



The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: July 7-8, 2014

SUBJECT: Reappointment of a Special Trustee for San Francisco Community College District		Item Number: 2.1	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Executive	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Erik Skinner, Deputy Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, 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 CCSF's accredited status 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, on July 8, 2013, 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board of Governors adopt Resolution 2014-03 authorizing the reappointment of a special trustee for SFCCD with the authority to assume management and control of the District through July 8, 2015.

ANALYSIS: The basis for the adoption of Resolution 2013-04 appointing a special trustee with elevated powers is fully set forth in Board Item B of the Board's July 8-9, 2013 meeting ([http://extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/ExecutiveOffice/Board/2013_agendas/July/Item B CCSF trustee.pdf](http://extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/ExecutiveOffice/Board/2013_agendas/July/Item_B_CCSF_trus tee.pdf)). Pursuant to Resolution 2013-04, Chancellor Harris appointed Dr. Robert Agrella as special trustee for SFCCD. 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. During the year that the special trustee has been in place at CCSF, tremendous progress has been made in improving nearly all aspects of the college's operations, which had suffered from years of

mismanagement. The Chancellor's Office believes that the college is now in substantial compliance with the accreditation eligibility requirements and standards. CCSF was successful in its appeal of the ACCJC's order terminating accreditation due, in part, to the leadership of the special trustee. The appeal panel required the commission to set aside the ACCJC's order terminating accreditation and to conduct an additional review of CCSF and the progress that has been made over the past year. The panel noted that Special Trustee Agrella and Chancellor Arthur Tyler have assembled a team that has skills and determination to bring about major improvements at the college warranting "an evaluation by the Commission whether or not there has been sufficient and verifiable change as of the date of the appeal hearing to justify a reconsideration of the termination action." It should be noted that this progress would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of faculty, staff and students at the college. At this pivotal moment in CCSF's struggle to retain its accreditation, it is necessary to keep the special trustee in his current role to stabilize the progress to date and ensure the college completes its recovery.