BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2026

Location: SBCCD Boardroom, 550 E. Hospitality Lane, Suite 200, San Bernardino, CA 92410
Meeting materials: www.sbccd.edu/govenda

MEMBERS PRESENT	ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT
Dr. Nathan Gonzales, Chair Joseph Williams, Vice Chair (via Zoom, non-participatory per the Brown Act) Dr. Cherina Betters, Clerk Carlos Aguilera, Trustee Dr. Stephanie Houston, Trustee (via Zoom, non-participatory per the Brown Act) John Longville, Trustee Christian Espinoza, SBVC Student Trustee-advisory (via Zoom, non-participatory per the Brown Act)	Dr. Diana Z. Rodriguez, Chancellor via Zoom 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	**ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT**
Frank Reyes, Trustee Jazmyn Garcia, CHC Student Trustee (advisory)	

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chair Gonzales called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Aguilera led the pledge of allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS
None

III. CLARIFICATION
None

IV. PRESENTATIONS
A. Tentative 2026-2027 Budget
Chancellor Rodriguez introduced the presentation and Executive Vice Chancellor Jose Torres.

Executive Vice Chancellor presented the tentative 2026-2027 budget.

- Proposed California Budget:
  - 349.4 billion total budget
  - 246.6 billion General Fund
- Significant improvement from January proposal
  - Stock market performance and growth in artificial intelligence-related industries.
  - Estimated General Fund revenues from the "Big Three" taxes (Personal Income, Corporate, and Sales & Use Taxes) are projected to be approximately $16.5 billion higher over the three-year budget window than projected in January.
- Administration projects elimination of projected deficit through 2027–28

- Significant focus on reserve-building and rainy-day funds
- Continued fiscal caution due to:
    - Volatile capital gains
    - Economic uncertainty
    - Out-year structural pressures

Proposition 98
The stronger state revenue outlook significantly increases the Proposition 98 Guarantee. Across the three-year budget window, the May Revision increases Proposition 98 funding by approximately $6.4 billion compared to the January proposal.
However, a substantial portion of the increased funding is proposed to be deposited into the Proposition 98 Rainy Day Fund:

- Approximately $4.6 billion of the increased Proposition 98 funding is directed to the Rainy-Day Fund.

As a result, while the Proposition 98 Guarantee grows significantly, the amount of new discretionary funding available for new programmatic investments is more limited than the overall increase might initially suggest.

California Community Colleges (CCDs)
The May Revision largely maintains the Governor's January approach for California Community Colleges and does not include major structural changes to the funding model. The Administration:

- Does not revise the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF),
- Does not shift from the three-year average FTES calculation to the greater of the three-year average or current-year enrollment,
- Does not provide additional ongoing growth funding beyond the previously proposed levels.

The May Revision instead directs most additional ongoing resources toward increasing the COLA beyond the statutory amount.
Major Community College Adjustments
SCFF COLA

- Ongoing increase of $197.7 million to increase the COLA from 2.41% to 4.31%.
- Of the 4.31%, approximately 1.4% is discretionary above the statutory COLA requirement.
- Total proposed SCFF COLA funding increases to $438.3 million.

Enrollment Growth

- Maintains previously proposed:
    - 1.0% growth funding in FY 2025–26
    - 0.5% growth funding in FY 2026–27
- Adds approximately $2 million to maintain the 0.5% growth proposal.

Categorical Program COLA

- Additional $6.1 million ongoing to increase categorical program COLAs from 2.41% to 2.87%.
- Unlike the SCFF, categorical programs did not receive the discretionary "super COLA" increase.

Student Support Block Grant

- Additional one-time increase of $607,000, bringing the total proposed funding to approximately $100.6 million.

Paid Pregnancy Leave

- New requirement for community colleges and TK-12 districts to provide up to 14 weeks of paid pregnancy disability leave beginning in 2026–27.
- The Administration indicates districts are expected to absorb these costs within the enhanced SCFF COLA.

Key Concerns Raised in the Analysis

The Sacramento Report analysis notes that the May Revision does not fund:

- Additional enrollment access,
- A COLA increase for the Student Equity and Achievement Program,
- Several broader community college priorities advocated by the system.

Advocacy Considerations for SBCCD

- The May Revision directs approximately $4.6 billion into the Proposition 98 Rainy Day Fund, limiting the amount of discretionary funding available for additional ongoing investments. However, this may also create an opportunity for continued advocacy as budget negotiations move forward.
- SBCCD, in coordination with system partners, could continue advocating for:
    - Additional enrollment growth funding to better align funded growth with actual student demand; and/or
    - Targeted refinements to the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF), including funding credit FTES at the greater of the current-year reported amount or the three-year average.
- While the May Revision provides a significant discretionary increase to the SCFF COLA, categorical programs only received the statutory COLA adjustment increase from 2.41% to 2.87% and did not receive the enhanced discretionary "super COLA" provided through SCFF.
- As a result, ongoing advocacy may continue to focus on:
    - Student access and enrollment capacity,
    - Better alignment between operational cost pressures and categorical funding levels, and
    - Long-term sustainability and responsiveness of the funding model.

Budget Enrollment Assumptions:

- 4.31% Super COLA
- Negotiated salaries for all bargaining units
- 9.1% health benefit increase
- Continued increases to insurance costs
- Early Retirement Incentive implementation
- Maintain Fund Balance Requirement
- Enrollment Goals

Enrollment

- Target FY 25-26 FTES - 16,826
- FY 25-26 Actual FTES as of May - 16,995
    - Pre-Covid FTES as of May 2020 - 15,675
- Future Years 3% target growth goal

President Contreras commented that SBVC is up 13% for summer. President Horan commented that CHC is up 24% for summer. Chancellor Rodriguez added that these numbers are not typical across CA CCDs, this is due to intentional work of the campuses.

Next Steps:

- 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

Goal 4: Ensure Fiscal Accountability & Sustainability

- Continued Pro-Active Decision-Making
- High Enrollment
- Balanced Forecast
- People-Centered

The Chancellor thanked the Board of Trustees for the continued leadership, long-term vision, and commitment to the financial sustainability of SBCCD.

This tentative budget reflects several strategic decisions that continue to positively impact the District today:

- The Board's decision to prefund the OPEB trust, helping reduce long-term liabilities and strengthen financial stability;
- Investments in commercial properties that continue generating ongoing revenues for the District;
- Strategic PARS investments that have created additional financial flexibility;
- And the implementation of the Early Retirement Incentive, which helped create meaningful ongoing savings reflected in this budget and was instrumental in balancing our multi-year forecast.

Despite health benefit rate increases exceeding 9%, this tentative budget continues to support excellent employee benefits while also providing salary increases across all employee classifications. These investments reflect our commitment to ensuring SBCCD remains one of the most attractive employers in the region and a place where employees feel valued, supported, and empowered to serve students.

Despite continued uncertainty at the state level, SBCCD remains in a strong position:

- Enrollment now exceeds pre-pandemic levels,
- Our multi-year forecast remains balanced,
- We continue to invest in students and employees,
- And we remain committed to responsible stewardship of public resources.

Discussion: Executive Vice Chancellor commented that the State budget allocation to SBCCD is 1.4%. Executive Vice Chancellor Jose Torres clarified that KVCR negative is a carryover from past years, loan from SBCCD to KVCR. Vice Chancellor Rodriguez clarified the Pregnancy Disability Leave is still being research of the impact to SBCCD and are aware of the change from 12 weeks to 14 weeks. There are different requirements for the disability component to be granted by a medical professional. Longville inquired how much financial benefit did SBCCD receive from the government for selling part of the rights of KVCR and that money did not get allocated to KVCR which he feels it should be and the current deficient should be clean per his opinion.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Board: Business Meeting
June 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
SBCCD Boardroom
550 E. Hospitality Ln., Suite 200
San Bernardino, CA 92408

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

The Board of Trustees approved the May 28, 2026, Strategy Session minutes on June 11, 2026.

Dr. Cherina Betters, Clerk
SBCCD Board of Trustees

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