

**Tacoma Community College  
Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
December 14, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.  
Building 12 – Board Room**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members**

Bob Ryan  
Don Dennis  
Gretchen Adams  
James Curtis  
Liz Dunbar

**Administrators/Staff**

Rick Brady, AAG  
Judy Colarusso  
Bill Ryberg  
Mary Chikwinya  
Beth Brooks  
Rachel Payne  
Greg Randall  
Melissa Santos  
Janine Mott  
Val Robertson  
John Wilson  
Tamyra Howser  
Kelly Farr  
Asha Bhaga  
Loo Moy Call  
Kim Ward  
Krista Fox  
Melissa Ziegler  
Jill Merritt  
Kari Twogood  
Kelley Sadler  
Victoria Ichungwa  
Sonja Morgan  
Katie Gulliford

Tod Treat  
Joseph Shannon  
Christie Fierro  
Dolores Haugen  
Jason Banks  
Soyeon Bush  
James Newman  
Rick Schneider  
Kim Smith  
Bruce Simonetti  
Patti Hermoso  
Leia Plaza  
Chris Soran  
Matt Higgins  
Patti Green  
Yvonne Unnold  
Mike Mixdorf  
Sarah Lewandowski  
Debbi Olson  
Shema Hanabutte  
Kim Matison  
Julie Dunbar  
Nermalyn Edwards  
Mary Chen Johnson

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair **Ryan** called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair **Ryan** announced the board would be going into an Executive Session for approximately twenty minutes to discuss and review the presidential contract.

**III. RECONVENE INTO OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

At 3:50 p.m. the open board meeting reconvened.

Chair **Ryan** announced that board had received a letter of resignation from Dr. Ruhland dated December 12, 2016. In the executive session, the board discussed the presidential contract and Dr. Ruhland's letter of resignation. The board discussed Dr. Ruhland's tenure at TCC, the good work she has done for TCC and the students, and the faculties' concerns to the Board about Dr. Ruhland and her contract, and how it might be affected by her resignation, which

she requested become effective upon Board approval, and which included approval of a resignation agreement submitted with her letter.

No action was taken or decisions made while in executive session.

#### IV. **BOARD ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following action was taken by the board based on matters covered in Executive Session.

**MOTION:** Upon motion from Board member **Adams** and seconded by Board member **Dunbar**, the board unanimously accepted the resignation and terms of resignation submitted by Dr. Sheila Ruhland for her position of college president, and that such resignation become effective, and therefore Dr. Ruhland's contract being voided, upon Board Chair **Ryan** executing a written resignation agreement with Dr. Ruhland.

Chair **Ryan** signed the resignation agreement, which voided and superseded TCC's employment contract with Dr. Ruhland. Chair **Ryan** stated that under the terms of the agreement, Dr. Ruhland is no longer TCC's president, and her employment with TCC ends on January 13, 2017.

Chair **Ryan** went on to indicate the board would consider the appointment of an acting president in the course of the regular board meeting which followed immediately after the special board meeting.

Chair **Ryan** stated appreciation for Dr. Ruhland's commitment to TCC and its students, and encouraged the audience to join the board in wishing Dr. Ruhland well.

#### V. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.



---

Robert Ryan, ~~Vice~~ Chair

