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California Community Colleges Board of Governors President Geoffrey L. Baum welcomes two new board appointees

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges Board of Governors President Geoffrey L. Baum issued the following statement following an announcement today that Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed Connie Conway and Jennifer Perry to the board:

"Connie Conway and Jennifer Perry will bring valuable experience and expertise to the Community Colleges Board of Governors. We thank the governor for these outstanding appointments and I look forward to working with them both on behalf of California's more than 2 million community college students."

More on the appointees:

Connie Conway, 64, of Tulare, has been appointed to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Conway has been a member of the California Women Lead Board of Directors since 2008. She served as a member of the California State Assembly from 2008 to 2014, where she was Minority Leader from 2010 to 2014. Conway was a member of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors from 2000 to 2008, serving as chair in 2005 and 2008. She was chair of the Cities Counties Schools Partnership in 2007 and president of the California State Association of Counties in 2006. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Conway is a Republican.

Jennifer Perry, 55, of Los Angeles, has been appointed to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Perry has been executive director at the Children's Action Network since 1990. She was director of public affairs at Act III Communications from 1988 to 1990 and served as director of special projects in the Office of Senator Alan Cranston from 1985 to 1988 and as staff assistant in the Office of Congressman Mickey Leland from 1982 to 1983. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Perry is a Democrat.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges, or https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges.