



The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
DATE: July 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Reappointment of a Special Trustee for San Francisco Community College District		Item Number: 2.3	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Executive	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Brice Harris, 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 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. In July 2014, the Board adopted Resolution 2014-03, continuing the appointment of the special trustee with authority to manage the district.

ANALYSIS: The basis for the adoption of Resolution 2013-04 appointing a special trustee is fully set forth in Board Item B of the Board’s July 2013 meeting: (http://extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/ExecutiveOffice/Board/2013_agendas/July/Item_B_CCSF_trus tee.pdf). Pursuant to Resolutions 2013-04, Chancellor Harris appointed Dr. Robert Agrella as special (*Analysis Continued*)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board of Governors adopt Resolution 2015-02 authorizing the reappointment of a special trustee for SFCCD to provide oversight and assistance to the district through July 20, 2016.

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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 2014, the Board of Governors adopted Resolution 2014-03, which extended the authority of the special trustee for one year.

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 is now in Restoration Status and has a defined process and timeline for demonstrating compliance with accreditation standards and eligibility requirements.

Given SFCCD's substantial progress, this item and attached resolution propose that the special trustee be continued, but with a more limited role. Specifically, the special trustee would be authorized to stay or rescind any action taken by the SFCCD board of trustees if he/she determines that the actions are deemed inconsistent with the district's recovery, fiscal stability and integrity, and continued accreditation. This reduced role of the special trustee is consistent with a phased-in return to full local control. This month the local board assumed day-to-day oversight of the district and the Special Trustee powers are reduced to stay or rescind only.