

**African American California Community College
Trustees and Administrators**

AACCCTA – Black Caucus

April 10, 2024, Zoom Meeting Minutes

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Executive Board Members

President Barbara Calhoun (Trustee, Compton College)

Vice President Rosalyn Green (Trustee, Monterey Peninsula College) *Absent*

Treasurer Dr. Ricky Shabazz (President, San Diego City College)

Secretary Dr. Charlotte A. Gullap-Moore (Trustee, Santa Barbara City College)

Parliamentarian Dr. Crystal Jackson (Trustee, West Hills Community College District)

***General Counsel** Thuy Thi Nguyen (Partner, Garcia Hernandez Sawhney, LLP)

***Historians**

Dr. Deborah LeBlanc (Trustee Emeritus) *Absent*

Meredith Brown (Trustee Emeritus) *Absent*

Members

Barry Snell – Trustee Santa Monica College

Guest

Dr. Cesar Jimenez – Dean of Counseling and Guided Pathways Compton College

Reggie Ellis – President Men of Color Action Network (MOCAN)

Dr. Eric Mayes – Executive Director and CEO of Umoja

Lorraine Pedrotti – Trustee College of the Redwoods (CR)

Rohan Desai – President Elect MOCAN, Pasadena City College Counselor

Item 1.0 Call to Order – 18:11

Item 2.0 Report from AACCCTA President

- Introduction of Executive Board Members

Item 3.0 Guest Speakers

- *Dr. Mayes* presented an overview about **Umoja**, (*a Kiswahili word meaning unity*) is a community and critical resource **dedicated to enhancing the cultural and educational experiences of African American and other students.**
- Largest African American academic student development program.
- Started in 2006, was 100% volunteered based until 2015, and became institutionalized in 2018 and provide a California budget item line.
- From 2018 there were 28 programs and now there are 68
- Partners with HBCUs Transfer California Initiative, as well as UC and CSUs

- Belief system that the voices and histories of students are deliberately and intentionally recognized, the opportunity for self-efficacy emerges and a foundation is formed for academic success.
- Seven Umoja regions and SBCC is Region 4
- Professional Development – opportunity for all SBCC’s faculty and staff, especially those who do not identify as Black, Indigenous, Latinx are encouraged to attend. The institute is held in November and is designed to retool attendees with skillset of intentional inclusion via the pedagogy and everyone campus encounter.
- ***Second Guest Speaker*** – Reggie Ellis presented an overview about Men of Color Leadership Conference (MOCAN), see flyer attachment and PowerPoint presentation.

Item 5.0 Meeting Adjourned 19:05