





The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: November 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Appointment of Kathryn Williams to the Board of Directors of the Foundation for California Community Colleges		Item Number: 2.7	
		Attachment: No	
CATEGORY:	Foundation for California Community Colleges	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Paul Feist, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Erik E. Skinner, Interim Chancellor	Action	X
		Information	

ISSUE: This item requests the appointment of a new Foundation Board member, filling the role of public member, to the Board of Directors of the Foundation for California Community Colleges (Foundation) for a four-year term.

BACKGROUND: California Education Code Section 72670.5 allows the Board of Governors (BOG) to establish auxiliary organizations for the purpose of providing supportive services and specialized programs for the general benefit of the mission of the California Community Colleges. A Master Agreement between the Foundation and the BOG establishing this exclusive relationship between the Foundation and the BOG was entered into on May 11, 1999. The Foundation’s Bylaws, which are approved by the BOG, provide that Foundation Board members are ratified by the BOG, two of which are BOG members appointed by the BOG President. In fulfilling these requirements, the Foundation Board has established a robust process to identify, vet, and recommend new members for appointment by the BOG. Such process includes a needs assessment, diversity considerations, strategic recruitment activities, a nomination application process, and thoughtful vetting of potential candidates prior to requesting BOG ratification of the appointment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The Foundation Board recommends the appointment of Kathryn Williams by the BOG to the Foundation Board.

ANALYSIS:

Foundation Board Appointment Process

The Foundation Board utilizes an ad hoc Nominations Committee, appointed by former BOG President and current Foundation Board Chair, Lance Izumi, to assess current Foundation Board composition and future needs; recruit qualified potential Foundation Board members; guide the nominations process, review background and qualifications, and advance Foundation Board Member nominations. The Nominations Committee is charged with encouraging strategic participation in the recruitment of new Board members to create a pipeline of potential new Foundation Board member candidates.

To kick-off the recruiting process, the Foundation Board Chair publishes a formal announcement focused on the needs assessed by the Nominations Committee, and circulates the announcement to current Foundation Board members, Foundation Executive Staff, and the CCCC Chancellor, and encourages recipients to forward the communication to qualified individuals and relevant constituent groups. Interested applicants must complete an application form, developed by the Nominations Committee and housed on the Foundation's public website, in order to initiate the candidacy process.

In September 2016, the Nominations Committee, after vetting several candidates using the nomination, application, and review process described above, recommended appointment of Kathryn Williams to the Foundation Board with unanimous approval by the full Foundation Board. The appointment of Kathryn Williams, retired from a career in technology solution management and sales, fills the vacancy left by public board member Patricia Sullivan, retired IBM executive.

Candidate Bio

Kathryn (Kathy) Williams brings three decades of experience in sales management at firms including Oracle, Citrix, and Ellucian (formerly SunGard Higher Education). During her professional career supporting clients in higher education, Williams developed extensive knowledge of business management, program development, technology, and corporate philanthropy. She also brings long-standing relationships with community colleges constituents through her work with Ellucian. Williams also supported legislative advocacy work for her clients, including the California Community Colleges Student Success Initiative.

Since retiring in 2014, Williams served as the founder and president of the Saint Jude Tuition Fund Corporation, a non-profit organization that supports first-generation college students and provides aid to refugees pursuing post-secondary education. Williams is devoted to expanding access to college—especially for women and first-generation college students—guided by the belief that an educated world is a peaceful world.

Williams' education includes a degree in Aerospace Technology from Indiana State University. She resides in Alpine, California, and enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren.