



Board of Trustees Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2026

San Bernardino Community College District, Boardroom Extension
550 E. Hospitality Ln., Ste 200, San Bernardino, CA 92408

Members Present:

Trustee Stephanie Houston
Trustee Cherina Betters
Trustee Nathan Gonzales

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Jose Torres, Executive Vice Chancellor
Dr. Nohemy Ornelas, Vice Chancellor Educational Services
Steve Sutorus, Executive Director
Charmaine Ligon, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Trustee Houston called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2026-03-12 Minutes

Trustee Houston made a motion to approve the 2026-03-12 minutes which Trustee Gonzales seconded. The motion passed with the following vote.

AYES: Gonzales, Houston

NOES: None

ABSENT: Betters (late)

ABSTENTIONS: None

IV. CURRENT TOPICS

A. Board Finance Committee Quarterly Activity

- Executive Vice Chancellor Jose Torres noted that meeting minutes can be adjusted as needed. He also shared that a cover page has been added for each agenda item.

- Trustee Gonzales recommended that cover pages always appear on odd-numbered pages.
- Trustee Houston clarified that this format should apply only to BFC meetings.

V. MONTHLY UPDATES (as necessary)

A. Bond Construction Highlights

- The Committee reviewed construction highlights for Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College.
- Executive Vice Chancellor Jose Torres explained that projects are being delivered through a progressive design-build method. He noted that strong collaboration between the management team and designers has accelerated project timelines.

B. BOT Budget to Actual

Executive Vice Chancellor Torres explained there are no concerns with the budget.

C. Budget Revenue & Expenditures

Executive Vice Chancellor Torres explained there are no concerns or anything to report at this time.

D. Enrollment

- Vice Chancellor Nohemy Ornelas reported enrollment at 99%, with expectations to meet or exceed targets.
- Executive Vice Chancellor Torres shared state budget advocacy updates during his trip to Sacramento, including a proposal to remove the three-year funding average (target: July 2026, ongoing funding if approved). Additional funding this year could support current growth for enrollment and continue moving forward.
- The District is well-positioned compared to other colleges despite statewide variability.
- Growth is driven by dual enrollment, regional trends, and strong institutional performance.
- Trustees expressed pride in progress, campus quality, and positive community feedback; Trustee Gonzales noted strong progress since 2021.

E. PARS Investment

Executive Vice Chancellor Torres commented that earnings this month were great but may not be the same for next month. There was discussion on the financial impact on the rise of fuel and the effects on procurement. Executive Director Steve Sutorus explained that there have been small increases in regular purchases which is expected. However, for Facilities there are contracts in place, so the pricing is fixed. The current budget has withstood adjustments with smarter purchasing.

F. State Budget

No update for State Budget was discussed. However, Executive Vice Chancellor Torres commented the May revise is approaching.

VI. FUTURE TOPICS

A. BFC Planning Calendar

The committee reviewed the 2026 BFC Planning Calendar. No changes.

B. Trustee Suggestions

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

A. The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.

B. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Charmaine Ligon, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant