

Start Paddling

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Lately it appears that Victor Valley College Trustee Dennis Henderson is unable or unwilling to make time in his schedule for the activities associated with being an active and dedicated member of the board. His recent behavior also shows that he has no intention of putting aside differences in order to work with other board members.

At the May 31 Special Meeting of the board, Henderson arrived approximately 20 minutes late. In a session that was estimated to last for four hours, Henderson left about halfway through, saying he had somewhere else he had to be (VVC paid for the retreat). Professional facilitator Bill McGinnis said at the meeting, designed to get board members to begin working , that he personally worked with a city council where one member was reading a book during their meetings and oftentimes left halfway through. "He didn't care enough to stay," said McGinnis.

When McGinnis suggested that, when two board members don't work well together the board chair can assign them a common goal project, Trustee Joseph Brady publicly asked the chairman in a conciliatory gesture to assign such a task to he and Mr. Henderson, Henderson did not respond in kind.

Mr. Henderson often says he has been on the board for many years. As the facilitator suggested, get in the canoe, put your oar in the water and start paddling along with the others or else VVC will continue to drift with no direction in sight.

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