

Krause resigns from VVC Board of Trustees

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VICTORVILLE • Michael Krause resigned as the vice president of the Victor Valley College Board of Trustees late Thursday night in an email sent to Board President Lorrie Denson.

Krause stated in the email that he will be unable to fulfill duties as a board member due to residency requirements. Krause stated his resignation will be effective June 30 as he will be living in Orange County by then.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving this wonderful community and wish the college and all of the students and community the best in the future," Krause stated in the email.

Krause has been publicly criticized recently by fellow board member Joseph W. Brady and American Federation of Teachers President John Reid for his lack of attendance at recent board meetings.

Krause was instrumental in calling a special board meeting on May 3 to discuss the renewal of President/Superintendent Christopher O'Hearn's contract. But Krause skipped the meeting, saying he and his family had received threats.

Krause was also a no-show for this week's board meeting.

"The board must work together as a team," Brady said Friday morning. "Having a team member constantly absent impairs the board's effective governance. I wish him well and I look forward to seating his replacement, a strong, committed board member, without ties to special interest, that will focus on unity and accreditation excellence, so we may achieve the greater good for our students and community."

Denson could not be reached for comment on Krause's resignation, which is the latest in a string of high-profile personnel changes at the school.

Last week, O'Hearn requested a leave of absence until the end of his contract on June 30, and Peter Allan was named the interim superintendent/president.

But O'Hearn showed up to work Wednesday before leaving again. O'Hearn said he is seeing a doctor for exhaustion and plans to return to work.

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