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## BMCC Board appoints Hermiston's Eddie De La Cruz as new member

PENDLETON, Ore. – Eddie De La Cruz, the chairman of the Hermiston Hispanic Advisory Committee, will now serve as a member of the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Education. The BMCC Board on Wednesday (March 4) approved De La Cruz's appointment to Zone 5, which includes Helix, Hermiston, Pendleton and Umatilla County precincts 104-109 and 136-137. De La Cruz fills a vacancy left by former Board member Doug Voyles, who submitted his resignation in February.

Besides chairing the successful Hermiston Hispanic Advisory Committee, De La Cruz has also been heavily involved in the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Hermiston, serving as chair of the organizing committee. In addition, he is the Columbia Hispanic Soccer League president, and is involved with the La Ley Hispanic radio station in Hermiston, hosting the "La Voz Del Pueblo" radio program each Sunday.

De La Cruz was the only applicant for the position. His term begins immediately, and lasts through June 30. If De La Cruz wants to continue to serve on the Board beyond that time, he must file for candidacy in the May election.

De La Cruz will officially be sworn into his position during the April 1 BMCC Board of Education meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

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