



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Strategy Session Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2025

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Nathan Gonzales, Chair
Joseph Williams, Vice Chair
Dr. Cherina Betters, Clerk
John Longville, Trustee
Dr. Stephanie Houston, Trustee
Nelva Ruiz-Martinez, SBVC Student Trustee (advisory)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carlos Aguilera, Trustee
Frank Reyes, Trustee
Hadi Natour, CHC Student Trustee (advisory)

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Gonzales called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Trustee Houston led the pledge of allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. CLARIFICATION

None

IV. PRESENTATION

A. Mid-Year Strategic Plan Update

Chancellor Rodriguez presented the Mid-Year Strategic Plan Update.

The first goal is to create more opportunities for students to access and succeed.

- Expanded the dual enrollment program, giving more high school students a head start on college.
- Grew our Dual Enrollment Pathways by 52%, doubling full-time student equivalents. That's hundreds of young people earning college credit before they even graduate high school.
- Strengthened diversity in enrollment, with a 9.2% increase in Black/African American students. That's real progress in ensuring our colleges reflect and support the communities we serve.
- Through the California Reconnect Initiative, SBCCD welcomed back 164 students who had paused their education.
- SBCCD launched 11 fully online degree pathways to make learning more flexible for remote learners.

The second goal focuses on creating a campus environment where everyone feels they belong.

- SBCCD has seen a remarkable 878% growth in ethnic studies courses over the past three years, increasing from just 9 to 88. These classes allow our students to see themselves and their histories reflected in their education.
- For justice-impacted students, we provided stipends and resources to help them rebuild their lives.
- SBCCD also hosted a community forum with the SBCCD Police Department to foster open dialogue and ensure that our campuses remain safe and welcoming for all.
- HR and campus leaders worked hard to diversify our hiring candidate pools, fill 30 key positions, and create new pathways to leadership.

The third goal is all about addressing challenges head-on to transform lives:

- SBCCD worked with Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes, to pass Assembly Bill 2033, making it easier for students to use their CalFresh benefits to buy food on campus. For many students, this is more than convenience—it's a lifeline.
- SBCCD delivered over 26,000 diapers and 20,000 pounds of produce to families in need. This shows how deeply our work connects with our community.
- And through our California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation work crew program, SBCCD supported 60 justice-involved individuals, helping over half of them secure full-time jobs and achieving a 3% recidivism rate—far below the state average of 47%.

The fourth goal focuses on securing a sustainable future for SBCCD.

- Between June and December, SBCCD secured \$2.8 million in grants to expand educational programs and services.
- SBCCD strengthened cybersecurity by implementing 14 new policies to protect our data and systems.

Chancellor Rodriguez shared an initiative that will further enhance our financial sustainability: the Legacy Impact Foundation.

This independent nonprofit will allow SBCCD to:

- Secure new funding through grants, donations, and revenue-generating projects.
- Manage our real estate and assets strategically to generate income.
- Support bold new ideas that align with our mission.

This is a model used successfully by the CSU system, and it gives SBCCD the flexibility to partner with businesses and organizations in ways that a public institution alone cannot. More importantly, it will complement the work of our college foundations, not compete with them.

The Legacy Impact Foundation will open new doors for SBCCD, ensuring that we continue to innovate and thrive.

Trustee Longville complimented the justice involved services/programs that EDCT administers.

Vice Chair Williams suggested that the direct individual hear the positive effects.

Vice Chancellor Ornelas clarified the Prison to Employment data is this year. Chair Gonzales requested data since program inception.

B. Dual Enrollment

Vice Chancellor Ornelas presented the Dual Enrollment Update.

Dual enrollment provides students the unique opportunity to take community college classes while still in high school.

Dual enrollment – also known as concurrent enrollment – enables high school students to take college courses, taught by college professors, at their high school campus. These courses can also count toward a high school diploma, allowing students to get a head start on their higher education goals.

Dual Enrollment Partners: Rialto Unified School District, Temecula Unified School District, San Juan Unified School District, Redlands, Unified School District, Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District, Inland Adult Education Consortium, Public Safety Academy, Bear Valley Unified School District, San Bernardino City Unified School District.

Dual Enrollment Objective and Strategies:

- Expand dual enrollment
- Diversify course offerings
- Enhance support services

Dual Enrollment Highlights

- Established regular meeting dates with high schools
- Hosted Parent Nights
- Increased marketing efforts
- Created dual enrollment webpages
- Updated board policies and administrative procedures
- Hosted a Superintendent's Roundtable
- Dual Enrollment Orientation
- Zoom information hours
- Increased presence at high schools
- Technology improvements for high school counselors and parents
- Increased staffing and counseling support
- Distribution of student identification cards (ID Ceremony)

Chancellor Rodriguez reported as part of the dual enrollment plan, she will be approaching the State Chancellor for a funding ask.

Clerk Betters inquired if at the high school graduation ceremony, the students can receive recognition (cord, medal, sash, etc.).

Trustee Houston commented on the K-12 dashboard, an indicator includes dual enrollment. Optimistically caution that allows dual credit.

Vice Chair Williams inquired why K-12 enroll in AP instead of dual enrollment/early college? President Horan commented there is a long-standing dialogue to educate K-12. Both have challenges and benefits.

Trustee Houston recommended strategize how to approach from a policy place.

Trustee Williams requested the presentation data be separated by CCAP at the high school and at the college campus.

Clerk Betters recommended to be more intentional with the MOUs when they come to board for approval.

C. FCC Proceeds

Motion: to table the FCC Proceeds presentation at a future meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Houston. **Seconded by** Trustee Betters.

Unanimously approved by those present.

ABSENT: Trustee Reyes, Trustee Aguilera, Student Trustee Natour

Motion passed


The next meeting of the Board: Board Business Meeting
February 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
SBCCD Boardroom
550 E. Hospitality Ln., Ste 200
San Bernardino, CA 92408

Chair Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

The Board of Trustees approved the January 23, 2025, minutes on February 13, 2025.



Dr. Cherina Betters, Clerk
SBCCD Board of Trustees



Heather M. Madole, Administrative Officer
SBCCD Office of the Chancellor