



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2024**

Location: San Bernardino Community College District Boardroom, 550 E. Hospitality Ln., Ste 200, San Bernardino, CA 92408  
 Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@sanbernardinocommunitycoll42/streams>  
 Meeting materials: [www.sbccd.edu/govenda](http://www.sbccd.edu/govenda)

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT</b>
Dr. Stephanie Houston, Chair Dr. Nathan Gonzales, Vice Chair Dr. Cherina Betters, Trustee John Longville, Trustee Nelva Ruiz-Martinez, SBVC Student Trustee (advisory) Hadi Natour, CHC Student Trustee (advisory)	Dr. Diana Z. Rodriguez, Chancellor Jose Torres, Executive Vice Chancellor Dr. Kevin Horan, CHC President Dr. Gilbert Contreras, SBVC President Kristina Hannon, VC Human Resources & Police Services Dr. Nohemy Ornelas, VC Educational & Student Support Services Angel Rodriguez, Associate Vice Chancellor Government Relations & Strategic Communications
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT</b>
Joseph Williams, Clerk Frank Reyes, Trustee	

**I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Houston called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Trustee Betters led the pledge of allegiance.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

**III. CLARIFICATION**

None.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Enterprise Fund Model**

Chancellor Rodriguez talked about the presentation on creating an Enterprise Fund Model, which supports SBCCD Goal 4, Ensuring Fiscal Accountability and Sustainability – emphasis on sustainability. The presentation will outline how SBCCD can maximize its current investments, the benefits and challenges of a non-profit, and reasons why staff thinks it's something on which we should move forward.

Executive VC Torres commenced the presentation and mentioned that although the BFC had already viewed the material, there were updates included today in response to their inquiries.

- Regarding the inquiry on how the CCCCCO interprets the silence of Title 5 on real estate activities as a permissible function of CCC auxiliary organizations, while the regulation on Cal State auxiliary organizations specifically includes language specifying the management of real estate activities including acquisition, development, sale, and transfer of real and personal property including financing transactions related to these activities:
  - The CCCCCO representative was unfamiliar with the reason for the difference and unaware of any official position on this issue.
  - Legal counsel believes it likely that "Facilities and Equipment" under CCC rules could be

- interpreted to include real estate management, but this is not certain.
- Seeking formal written guidance from the CCCCCO would be predicated on confirmation that the CCCCCO is able to provide such a formal opinion. This process could be very time consuming with no guarantee of a positive outcome.
- It has been the experience of staff that the CCCCCO is extremely reluctant to render such formal written opinions.
- Regarding the inquiry on the advantages/disadvantages of a 501(c)2 vs. 501(c)3 organization, staff is recommending use of a 501(c)3, which can also act as a parent to a 501(c)2.

Trustee Longville expressed his support of staff suggestions. He also commented on the possibility of a parallel pursuit to seek changes to the law which would afford community colleges the same flexibility as the universities. Executive VC Torres agreed and advised this would be pursued.

Trustee Betters thanked staff and commented that she thinks this is necessary.

Trustee Gonzales complimented staff on thinking outside the box. Increasing revenue without increasing taxpayer burden is a worthwhile effort. He commented on the importance of noting this is a long-term strategy. We're not going to be able to do every piece. We should start in a very cautious, intentional, and focused manner to see if increasing the role of a particular non-profit is the right thing, or if creating an additional non-profit, or even a series of others, is the smart move. He is very excited about the potential and looking forward to seeing how it evolves in the coming months.

## B. Economic Development and Corporate Training (EDCT)

Chancellor Rodriguez introduced the presentation which touches upon all four SBCCD goals while primarily focusing on Goal 3, Being a Leader and a Partner in Addressing Regional Issues.

VC Ornelas commenced the presentation, stating her excitement at being able to share EDCT's progress and purpose. She stated that our community is one of need and as EDCT has evolved, we continue to define what role we can play in serving this community.

The presentation wrapped up with a poignant video depicting students sharing the real difference their training at EDCT has made in their life, and how transformative it has been.

Trustee Longville commented that he is impressed with the whole set of programs. There is so much that is good. He applauded the programs that provide opportunities to those individuals who have had the misfortune to spend time incarcerated. There is little that we do that has as great an impact as this.

Trustee Betters echoed Trustee Longville's statement, commenting she, too, is impressed. The programs are phenomenal. She sees the immediate impact that this work has within the community. It is legacy work and it's how we make an impact into our region.

Chancellor Rodriguez commented that VC Ornelas and her team have developed a system of applying the same principles across all the programs which is how we stay true to our principles and partners and provide what we say we are going to provide. She went on to comment that sometime soon staff is going to bring to the Board ideas for rebranding EDCT, including a full role out highlighting the work that is being done.

Trustee Gonzales echoed the positive comments of his colleagues. He added that going forward it would be beneficial to see the numbers presented consistently across the programs, i.e., completions to enrollments. VC Ornelas advised they are hoping to improve the current technology for reporting on these courses.

Trustee Houston commented that she appreciates the progress that has been made – even in just the last few years. One change she has noted is the true integration with our colleges. EDCT is not a separate or competing entity; it is part of the culture of SBCCD.


**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Board: Board Business Meeting  
September 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.  
SBCCD Boardroom  
550 E. Hospitality Ln., Ste 200  
San Bernardino, CA 92407

The chair adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

The Board of Trustees approved the September 26, 2024, minutes on October 10, 2024.

  
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Joseph R. Williams, Clerk  
SBCCD Board of Trustees

  
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Kelly Goodrich, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant  
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