

The Board of Trustees of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District held a special meeting on Monday, February 19, 2002. At 3 p.m. President Hay declared a quorum was present and commenced the special meeting in the District Board Room, Foothill-De Anza Community College District, 12345 El Monte Rd., Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. President Hay led the Board and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SESSION

The roll call indicated the following members were present:

ROLL CALL

Sandy Hay, President
Mary Mason, Vice President
Paul Fong
Judith Moss
Sarah Wiehe, Foothill Student Trustee

The following were also present:

Staff:	Leo Chavez	Jane Enright
	Karen Lemes	Faith Milonas
	Javier Rueda	Jon O'Bergh
	Bob Pierce	Kathy Plum

Press: Clyde Noel, *Los Altos Town Crier*

Students: none

Public:	Betsy Bechtel	Truman Cross
	Andrea Leiderman	Hal Plotkin

The special meeting was being held so the Board could vote to make a provisional appointment to fill the trustee vacancy. President Hay explained the process for voting. From the five candidates interviewed on February 14, each elected trustee would select a first choice candidate for 3 points and, if desired, a second choice candidate for 1 point. In the event that no candidate was a clear winner with a total of 9 points or more, there would be a second round of voting between the two highest scoring candidates. In the event of a tie, there would be a run-off vote. Each trustee then marked his or her ballot and the ballots were passed to Chancellor Chavez, who read the results as follows:

Fong: 3 points for Andrea Leiderman,
1 point for Betsy Bechtel

Hay: 3 points for Betsy Bechtel,
1 point for Hal Plotkin

Mason: 3 points for Betsy Bechtel,
1 point for Andrea Leiderman

Moss: 3 points for Hal Plotkin

No candidate scored the requisite 9 points. Betsy Bechtel garnered the most points with a total of 7 points, and Hal Plotkin and Andrea Leiderman tied with 4 points each for second place; therefore, a run-off vote for second place was held and each trustee voted once for either Plotkin or Leiderman. The ballots were passed to Chancellor Chavez, who read the results as follows:

Fong: voted for Andrea Leiderman
Hay: voted for Hal Plotkin
Mason: voted for Andrea Leiderman
Moss: voted for Hal Plotkin

Since the tie persisted, trustees were given a few moments to advocate for their preferred candidate, after which another run-off vote was held. The ballots were passed to Chancellor Chavez, who read the results as follows:

Fong: voted for Andrea Leiderman
Hay: voted for Hal Plotkin
Mason: voted for Andrea Leiderman
Moss: voted for Hal Plotkin

To break the tie, President Hay proposed another vote in which each trustee would choose a first choice candidate for 5 points and a second choice candidate for either 1 or 3 points. The ballots were then passed to Chancellor Chavez, who read the results as follows:

Fong: 5 points for Andrea Leiderman,
1 point for Hal Plotkin
Hay: 5 points for Hal Plotkin,
3 points for Andrea Leiderman
Mason: 5 points for Andrea Leiderman,
1 point for Hal Plotkin
Moss: 5 points for Hal Plotkin,
3 points for Andrea Leiderman

With a total of 16 points, Andrea Leiderman was named as the second place candidate over Hal Plotkin, with a total of 12 points. A run-off vote between Bechtel and Leiderman then took place, with each trustee voting for his or her preferred candidate. The ballots were passed to Chancellor Chavez, who read the results as follows:

Fong: voted for Andrea Leiderman
Hay: voted for Betsy Bechtel
Mason: voted for Betsy Bechtel
Moss: voted for Andrea Leiderman

Following this tie, each trustee spent a few moments advocating for his or her preferred candidate. At this time, student trustee Wiehe, who had observed each of the February 14 interviews except that of Hal Plotkin, was allowed to share her advisory vote, and she recommended Betsy Bechtel. The trustees then voted again and the ballots were passed to Chancellor Chavez, who read the results as follows:

Fong: voted for Andrea Leiderman
Hay: voted for Betsy Bechtel
Mason: voted for Betsy Bechtel
Moss: voted for Andrea Leiderman

The tie persisted, so at 3:45 p.m. President Hay announced a short recess. At 4:00 p.m. the meeting was reconvened and the trustees voted once again. The ballots were passed to Chancellor Chavez, who read the results as follows:

Fong: voted for Andrea Leiderman
Hay: voted for Betsy Bechtel
Mason: voted for Betsy Bechtel
Moss: voted for Andrea Leiderman

There was no change in the voting from the previous two rounds. President Hay suggested one more round of voting. The ballots were passed to Chancellor Chavez, who read the results as follows:

Fong: voted for Andrea Leiderman
Hay: voted for Andrea Leiderman
Mason: voted for Betsy Bechtel
Moss: voted for Andrea Leiderman

It was M/S/C (Mason/Moss) (advisory vote – 1 yes) to appoint Andrea Leiderman to fill the trustee vacancy.

APPOINTED
ANDREA
LEIDERMAN TO
FILL TRUSTEE
VACANCY

President Hay adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Leo E. Chavez, Chancellor and
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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Minutes Approved:
March 4, 2002