



Board of Trustees Finance Committee (BFC)

Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/549449972>

Members Present: Trustee Harrison, Chair, Trustee Houston

Members Absent: Trustee Singer

Other Board Members Present: Trustees Viricel, Longville, Reyes, and Williams

Staff Present:

- Interim Chancellor Jose Torres
- Presidents Kevin Horan and Diana Rodriguez
- Interim Vice Chancellor of Business & Fiscal Services Jim Buysse
- Vice Presidents of Administrative Services Scott Stark and Mike Strong
- Senior Director of Marketing, Public Affairs & Government Relations Angel Rodriguez
- Director of Fiscal Services Larry Strong
- Director of Facilities Planning Farrah Farzaneh

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Trustee Harrison called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of both the May 13, 2021, and June 10, 2021, meetings, which was seconded by Trustee Harrison. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes:	Trustees Harrison and Houston
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Trustee Singer

IV. CURRENT TOPICS

A. 2021 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Interim Chancellor Torres introduced Ivory Li, David Casnocha, and Chet Wang. He remarked that these individuals have assisted SBCCD with past bond issues and always did a great job. The currently proposed refunding bonds will eliminate the time constraints that come with nontaxable bonds, and provide our colleges with more flexibility in the timing of their construction projects. Secondly, SBCCD is trying to achieve taxpayer savings. Trustee Harrison confirmed that the bonds will alleviate spending deadlines rather than construction deadlines.

Ms. Li proceeded to make a presentation to the committee. It is hoped that SBCCCD can achieve between \$4-6 million in savings.

A discussion ensued about a potential press release if/when the bonds are issued. Trustee Williams would like more board education on how the bonds affect his constituents and suggested that talking points be developed.

Interim Chancellor Torres explained that the current nontaxable bonds require SBCCD to meet certain expenditure deadlines; the refunding would alleviate that constraint. He further commented that the intent is not to delay construction as the more a project is delayed, the more expensive it gets. However, trying to rush three or four projects at a time could create a nightmare in logistics for the campuses.

Trustees Harrison and Houston confirmed that the BFC is encouraging approval of the bond measure board item.

B. Bond Project List

Interim Vice Chancellor Buysse introduced AECOM's Scott Jewell to talk about the bond project list update. Director Farzaneh thanked the trustees for the opportunity to present the proposed bond project list. Mr. Jewell went through the presentation, detailing the changes.

Trustee Williams asked about prioritization of the land acquisition. Director Farzaneh responded that project priority is not part of the new list as all the projects are being implemented. Currently the land acquisition budget includes acquisition, parking, and a bridge. Any development beyond that would require additional funding be setup. Trustee Harrison commented that the first step is to acquire the land, and this is what's included in the budget.

Trustee Houston brought up the concept of "Life on Wheels," and asked that the team investigate it. She shared video link that explores the concept and invites discussion (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFyavHv5kCo>).

V. UPDATES

A. State Budget Update

Senior Director Rodriguez made a presentation on the State budget. Trustee Harrison expressed her desire for information that was more specific to SBCCD, including ongoing vs one-time funding.

Trustee Harrison confirmed with Interim Chancellor Torres that the 5.07% COLA does not translate into a 5.07% salary increase. Rather, it is a revenue increase for the California community college districts.

After this topic Trustee Harrison noted that the committee was out of time and no further updates were discussed.

VI. FUTURE TOPICS

A. Trustee Suggestions

Trustee Harrison would like to hear precise figures for SBCCD's 2022 budget and mentioned that the Board should receive a review as to how SBCCD is funded, including FTES, 50% Law and the FON.

B. Deferred Maintenance

This topic was not discussed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m. The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the SBCCD Board Extension Room.