Board of Trustees

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The Kern Community College District service area is divided into five segments. Of the seven members of the KCCD Board of Trustees, two each represent central Bakersfield and southwest Bakersfield. One each represents Porterville, Ridgecrest, and northeastern Kern County.

Ms. Rose Marie Bans -- President
Mrs. Bans represents the northeastern portion of Kern County, a Bakersfield College service area. She retired as the Principal of a Delano Junior High School and previously held a variety of teaching positions. Mrs. Bans has served the community as a member of the KCCD Board since December 1983. She is the Chair of the Board's Evaluation/Accreditation Committee.

Mr. John Corkins -- Vice President
Mr. Corkins represents the Porterville College service area and was elected in November 2006. He is the President of Research For Hire, Inc., a diversified Agri-Business Corporation; farms olives, kiwis, and citrus in Tulare and Kern Counties; and is a partner in developing commercial property in Tulare County. He serves as a Governor appointee to the 24th District Ag Association Board of Directors and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. He is a member of the Board Finance and Audit Committee and the Legislation Committee.

Mrs. Kay Meek -- Clerk
Mrs. Meek represents the southwest Bakersfield service area and was provisionally appointed in January 2003 to fill a vacant seat. She served an earlier two-year term after being elected in a special election to fill a vacated seat. Mrs. Meek is a partner in a local automobile dealership and is a former Executive Director of the Bakersfield College Foundation. She was elected Board President in December 2006. She has served on the Legislation Committee and currently serves on the Evaluation/Accreditation Committee.

Mr. Dennis Beebe
Mr. Beebe represents the southwest Bakersfield service area and was elected December 2006. He is owner of a residential and business security firm. Mr. Beebe served as the Board President in 2005 and 2006. He chaired the Evaluation/Accreditation Committee and currently serves on the Legislation Committee.

Mrs. Pauline Larwood
Mrs. Larwood represents central Bakersfield and was elected in November 1998. She is a business consultant and served as a member of the Kern County Board of Supervisors for 12 years. She also taught part-time at Bakersfield College. In 2004, she was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve on the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Mrs. Larwood chairs the KCCD Trustees' Legislation Committee and also serves on the Finance and Audit Committee.

Mr. John Rodgers
Mr. Rodgers is Vice President, Investments and Certified Financial Planner for UBS Financial in Bakersfield and a former elementary school teacher and administrator. He represents central Bakersfield and has been a member of the Board since December 1994. Mr. Rodgers also served as an elementary school board member. He taught part-time at Bakersfield College. He currently chairs the KCCD Trustees' Finance and Audit Committee.

Mr. Stuart Witt
Mr. Witt represents the Ridgecrest area and was first elected in 2002 to the Board. Mr. Witt is General Manager of the East Kern Airport District in Mojave. He is former Executive Vice President of CTA, Incorporated, a nationwide engineering services firm, as well as a former United States Navy aviator and project and engineering test pilot. Mr. Witt brings a vast business perspective to...
the Board from Kern County's high technology region. He served on the Trustees' Legislation Committee and currently serves on the Evaluation/Accreditation Committee.

Mr. Xenos Lopez -- Student Member
Bakersfield College student Xenos Lopez considers leadership, duty and service important parts of his responsibility as a citizen. He served six years in the California Army National Guard and was deployed to Kosovo during that time. He also studied for one year at the New Mexico Military Institute and has served as a Senator in the Student Government Association of Bakersfield College. A nursing major, Xenos plans a career as a registered nurse. Xenos considers his role as Kern Community College District student trustee to be a bridge of open communication and free flowing ideas between the K CCD trustees and the students of our district.

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