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El Camino College Swears in New Board Members; Conducts Annual Reorganization Meeting

Two new members of the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees who were elected during the November 5 general election were sworn into office during a regular meeting on Monday, December 16.

Cliff Numark (Area 5) and John Vargas (Area 2), both newcomers to the board, will each serve one four-year term through November 2017.

Numark is the CEO for the American Red Cross Blood Services in Southern California. A South Bay native, he is a former Torrance City Council member and has served on the boards of the Torrance Historical Society, the Torrance Symphony, the California State University, Dominguez Hills' business school, and the Madrona Marsh Foundation. Numark earned a master's degree in public affairs from Princeton University, a law degree from the University of California at Berkeley, a master's degree from the University of Sussex Engineering School, and bachelor's degree from Pomona College.

Vargas is the Business and Operations Manager for Crown Preparatory Academy in Los Angeles and a founder of the Global Education Academy, an elementary charter school in Los Angeles. A lifelong resident of Hawthorne, he is a graduate of California Academy of Mathematics and Science (CAMS) and recently served on the Hawthorne School District Board of Trustees. He earned a master's degree in linguistics, with an emphasis on English as a Second Language from California State University, Long Beach, in addition to a bachelor's degree in political science from UCLA.

Also during the regular meeting, the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees elected new officers of the board for 2013.

As part of its annual organizational meeting, the board elected William Beverly as board president; Kenneth Brown will be vice president. Mary Combs was also elected secretary of the board.

Regular board meetings are open to the public and are generally scheduled for 4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

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