



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Strategy Session Meeting Minutes – May 22, 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

Joseph Williams, Vice Chair
Dr. Cherina Betters, Clerk
Carlos Aguilera, Trustee (arrived at 4:21 p.m.)
Dr. Stephanie Houston, Trustee
John Longville, Trustee (arrived at 4:28 p.m.)
Hadi Natour, CHC 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, Payroll, & Police Services
Dr. Nohemy Ornelas, VC Educational & Student Support Services
Angel Rodriguez, Associate Vice Chancellor Government Relations & Strategic Communications

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Nathan Gonzales, Chair
Frank Reyes, Trustee
Nelva Ruiz-Martinez (advisory)

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Clerk Betters led the pledge of allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

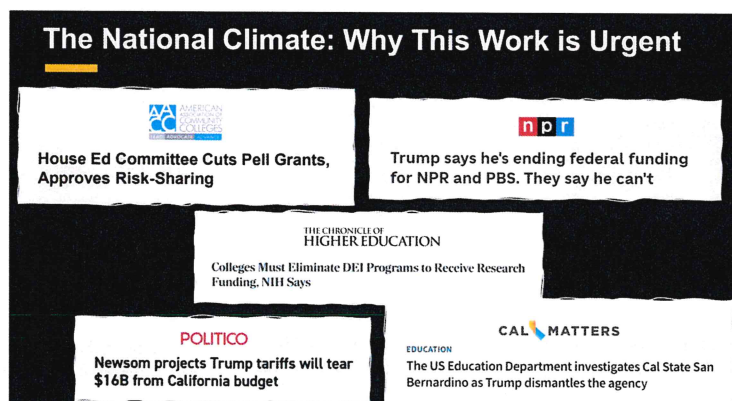
III. CLARIFICATION

None

IV. PRESENTATION

A. Legislative and Grants Update

Chancellor Rodriguez introduced Associate Vice Chancellor Rodriguez who presented on Legislative and Grants update.



People (Still) Value Higher Education

AP  **NORC**
at the University of Chicago

Poll: Most Americans disapprove of Trump's treatment of colleges

(May 2025) 56% of U.S. adults disapprove of President Donald Trump's handling of issues related to colleges and universities, according to a new poll, as his administration ramps up threats to [cut federal funding](#) unless schools comply with his political agenda.

 **PPIC** PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA
Independent, objective, nonpartisan research

Higher education is associated with lower poverty and less social safety net assistance



SOURCE: California Poverty Measure, first quarter of 2023.

April 2025

Where We Are in the Budget & Policy Process

Month	What's Happening	Why It Matters
January	✓ Governor's Proposed California Budget ✓ New state laws take effect	Sets the stage for college funding, student aid, and capital needs
February	✓ President releases federal education budget ✓ Deadline for new state bills	We begin advocacy for Cal Grants, Pell Grants, and HSI investments
March-April	✓ Budget hearings in Sacramento & D.C.	Trustees may be invited to meetings or letters of support
→ May	✓ CA "May Revise" Budget released	Updated revenue outlook—key time to push for district priorities
June	❑ CA Budget passed (due June 15)	Final decision on community college funding and programs
July-August	❑ Key votes on state and federal bills	Good moment to publicly support or speak out on major bills
September	❑ Final signature deadline for CA bills ❑ End of federal fiscal year (Sept 30)	Time to assess wins, losses, and new laws that affect SBCCD
October	❑ New federal fiscal year begins	New funding becomes available; grant opportunities often open
Fall	❑ Legislators return home for recess	Ideal time to host elected officials on campus or meet locally
December	❑ Planning for next year's budget & bills	Trustees may help set priorities for 2026 and beyond

How We Build Public Support for SBCCD



Advocacy Meetings,
Campus Events &
Community
Sponsoring



Social Media Outreach
& Video Storytelling



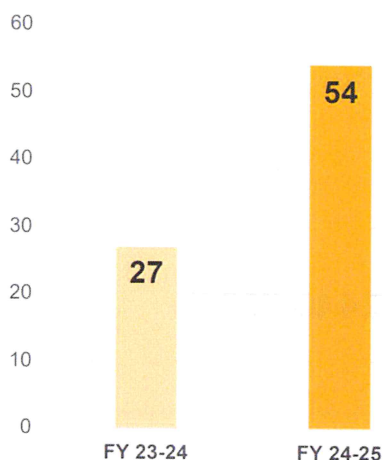
"Community Matters"
Monthly Newsletter



Press Releases and
Media Relations

Grants Fuel Student Opportunity at SBCCD

Grants Submitted



 **2x**

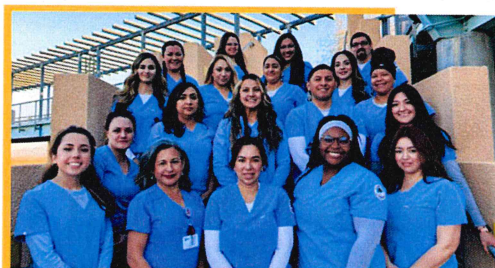
Doubled Grant Submissions
2023: \$15.2M → 2024: \$30.3M
(Dollars Received and In Process)

 **35**

Grants Awarded
2024: \$7.7M Won
(So Far this FY)



1 in Every 10 Dollars
10.4% of SBCCD's Annual Budget From Grants



We're Training 2,000 Students For In-Demand Careers in Healthcare, Logistics and Wildfire Prevention



 **\$673,209 Grant** AR1
 **2 years (In progress; 2023 to 2025)**

Crafton Hills	SBVC	EDCT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nursing/EMT AR0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nursing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility Arborist Training
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radiologic Tech	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psych Tech	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Inspector Pathways
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Tech	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Truck/Water Ops	

We're Opening Doors to Healthcare Careers for 429 Local Students, Starting in High School



 **\$799,968 Grant**

 **2 years (In progress; 2024 to 2026)**

Student Participation	Impact	Key Partners
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall 2024: 428	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dual EnrollmentJob Shadow Medical Professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rialto UnifiedPacific High School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring 2025: 429	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Careers FairsHire counselors at SBVC and CHC to assist with career pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none">UCR School of MedicineCSUSBCA Univ. of Science & Medicine
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13 Career Events in Rialto USD & Pacific H.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tutoring for H.S. students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SB Dept. of Public HealthBLU Educational Foundation

\$40M+ in Pipeline Proposals Aligned with Our Mission

Funder/Partner	Project	Amount
State of California (Sen. Eloise Gomez Reyes)	Affordable Student/Workforce Housing @ SBVC	\$20–\$50M
U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)	Fix and Modernize Workforce Labs at SBCCD's Economic Development Corporate Training Center	\$6.1M
County of San Bernardino	SB Job Growth Corridor Proposal to Upgrade EDCT Workforce Labs	\$8M
California Workforce Development Board (High Roads Training Partnerships)	Expand career training in cybersecurity, clean energy, advanced manufacturing at SBCCD and local colleges	\$5M
Thrive Inland SoCal IEGO and IE Labor Institute	Support formerly incarcerated individuals reintegrate into the workforce through structured, paid work experience.	\$1M
State of California Dept. of Industrial Relations	Paid apprenticeships for low-income youth ages 18–26 in high-demand industries, with support services provided by community partners	\$1M

How Trustees Help Us Open Doors



Bring our Legislative & Budget Priorities handbook with you to events.



Join the Chancellor at city council, K-12 school board, and chamber presentations.



Participate in our advocacy meetings locally, in Sacramento and D.C.



Share our wins and news on social media and forward our community newsletter.

Discussion: Trustee Aguilera inquired if we are planning to advocate more in Sacramento at the end of the fiscal year (August)? Associate Vice Chancellor Rodriguez commented SBCCD will plan on moving forward. Not just the legislative staff but the executive branch as well. Vice Chair Williams suggested implementing a tour program to raise funds similar to Anaheim.

B. Tentative Budget

Chancellor Rodriguez introduced Executive Vice Chancellor Torres who presented the Tentative Budget.

Governor's May Revise

Summary

- \$12 billion budget deficit projected for 2025-26
- Proposition 98 minimum guarantee
- Reduction to CCCs due to rebenchmarking of TK/CCC split
- 2.3% COLA
- 2.35% enrollment growth
- Deferrals: \$531.6M pushed from 2025-26 to 2026-27
- No Block Grant

SBCCD Tentative Budget

Unrestricted General Fund – Budget Assumptions

- 2.3 % COLA
- Negotiated salaries for all bargaining units
- 8.0% health benefit increase
- Technology expenses previously covered by the Block Grant (No longer available)
- Enrollment

Unrestricted General Fund – Enrollment

- FY 24-25 Actual FTES at P2 - 16,179 (14.25%)
- Target FY 25-26 FTES - 16,826 (4%)
- Future Years 3% target growth goal

Next Steps

Key Dates:

- June - SBCCD Board of Trustees adopts Tentative Budget prior to July 1
- June - Governor signs Budget Act
- August - SBCCD Board of Trustees strategy session to review Final Budget
- September - SBCCD Board of Trustees conducts a public hearing and approves Final Budget

Discussion: Trustee Aguilera requested data of other college's enrollment and possibly utilize as a funding source. Vice Chair Williams requested data for online headcount and in person headcount. Clerk Betters inquired how does the KVCN net increase assist in funding PBR. EVC Torres we have been advised SBCCD will continue to monitor and monetize. If federal pulls back funding, we have some monies set aside in CalPers to weather the storm if necessary. Trustee Aguilera commented many other districts are laying off staff, commended the negotiated salaries. EVC Torres commented positive speaking points are intended because we do five-year projections, and we know we can afford it. Vice Chair recommended an opportunity on naming of buildings and a source of funding.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Resolution #2025-06-12-BFS-01 SBCCD (San Bernardino and Riverside Counties) Election of 2028 Obligation Bonds, Series F

VI. ADJOURN

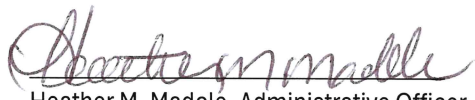
The next meeting of the Board: Board Business Meeting
June 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
SBCCD Boardroom
550 E. Hospitality Ln., Ste 200
San Bernardino, CA 92408

Vice Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The Board of Trustees approved the May 22, 2025, minutes on June 12, 2025.



Dr. Cherina Betters, Clerk
SBCCD Board of Trustees



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

