

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Where's the video?

In a step toward transparency and resolution of Victor Valley College Board of Trustee relationship issues, a very capable facilitator, Bill McGinnis, conducted a public workshop with the trustees on May 31. During the course of the workshop, members of the board and the public requested of Acting President Peter Allan that the video of the session be posted online at vvc.edu, as other meetings are.

Mr. Allan said yes, it would be posted on June 3. I have checked the college website each day this week; no posting has occurred. I have written the president's office directly about the posting and received no response. I called the Instructional Media office and spoke with the individual who posts the video, asking why it had not appeared. He responded that the board president had delayed its posting until she could get an answer to a legal question. I emailed the attorney for the college and asked for a response as to when the video of a publicly attended meeting would be posted. The email remains unanswered. A member of the Apple Valley Chamber inquired of the college about the video, after asking me to whom the inquiry should be directed. Mr. Allan responded to this individual, suggesting the video was for "internal use only."

Why is the public, which is concerned about this college's survival, being deprived of the ability to view the meeting?

The community needs to attend the next board meeting on June 11 and continue to demand accountability and demand full accreditation. College leadership needs to change its attitude now and if not, we need to send the current trustees and administration down the road.

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