

# **LETTER: Board deftly handles Blue case**

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The Bee is taking potshots at the State Center Community College District Board -- a publicly elected body --that is empowered to hold accountable the actions of SCCCD officials. The reporting and editorials are one-sided.

The board decision to amend Deborah Blue's contract was not entered into or deliberated on a whim. The issues must have been serious enough to warrant this action.

Deborah Blue could have waived the confidentiality of a closed session, and demanded an open session. She did not choose to do so. This underscores the seriousness of the issues. If this action was "racially motivated" as some Blue supporters have "suggested," then Blue could have exposed it in an open session. She did not, therefore there is no reason to believe this was in any way racially motivated.

Would the same Blue supporters suggest the board's hiring of Blue in 2010 was racially motivated?

Advocates for a Better College is satisfied that the board acted appropriately, and by maintaining confidence, they protect the reputation of Blue and keep the SCCCD from further scandal. The Fresno Bee did an injustice to the board members by suggesting in any way that their action was inappropriate.

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