

**Approved Minutes of Special Executive Board Meeting:
COPE Endorsements for Seat #3 and #7 LACCD Board of Trustees**

July 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Natalina gave a presentation to explain purpose and plan of Committee on Political Education (COPE) for November 2020 General Election. The Guild's goals are to defeat Trump, Svonkin, and get voters to approve Proposition 15: Schools and Communities First.

Natalina emphasized that COPE helps build Guild's power through organizing people, ideas, and money—given that so much decisions governing LACCD is political.

We had already endorsed Nichelle Henderson and Andra Hoffman for LACCD Board of Trustees (BOT). We are meeting for this special endorsement meeting so Eboard can approve two additional COPE endorsements for the LACCD BOT so these candidates can begin fundraising.

Action Items

M/S/P (Monteiro): to accept the COPE recommendation to endorse David Vela for Seat #3 of the LACCD Board of Trustees in the November 3, 2020 election.

David Vela has proven to be supportive of faculty and students, and COPE believes that he will continue to be supportive of Guild interests. Vela's opponent is supported by proponents of charter schools. While we had reservations about Vela in the past, we have seen Vela grow in his ability and knowledge of LACCD as a trustee. Thus, COPE unanimously voted to support Vela.

M/S/P (Monteiro): to accept the COPE recommendation to endorse Mike Fong for Seat #7 of the LACCD Board of Trustees in the November 3, 2020 election

Fong's opponent has little knowledge about LACCD. Mike Fong, on the other hand, has lobbied against CalBright, has govern to Sacramento to lobby legislators, and supports our DACA students. Fong has endorsed Nichelle Henderson, whom we support in opposition to Svonkin. In addition, Fong has the support of the Democratic Party, AFL-CIO, and the LA County Federation of Labor.

Jeff asked if endorsing the BOT candidates could compromise our contract bargaining position. John answered that in an ideal situation, we could withhold endorsement until contract is settled; reality is that our calendar as of now is that we must endorse the candidates. If the situation warrants, we could always withdraw our endorsement.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Chen, Recording Secretary