay (Arcadia)  
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)  
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)  
Corey Calaycay (Claremont)  
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)  
Jackie Doornik (Glendora)  
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)  
Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)  
Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne)  
Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)  
Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)  
Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)  
Tim Sandoval (Pomona)  
Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)  
John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)  
Robert Joe (South Pasadena)  
Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)  
Allen Wu (Walnut)  
Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)  
Patricia Cortez (Covina)  
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)  
Catherine Marcucci (Industry)  
VACANT (L.A. County)  
Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)  
Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jason Farned  
Cecilia Contreras  
Tristan Hallum  
Gilbert Holguin  
Anais Medina Diaz  
Jerry Mireles

**GUESTS PRESENT**

District Counsel, Kelly Alhadeff-Black

**1. Call to Order**

Board President Shevlin called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m. Trustee Doornik led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk of the Board Mireles 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- 3.7 of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Barakat, Calaycay, Velasco, Doornik, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Johnson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Estrada, Cortez, Finlay, Marcucci, Vienna, Menchaca



#### **4. Presentation**

##### **4.1 Special District Leadership Foundation – District Transparency Certificate of Excellence**

District Manager, Jason Farned, shared that the District received the Transparency Certificate of Excellence from the Special District Leadership Foundation. This certificate acknowledges the district's commitment to governance transparency, including ethics training for board members, conducting open meetings, and timely financial reporting.

##### **4.2 Optimized Investment Partners: Service Proposal**

Robert Michalik, representing Optimized Investment Partners, proposed investment advisory services focusing on improving returns through longer-term, high-yield investments.

#### **5. Consider Proposal from Optimized Investment Partners to Provide Investment Advisory Services**

The Board discussed and agreed that the services were valuable. Trustee Barakat requested a 30-day cancellation clause in writing, and the consensus of the board determined District Manager Farned will consider engaging in services with Optimized Investment Partners.

#### **6. Trustee Service Pins Presentation**

President Shevlin recognized Trustees Velasco and Janbek for 5 years of service with the District.

#### **7. Presentation of Candidates for the 2024 Executive Offices of President, Vice President/President Elect, Secretary/Treasurer for the Board of Trustees**

Nominations Committee Chair Gonzales described the duties and responsibilities of the Nominations Committee and announced Trustee's John Capoccia interest to serve as President, Meshal Kashifalghita as Vice President and Lloyd Johnson to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. He shared that the slate of candidates will be voted on at the January 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.



## 8. Trustee Conference Attendance – Appointment of Attendees for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual MVCAC Conference

President Shevlin announced Trustee Doorniks interest to attend the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual MVCAC Conference.

Motion by Trustee Sandoval, seconded by Trustee Velasco and carried by the following vote to approve President Shevlin’s recommendation for Trustee Doornik to attend the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual MVCAC Conference.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Barakat, Calaycay, Velasco, Doornik, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Johnson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Estrada, Cortez, Finlay, Marcucci, Vienna, Menchaca

## 9. District Administration

### 9.1 Committee Meeting Notifications

Mr. Farned updated the Board, stating that the Legislative Committee would commence after the adjournment of the Board meeting. Additionally, he disclosed that the Finance & Audit Committee is scheduled for January 3, 2024, and the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting is set for January 12, 2024.

### 9.2 Board of Trustees Group Photo – January 12, 2024 Board Meeting

Mr. Farned announced the Board will have a new group photo taken at the January 12, 2024, Board meeting.

### 9.3 District Update

Mr. Farned conveyed that within the budget for this fiscal year, the District anticipates acquiring new boardroom tables and implementing a new design in either February or March. Additionally, he addressed the locally acquired dengue case, providing answers to the Board’s questions.

## 10. Committee Reports

Trustee Velasco reported on the Public Information Committee meeting held on November 17, 2023 and detailed the summer and education programs and asked for Trustees to connect with their city’s communications personnel.



**11. Trustee Reports**

None

**12. New Business**

None

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Stephen Sham at 8:20 a.m.