

Meet the Board of Trustees

PRESIDENT BRIAN O'NEAL has been a trustee since 2002. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and a master's



degree in business administration at California State University, Dominguez Hills. He continued his education at California State University Fullerton, taking courses

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CLERK JORDAN BRANDMAN was elected to the board in February 2008. A lifelong resident of Orange County, Mr. Brandman attended local public schools and earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Irvine. While in college, Mr. Brandman was a student classroom instructor for the



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ASSISTANT CLERK ANNA L. PIERCY was elected in 2006. She earned an associate of arts degree from Long Beach City College and a bachelor's degree from Cal State Long Beach in social studies and geography, with a minor in art and English. She also has a California Standard Life, secondary-teaching credential from Cal State Long Beach. Ms. Piercy



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KATHERINE H. SMITH has served on the board since 1996. She attended Santa Rosa Junior College, the University of Nevada at Reno and California State University at Hayward, with a major in elementary education. Mrs. Smith was an elementary teacher at Sherwood Academy; a volunteer in the presidential campaign of Sen. Barry Goldwater; volunteer in the grass-roots movement for



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THOMAS "HOAGY" HOLGUIN commenced service as a trustee in October 2000. He was elected to the governing board in November 2002. He was re-elected in 2006, for a 4 year term. Mr. Holguin is a long time Anaheim resident and a prominent businessman in the community. He boasts current success as a contractor, and has



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in excellence in manufacturing management, and has completed certification courses for production and inventory control. Now retired, Mr. O'Neal was in operations and manufacturing management for over 25 years with the most recent responsibility being with a Nissan Motor Corp. affiliate in Wilmington. Mr. O'Neal is a member of the board of La Palma Intercommunity Hospital, a former La Palma city councilman and a former member of an OCTA transit committee. His community volunteer activities include being a founding director and current president of the Scholarship Foundation

of John F. Kennedy High School; participation as a Boy Scout adult leader for 25 years and still active; formerly serving on the Board of Youth 20/20; and acting as Neighborhood Watch Block captain for 24 years. In addition, Mr. O'Neal was honored with the Navy Achievement Medal for service in Vietnam and was a recipient of the Boy Scouts of America's Award of Merit. A La Palma resident, Mr. O'Neal has two sons: Scott, 33, an orthopedic surgeon, and Eric, 29, a manufacturing engineer. He also has two grandchildren.

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Advancement Via Individual Determination Program. From 2002-2004, he served as a policy adviser in the Governor's Office for the Secretary of Education. In that position, he advised the governor and secretary on education policy issues including high school reform, education technology, career technical education, school facilities, after school programs, accountability and assessment, and child care/school readiness. From 2004-2006, he served as a legislative aide in the California State Assembly, advising on policy issues including education, local government, and transportation. Mr. Brandman then returned to Orange County to serve as director of workforce development for the Orange County Business

Council. He was responsible for designing and implementing strategies and programs to help develop a 21st century workforce to meet the county's long-term employment needs. Currently, Mr. Brandman is a director for his family's environmental planning and consulting firm, Michael Brandman Associates. Mr. Brandman also has a history of community service. Currently, he is a member of the Anaheim Public Utilities Board; a member of the boards for the Anaheim Family YMCA and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Anaheim; member of the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce; Orange County Taxpayers Association; and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Anaheim. Mr. Brandman lives in the Anaheim Colony Historic District.

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was a part-time salesgirl, bank clerk, aviation statistician, and clerical temp before beginning her 37-year career in the AUHSD. From 1968 to 1979, she taught 7th grade geography, art and reading at Trident Junior High School; speech and drama and art at Oxford Junior High School, 1979-1980; history, English, speech, drama and art at Lexington Junior High School from 1980 to 2005, when she retired. Ms. Piercy also served on the Cypress City Council from

1996 to 2004, as mayor in 2000 and mayor pro tem in 1999 and 2004. She was on the Orange County Sanitation Board of Directors from 1998-2004, the Orange County Library Board from 1997-1999 and 2000-2004 and the Orange County Fire Authority, as an alternate, from 1997-98. Ms. Piercy lives in Cypress and has two daughters – Kenna, a teacher in the AUHSD, and Cameron, a medical assistant, who has provided her with her grandson Colin.

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Gov. Ronald Reagan; docent at The Richard Nixon Presidential Library & Museum; a substitute teacher for the Magnolia School District; the owner and operator of an interior decorating business; lecturer for a master's course at USC's Delinquency Control Institute (DCI) for international police officers on innovative ideas to reduce crime; lecturer on the topic at Chapman University, Long Beach State University, and Fullerton College; a member of the Parents' Board at Servite High School; vice president of the substance and alcohol abuse committee at Servite; and real estate owner and manager for 42 years. Mrs. Smith, the founder of GRASP (Group Resolving Anti-Social Problems), a nonprofit corporation dedicated to finding and implementing solutions to gang-related problems. GRASP has promoted the implementation of school uniforms state and nationwide. She was one of eight national recipients selected from among 1,200 nominees for the George Washington Honor Medal, bestowed by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge in 1994. She was also the originator and co-founder of the National Coalition for Drug Policy Change, founded in 1993 at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. The coalition was successful in gaining the inclusion of the Hoover Resolution in the 1994

Federal Crime Bill. Among the original signers of the resolution were noted economist Dr. Milton Friedman and former U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz. Mrs. Smith turned to statewide politics in 2002, when her ballot statement pulled her through the primary to launch a campaign for California Superintendent of Public Education, based on her accomplishments. In her 14 years on the school board, Mrs. Smith is proud of the many positive innovations she has championed, including: a daily Moment of Silence; classroom postings of The Golden Rule; academic attire for students and teachers; a five-minute clean-up bell after lunch to teach respect for public and private property; clean restrooms; establishment of the Character Counts program; championing career technical education (CTE); and placing cardiac defibrillators in all schools. Her greatest achievement as the creator and innovator of Oxford Academy will live on for generations of students across the district. Oxford Academy, since its founding, has ranked number one in Orange County and is in the top five nationally, according to U.S. News and World Report in 2009. A 45-year Anaheim resident, Mrs. Smith has been married since 1963 to S. Clarke Smith, M.D. They have two sons who are USC and Chapman University graduates and four grandchildren.

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previously owned a dance studio and pre-schools. His collegiate experience is commensurate with his business successes, with focus in the areas of Business Administration, Early Childhood Education, as well as Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of the CSBA Masters in Governance program.

He was the Los Angeles Police Department citizen of the year: 1990, 1992, and 2006. He has proudly served his community as commissioner for Anaheim Redevelopment and Housing, on the executive board of the Anaheim Prep Sports/Activities Foundation, executive board member for the Anaheim Boys and Girls Club. He was chairperson of the Community Development Block Grant program and is an alumnus of the Leadership Anaheim organization, where he served as an ambassador for the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce. He is

an Anaheim Fall Festival Parade committee member and sits on the advisory and education committees for the Orange County Supervisor.

In an effort to mentor and give to the community he is so passionate about, he is active in the following community organizations, including: Anaheim Police Officers Honorary Association, Anaheim Host Lions Club, Southern California Special Olympics, the YMCA, Paint Your Heart Out Anaheim, the City of Hope Foundation, Make a Wish Foundation, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Holguin was born and raised in Los Angeles County. He is proudest of his successful daughters, all of whom hold graduate degrees. He has 2 granddaughters and a grandson. He holds his family and his community in highest esteem.

The five members of the Anaheim Union High School District Board are elected at large to four-year terms. Terms are staggered so there are openings every two years. Board members must live within AUHSD boundaries.

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing the leadership necessary to meet the district's mission:

- Provide each student with a high quality educational program in a safe, motivating, learning environment that promotes:
- High academic achievement based on a strong foundation of knowledge and skills
- Development of habits and attitudes for a lifetime of learning
- Exploration and preparation in a broad range of career and interest areas
- Commitment to responsible citizenship

Citizen oversight of local government is the cornerstone of democracy in the United States. It is the foundation that has lasted through the turbulent centuries since our nation came into being. Today, nearly 100,000 citizens serve local communities as school board members, the largest single category of elected public officials in the United States. In California, more than 5,000 school board members govern the more than 1,000 school districts and county offices of education. California has the largest public school system in the nation, with the most diverse student body.

The school districts for which board members are responsible are multi-million dollar corporations. They are often the largest employer in a community, have the largest transportation and food service operations, and have the greatest number of facilities to maintain.