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To: Chancellors, Superintendents, Presidents, and Accreditation Liaison Officers of ACCJC Member Institutions; Other Interested Parties

From: Mac Powell, President *MP*

Subject: 2026 ACCJC Commissioner Election Results and Special Vacancy Appointment

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) is pleased to announce the results of the 2026 Commissioner Election. The new three-year term of each elected Commissioner will begin on July 1, 2026.

Elected Commissioners

Kelly Fowler was elected to serve her first term as a Chief Instructional Officer Expertise Member

Angélica Garcia was elected to serve her first term as an Administrative Member

Paul Gaston III was elected to serve his first term as a Public Member

Ralph Hexter was reelected to serve a second term as the WASC Senior College and University Commission Member

Rosevonne Makaiwi Pato was reelected to serve a second term as the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council Member

Kim Morrison was reelected to serve a second term as an Academic Member

Justine Phillips was elected to serve her first term as a Public Member

Mario Rodriguez was elected to serve his first term as a Higher Education Finance Expertise Member

Jeff Stearns was reelected to serve a second term as an Academic Member

Rowena Tomaneng was reelected to serve her first full term as the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Member

Following the completion of the 2026 election, ACCJC was notified that Commissioner Ravinder Dayal was accepting a new professional position and resigning from the Commission, effective July 1, 2026. Jennifer Juras of Mt. Tamalpais College was put before the Commission by the Nominating Committee, who ratified the recommendation by electronic vote. Jennifer Juras will complete the remaining term of Commissioner Ravinder Dayal.

On behalf of the Commission, ACCJC Staff, and the Nominating Committee, I would like to congratulate and welcome the elected members. Thank you to everyone who participated in the spring 2026 nomination and election process.