1.0 CALL TO ORDER  4:00 p.m.
Board president JoAnn Busenbark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2.0 CLOSED SESSION (4:00 p.m.): Board president JoAnn Busenbark asked for comments on the following item prior to the board’s adjournment into closed session to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, Consideration of Appointment of Interim Superintendent/President

At its meeting of September 24, 2009, the board delegated authority to a subcommittee consisting of the board president and vice president for the purpose of appointing an interim superintendent/president and starting a search process for a permanent superintendent/president.

Kathy Baird asked about the procedures and process the board used in considering the appointment of an interim superintendent/president. Board president JoAnn Busenbark explained that, at the September 24, 2009 meeting, the board discussed the procedures and processes to be used. In addition, the board consulted with college legal counsel. She summarized that the board’s decision to move quickly took into consideration the upcoming accreditation site visit. She said the administrative staff had been asked for input, and the entire campus community was also asked for input. Ms. Busenbark explained the board’s intent was to hire someone who was not a stranger to the college, given the difficult circumstances. The board was also concerned about not wanting to create additional stress and workload for staff through an in-house appointment. She explained that the superintendent/president is the employee of the board, and the interim appointment would also be a temporary employee on a contractual basis. In considering potential appointments, the board wanted a full-time person who knew the college well and who had the ability to do a presidential job.

She outlined the next stage of the process and said the board would review the procedure followed during Dr. McCarthy’s selection. If the board decides to use a search consultant, she said they would look at recency of searches and review what the search firm included in their proposal as part of their responsibility. She said she would work with Charles Meng and a third board member on this process. She noted that the interim superintendent/president would continue Dr. McCarthy’s work with the Napa Valley College Foundation.

JoAnn Busenbark adjourned the board to closed session.

3.0 RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION (4:45 p.m.)
3.1 **Members Present:** JoAnn Busenbark, Charles Meng, Steve Reinbolt, Brenda Knight, Robert Holst

**Members Absent:** Tom Andrews, Bruce Ketron, Michael Baldini

**Staff Present:** Sue Nelson, John Nahlen, Oscar De Haro, Laura Ecklin, Patty Renfrow, Jan Schardt, Kathy Baird, Judie Walter-Burke, Jill Schrutz, Dr. Robyn Wornall, Maria Villa-Gomez, Erik Shearer, Kevin Luckey, Karen Taylor

3.2 **Pledge of Allegiance**

3.3 **Introduction of Visitors, Guests, and New Staff**

3.4 **Announcement of Items from Closed Session**

Board president JoAnn Busenbark first thanked Sue Nelson for her service as acting superintendent/president. She said board members were grateful beyond what they could express.

Board president JoAnn Busenbark announced that the board had asked Armond Phillips to serve as interim superintendent/president. She said she and Charles Meng had spoken to Armond Phillips and his wife, and he has graciously accepted to serve in this position. She said he would begin on Monday and “hit the ground running.” She reviewed his qualifications and his past relevant experience. She stressed his knowledge of the campus community and campus faculty and staff. Charles Meng said Armond Phillips was a sensitive person and a healer and said he was a good choice for Napa Valley College at this time.

JoAnn Busenbark stated that, as we move into the next phase, the board would be extremely interested in campus-wide participation and input. She asked everyone to email her with their suggestions.

4.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

JoAnn Busenbark adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.