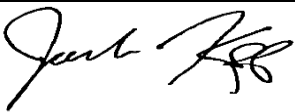





# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: July 18, 2016

SUBJECT: Reappointment of a Special Trustee for San Francisco Community College District		Item Number: 2.4	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Executive	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Jacob Knapp, Acting General Counsel	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Erik Skinner, Interim Chancellor	Action	X
		Information	

**ISSUE:** This item presents for consideration the reappointment of a special trustee at San Francisco Community College District.

**BACKGROUND:** On July 3, 2013, City College of San Francisco (CCSF) was notified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) that the college's accreditation was being terminated effective July 31, 2014. In recognition of the devastating affect the loss of accreditation status would have on the San Francisco Community College District (SFCCD) and the students it serves, at its July 2013 meeting, the Board adopted Resolution 2013-04 appointing a special trustee for SFCCD with authority to assume management and control of the district for one year. Each July thereafter, the Board continued the appointment of the special trustee with a reduced level of authority and control over SFCCD operations. Since 2013, SFCCD has made significant progress toward compliance with accreditation standards and eligibility requirements and has gradually resumed an increased level of local control over district operations. In July 2015, the Board adopted Resolution 2015-02, continuing the appointment of the special trustee with stay and rescind authority over actions taken by the SFCCD board of trustees. The proposed resolution, if adopted, would authorize the Chancellor to reappoint the special trustee through December 31, 2016 in an advisory capacity.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** It is recommended that the Board of Governors adopt Resolution 2016-05 authorizing the reappointment of a special trustee for SFCCD to assist the district in an advisory capacity through December 31, 2016.

**ANALYSIS:** The basis for the adoption of Resolution 2013-04 appointing a special trustee was rooted in a deep concern for CCCSF's institutional survival, due to accreditation and fiscal deficiencies. These concerns were fully set forth in Board Item B of the Board's July 2013 meeting. Pursuant to Resolution 2013-04, Chancellor Harris appointed Dr. Robert Agrella as special trustee for SFCCD and later appointed Dr. Guy Lease to that role. Replacing the elected governing board is not something the Chancellor's Office nor the Board of Governors took lightly, but the imminent threat of loss of accreditation and the need for corrective measures to be implemented on an accelerated timeline required this action. In July of 2014, the Board of Governors adopted Resolution 2014-03, which extended the authority of the special trustee for one year. In July of 2015, the Board of Governors adopted Resolution 2015-02, which extended the special trustee for one year in a more limited "stay or rescind" role. Specifically, the special trustee was authorized to stay or rescind any action taken by the SFCCD board of trustees if he/she determined that the actions were inconsistent with the district's recovery, fiscal stability and integrity, and continued accreditation. The special trustee's reduced role was consistent with the significant progress made by SFCCD and a phased-in return to local control.

During the time that a special trustee has been in place at CCSF, the district has made tremendous progress in improving nearly all aspects of the college's operations. The college has a defined process and timeline for demonstrating compliance with accreditation standards and eligibility requirements.

On April 4, 2016, the Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team reported that CCSF met or exceeded the benchmarks required by Education Code section 84750.6(b)(3)(B), including having effective fiscal controls and systems, adhering to prudent fiscal policies and practices, and maintaining appropriate fiscal reserves.

Given SFCCD's substantial progress, this item and attached resolution propose that the special trustee be continued in an advisory capacity through December 31, 2016. Specifically, the special trustee would assist SFCCD by providing advice and counsel as it continues its improvement efforts, including completion of an ACCJC review during the fall, and would not have stay or rescind authority over decisions of the SFCCD board of trustees. This reduced role of the special trustee is consistent with a phased-in return to full local control, and provides for a level of assistance, guidance and oversight as SFCCD continues to receive stabilization funding from the State of California for fiscal year 2016-2017.

If approved, the special trustee would assist SFCCD in an advisory capacity through December 31, 2016. Beginning January 1, 2017, SFCCD will operate without a special trustee.

Attachment: Resolution 2016-05