



**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)  
Sho Tay (Arcadia)  
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)  
Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)  
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)  
Corey Calaycay (Claremont)  
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)  
Jackie Doornik (Glendora)  
Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne)  
Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)  
Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)  
Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)  
Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)  
Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)  
Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)  
Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel)  
John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)  
Robert Joe (South Pasadena)  
Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)  
Allen Wu (Walnut)  
Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Patricia Cortez (Covina)  
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)  
Catherine Marcucci (Industry)  
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)  
Anish Saraiya (L.A. County)  
Tim Sandoval (Pomona)

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT**

District Counsel, Kelly Alhadeff-Black

**1. Call to Order**

Board President Capoccia called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Vice President Kashifalghita 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 Shevlin, seconded by Trustee Calaycay and carried by the following vote to approve Items 3.1- 3.8 of the Consent Calendar.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez, Finlay, Marcucci, Garcia, Saraiya, Sandoval



**4. Presentation**

**4.1 Benefit Assessment Update**

District Manager Farned provided an overview of the District’s existing funding structure and projected financial requirements, including historical context regarding the assessment cap. He elaborated on the current assessment rate, which stands at \$16.90, and highlighted that the cap is set at \$20.00.

**5. 2024 Trustee Committee Assignments**

President Capoccia assigned committee roles to the Board and thanked them for their service, mentioning that the Committee Chairs will be determined at their first meeting.

**Finance & Audit Committee**

- 1. Lloyd Johnson, West Covina (Chair)
- 2. Patricia Cortez, Covina
- 3. Anish Saraiya, Los Angeles County
- 4. Becky Shevlin, Monrovia
- 5. Allen Wu, Walnut

**Personnel & Policy Committee**

- 1. Henry Aviles, Alhambra
- 2. Margaret Finlay, Duarte
- 3. Becky Shevlin, Monrovia
- 4. Robert Joe, South Pasadena
- 5. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City

**Public Information Committee**

- 1. Sho Tay, Arcadia
- 2. Robert Gonzales, Azusa
- 3. Jerry Velasco, El Monte
- 4. Sandra Armenta, Rosemead
- 5. Denise Menchaca, San Gabriel

**Legislative Committee**

- 1. Corey Calaycay, Claremont
- 2. Jackie Doornik, Glendora
- 3. Joseph Leon, Monterey Park
- 4. Rachel Janbek, Pasadena
- 5. Tim Sandoval, Pomona

Motion by Trustee Shevlin, seconded by Trustee Calaycay and carried by the following vote to approve the 2024 Trustee Committee Assignments.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez, Finlay, Marcucci, Garcia, Saraiya, Sandoval



## 6. Consideration of Ad-Hoc Committee(s) for Solar Project and/or District Assessment Cap Increase

Mr. Farned explained to the Board about the District exploring two critical and costly projects that will require special attention from the Board of Trustees.

President Capoccia called for volunteers for an Ad-Hoc Committee for the Solar Project and/or District Assessment Cap Increase.

Trustees Lloyd Johnson and Corey Calaycay volunteered for the Ad-Hoc Committee for the Solar Project, while Trustees Richard Barakat, John Capoccia, and Becky Shevlin volunteered for the Ad-Hoc Committee for the District Assessment Cap Increase.

## 7. Consider 4/10 Work Schedule Proposal

Mr. Farned discussed the District's exploration of a district-wide 4/10 work schedule, detailing the proposed schedule and its benefits.

Trustee Barakat supported the idea of a 4/10 schedule but suggested the District remain open to the public five days a week.

Mr. Farned explained potential staffing issues and cost savings associated with the 4/10 schedule.

Trustee Velasco inquired about the cost savings from closing on Fridays, to which Mr. Farned estimated around \$5,000 per year.

Several trustees expressed support for the 4/10 schedule for employee retention and work-life balance, citing public familiarity with City Hall's closure on Fridays.

Trustee Calaycay proposed staff being on call on Fridays to assist the public.

President Capoccia highlighted staff survey results showing strong support for the 4/10 schedule.

Motion by Trustee Shevlin, seconded by Trustee Calaycay and carried by the following vote to approve the adoption of a 4/10 work schedule and approve revisions to Policy No. 10 – Work Period and Policy No. 14 Holidays to accommodate the new schedule.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Estrada, Calaycay, Doornik, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Johnson

NOES: Barakat, Velasco, Klinakis

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez, Finlay, Marcucci, Garcia, Saraiya, Sandoval



## **8. District Administration**

### **8.1 Committee Meeting Notifications: Finance & Audit Committee**

Mr. Farned updated the Board, stating that we are in the process of scheduling a Finance & Audit Committee.

### **8.2 District Update**

Mr. Farned updated the Board on the LAFCO nomination process, noting nominations are being accepted until February 29<sup>th</sup>. He also informed them about the MVCAC annual conference and emphasized the District website's coverage of presentations by Jason Farned, Tristian Hallum, Pablo Cabrera and Kriztian Luna.

## **9. Committee Reports**

None

## **10. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Doornik presented her report on the annual MVCAC conference. She also praised District staff for their response to the dengue case that was highlighted at the conference.

## **11. New Business**

None

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 a.m.