



BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2024

Location: Sterling Natural Resource Center, 25318 5th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410
Meeting materials: www.sbccd.edu/govenda

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Houston, Chair
Joseph Williams, Clerk
Nathan Gonzales, Trustee
John Longville, Trustee
Frank Reyes, Trustee
Hadi Natour, CHC Student Trustee (advisory)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Diana Z. Rodriguez, Chancellor
Jose Torres, Executive Vice Chancellor
Linda Fontanilla, SBVC Interim President
Kristina Hannon, VC Human Resources & Police Services
Delmy Spencer, CHC Vice President
Angel Rodriguez, Associate Vice Chancellor Government Relations & Strategic Communications

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anne Viricel, Vice Chair
Gloria Macías Harrison, Trustee
Nelva Ruiz-Martinez, SBVC Student Trustee (advisory)

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

Kevin Horan, CHC President

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Houston called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
Trustee Gonzales led the pledge of allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION RESULTS

The consultants (Mitch Hoovey and Dick Bray) reviewed the board self-evaluation results.

Section 1: Board of Trustees Meetings: All ratings were "All/Most of the Time" or "Often"

- We need to continue to improve how constituent groups like Academic Senate report to the agenda items. Trustee Williams commented that the Senate reports seem to focus on events. Example is curriculum and if they matriculate to both campuses. He recommends it in relation to the Strategic Plan.
- We too frequently over discuss items
- Moving regular reports to the 3-minute time constraint has been instrumental to more efficient meetings.
- I generally receive the agenda and supporting materials with plenty of time, although occasionally things make it into Govenda a little closer to the meeting
- "All"? I rely on other board members' expertise in some areas.

Section 2: Board of Trustees/Community Relations

- I'm not aware of any issues in the past year where the board committed to a position prematurely
- We can do a better job at increasing public engagement in hearings and advisory committees. Outside of the Bond Oversight Committee, I'm not sure what other committees there are and we seldom have input during public hearings.
- We do a really good job with governmental leaders but I am not clear on who is community leaders the Board and the District is targeting for dialogue.
- We could do more to lift student voices to better understand what students interest and needs are and what will best contribute to their growth. We need to understand what will bring more students back to campus.

- I absolutely trust the other trustees

Section 3: Board of Trustees Qualities

- Every once in a while, there may be professional disagreement between trustees, but it is resolved
- I am not aware of any breaches of confidential information by trustees

Section 4: Board of Trustees Development

- It is not clear if Board members have knowledge about the evolving landscape or current education offerings.
- At least for me, most of the current information I learn is at conferences
- The Board does attend conferences and workshops however the implementation of the learning is not clear as it related to new programs and the strengthen of current ones
- The universe of info is too large to read most of it

Section 5: Board of Trustees Policy Development

- The staff and Board Policy committee are more active and the policy manuals are not accessible on the web. We need to make sure all of the board policy links are current and or go to a page that says under-development.
- We have an excellent Board Policy and Procedures ad hoc committee
- There's a whole annual review schedule

Section 6: Board of Trustees/Chancellor Relations – all ratings were “All/Most of the Time” or “Often”

Section 7: District Goal Setting and Strategic Planning

- Everything is actually aligned with the Strategic Plan
- It is part of the agenda but we seldom ask questions

Focus Areas

#19 The Board keeps informed by seeking and reading current news and literature.

Trustee Williams recommended reading *Trusteeship*

Trustee Houston recommended reporting out after attending a conference

Trustee Williams recommended each trustee write an annual report on a specific topic.

Trustee Houston recommended updating the question to include new media type (including younger generations)

#26 The Board provides for periodic policy review and revision when laws, court rulings, or circumstances change.

Looking Forward

- As evidence by the self-evaluation completed but the BOT and the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Progress Report, great progress and forward movement continues to be made by SBCCD Board and Leadership Team for the 2023-24 school year.
- The Board, Chancellor, and Leadership Team should be proud of the team they have become and what they have accomplished together.
- Tips for Trustees and the Leadership Team, you are in this for the long haul; it's a marathon, not a sprint. Stay strategic and focused.
- Using the results from today's self-evaluation report, continue to focus on where the Board wants to be 3-5 years from now, and keep at the forefront of the aspirations of the Board.
- Let's not forget; the bottom line is meeting the learning needs of your students.

Future Request for Board Sel-Evaluation: Chancellor Rodriguez recommended no need to have a separate PowerPoint. Trustee Williams recommended the Board Executive Committee review the results development summary portion instead of staff executive leadership. Trustee Williams recommended the Board of Trustees take the self-evaluation prior to the board retreat. Create a process that includes BEC to review results/summary. The presentation identified sections and the full report does not list sections. Trustee Williams requested a footnote on the results as to why only six trustees completed the evaluation.

Chancellor Rodriguez recommended, and the Board agreed to the following process:

The Board self-evaluation link to be sent at the beginning of May each year, with a deadline of completion of one week. Allowing the opportunity to review the results with the Board Executive Committee and the consultants. As we are putting together the agenda, they decide if they want to have a discussion based on the full report or just the highlights. Agendize the review on the first day, in the morning of the retreat.

Chancellor Rodriguez suggested Strategy Session topics (Chancellor to provide a list of topics to BEC for review):

Dual enrollment

How do we share the classroom, where are we going?

Local leadership (no clear direction with local leadership)

Trustee Williams suggested continuing K-12 community college conversations (table topics). Informal meet in greet, board to board. Trustee Houston suggested identify the networks that exist (SBC School Boards Association that has a community college representative. Trustee Houston to inquire if the community college seat is vacant). Possibly create a map. (faith based, first responders, public health, mental health, public sector, etc.).

IV. GROUP ACTIVITY AND LESSONS LEARNED

Vice Chancellor Hannon instructed the activity to gather in generational cohort groups to present something to SBCCD's future students.

V. SIMILARITIES WITHIN THE WORKPLACE

Vice Chancellor Hannon introduced guest speaker, Dr. Judy White. Dr. Judy White presented and facilitated group activities.

Lunch and legislative conversation.

Trustee Reyes and Associate Vice Chancellor Rodriguez provided the year in review for the Board Legislative Committee.

- Support FAFSA Simplification and Expansion of Pell Grants
- Expand and simplify the State's financial aid system
- Explore new local fundings to enhance affordability and access for textbooks, career training, and higher education programs.

SBCCC is tracking legislation related to college affordability:

- Support AB 1885 (Addis)
- Support AB 2500 (M. Fong)
- Support AB 3015 (Ramos)

State Budget proposal and financial aid:

- Implements a modified Cal Grant Reform
- Allocates \$20 million from Prop 98 General Fund to help community college financial aid offices

Expand access to CalFresh Food Assistance, SBCCD's CalFresh partnership is becoming a national model.

Related Legislation:

- Support AB 2033 (Reyes)
- Oppose AB 1818 (Jackson)

Other bills being tracked:

- Support SB 895 (Roth)

- Concerns: SB 1321 (Wahab)

Upcoming:

- SBCCD Partnership with the California Air Resources Board, SBCCD and CARB mou signing.
- New job training facility at SBCCD opening in 2028. Groundbreaking July 26, 2024, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Trustee Williams recommended setting ZTC as a priority. The CA Endowment has the largest PRI funds in SBCCD area.

VI. LESSONS LEARNED/SET CONFERENCE AND TRAINING CALENDAR 2024-25

Chancellor Rodriguez presented the 2024/25 Conferences and Trainings. Trustee Williams recommended that the Board Finance Committee, Strategic Planning, Human Resources (structure, processes, governance) is an example of what should be a workshop/conference proposal. The information Dr. White presented would be of interest. Othering and Belonging Institute is another area of interest. Trustee Williams would like to work with the Institute for the Future, National Board Certification, interest in housing, UCS Real Estate Development Certificate program, anything around the Inflation Reduction Act, city managers present to the board, enterprise model opportunity (CSUSB has a corporation), CA Forward Economic Summit. Trustee Williams recommended other facility tours like the TN and UT tour that SBCCD conducted.

Trustee Houston commented, the voting opportunity allowed at ACCT 2022 conference included approving a revision to their bylaws that a trustee cannot be elected within a governance role in the organization if they have not attended at least two of their national conferences.

Trustees' expertise areas, this will also allow us conferences to attend and be presenters at.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Board: Board Business Meeting
July 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
San Bernardino Community College District
Boardroom
550 E. Hospitality Ln., Ste 200
San Bernardino, CA 92408

The chair adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

The Board of Trustees approved the June 25, 2024, minutes on July 11, 2024.



Joseph R. Williams, Clerk
SBCCD Board of Trustees



Heather Ford, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant
SBCCD Office of the Chancellor