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California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley's Statement on Member Appointment to Board of Governors

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges Chancellor [Eloy Ortiz Oakley](#) issued the following statement on Gov. Jerry Brown's appointment of Jolena M. Grande to the [California Community Colleges Board of Governors](#):

"Ms. Grande has an impressive resume, serving in both the private sector and within our system," Oakley said. "Her experience as a career technical education faculty member and program director will bring valuable perspectives to the board as we pursue the goals outlined in our [Vision for Success](#) and serve our 2.1 million students."

Brown announced the appointment on Friday. Grande, 46, of Westminster, has been a licensed embalmer at Service Corporation International since 2009. She has been program director and professor for the Mortuary Science Program at Cypress College since 1999, where she was an adjunct instructor from 1995 to 1999. Grande was a licensed embalmer and funeral director at Heritage Memorial Services from 2002 to 2009 and at McCormick and Son Inc. from 1997 to 1999. She held several positions at Westminster Memorial Park and Mortuary and at Peek Family Colonial Funeral Home from 1989 to 1994, including licensed embalmer, funeral director and crematory manager. Grande is a member of the National Association of Colleges of Mortuary Science and the American Board of Funeral Service Education. She earned a Master of Science degree in education technology and a Master of Forensic Sciences degree from National University. Grande is a Democrat.

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