



Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

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Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2021

Members Present:

Trustee Frank Reyes (chair)
Trustee John Longville (tardy)
Trustee Anne Viricel

Guests Present:

SBCCD Trustee Gloria Macias Harrison
SBCCD Trustee Stephanie Houston
SBCCD Trustee Donald Singer
Mark MacDonald, MGI Advocacy, Inc.
Marisa Yeager

Staff Present:

Jose Torres, Interim Chancellor
Diana Rodriguez, President San Bernardino Valley College
Kristina Hannon, Vice Chancellor Human Resources & Police Services
Angel Rodriguez, Sr. District Director Marketing, Public Affairs, & Government Relations
Heather Ford, Executive Assistant, Office of the Chancellor

The following text was read and all votes were taken by roll call.

Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 on March 12, 2020, and Executive Order N-29-20 on March 17, 2020. Portions of these orders relax parts of the Brown Act. In part, the orders allow elected officials to “attend” a meeting via teleconference WITHOUT having to admit members of the public into the location from which they are participating (N-25-20) and orders that “such a body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment” (N-29-20).

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Public comments will take place at the time designated at the meeting for public comment. Comments must be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker and twenty (20) minutes per topic if there is more than one speaker.

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I. CALL TO ORDER & SELF INTRODUCTION

Trustee Frank Reyes called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **2020-11-12 BLC minutes**

Trustee Anne Viricel moved to approve the 2020-11-12 BLC minutes. Trustee Frank Reyes seconded the motion.

AYES: Reyes, Viricel

NOES: None

ABSENT: Longville

ABSTENTIONS: None

IV. **CURRENT ISSUES UPDATE**

A. **State Budget Update Presentation by Mark MacDonald of MGI Advocacy, Inc.**

Mark MacDonald, MGI Advocacy, Inc. present an update regarding the 2021-22 State Budget.

Immediate and early adoption package:

- Governor proposes two sets of packages that he wants adopted prior to the normal passage of the budget in June by the Legislature:
 - **Immediate Adoption (Next Two Weeks)**
 - \$2 billion for safe return to in-person instruction for K-6 instruction
 - **Early Adoption (Early Spring)**
 - \$100 million for immediate emergency financial assistance to community college students
 - \$20 million to boost retention and enrollment rates for community colleges

Deferrals:

- Repays \$1.1 billion in 2021-22 deferrals
- Remaining \$326.5 million in deferred funding for 2021-22

Apportionments:

- \$111.1 million for 1.5% COLA to SCFFF
- \$23.1 million for .5% Growth

Ongoing Funding:

- \$30 million Online Technology and Mental Health Services
- \$10.6 million online education ecosystem and infrastructure
- \$15 million California Apprenticeship Initiative
- \$6.1 million COLA to certain categorical programs
- \$8 million increased operating costs for broadband through CENIC
- \$8.1 million COLA Adult Education Block Grant

Ongoing Funding:

- \$150 million Emergency Financial Aid for Students (in addition to \$100 million proposed in Early Adoption package)
- \$100 million Emergency Grants for Food and Housing Insecurity
- \$20 million expand Work-Based Learning
- \$20 million Faculty Professional Development
- \$15 million Zero-Degree Textbooks
- \$2.5 million Dual Enrollment Instructional Materials
- \$600,000 Implementation of CSU Ethnic Studies requirement (AB 1460 – Weber)

Facilities:

- One new start project
- 17 continuing projects
- Administration plans to approve more facilities to go to the funding phase in the Spring.

Other Initiatives:

- Require all high school seniors to fill out a FASFA or California Dream Act Application
- Increase Competitive Cal Grants by 9,000 to 50,000
- Buy down employer contributions for retirement funds by approximately two percentage points each (CalSTRS 18.1% to 15.92%/CalPERS 24.9% to 23%)
- Community college districts required to maintain number of online courses in 2021-22 that is 10% higher than the number offered in 2018-19
- \$250 million one-time general fund to support forthcoming proposals focused on workforce development, segment alignment, and improving linkages between higher education and the workforce.

Issues and Questions:

- Community college districts are provided with significant funding augmentations, however, most of that funding is one-time.
- Community college districts did not receive a COLA last year, and that COLA is not “made up” in this proposal.
- Most of the one-time funding is earmarked for financial aid, there is not much operational funding - including funds that districts would need to open campuses.
- Is there a way to increase base funding and provide additional flexibility in the one-time funding that the Administration is proposing.

B. 2021-22 State Budget Priorities (Information Only)

Interim Chancellor Torres reviewed the SBCCD 2021-22 State Budget Priorities. 1.5% COLA for SBCCD, and K-12 will be receiving 3%-3.5% COLA. Mark MacDonald to get clarification regarding 4-year universities receiving ongoing funding. SBCCD has approximately \$30M in deferrals, and the State is to pay approx. 2/3 back. It is important to SBCCD to support the CALPERS and CALSTERS paydown. Chancellor Torres clarified PERS and STERS. The rates will be the same. The only difference is the State will pay a portion on SBCCD's behalf. This is considered one-time funding but has been ongoing for the past two years and will continue this year.

Interim Chancellor Torres discussed the possibility of putting the one-time funding into a flexible block grant that each college can use and assist with student's basic needs. From the federal level, we know we will be receiving about \$18M, but we are unaware of the restrictions of those funds at this time.

Angel Rodriguez will be scheduling advocacy Zoom meetings with our local leaders via Zoom in lieu of traveling to Sacramento.

V. **ACTION AGENDA**

A. **Legislative Principles (Third Read)**

Trustee Anne Viricel moved to approve recommendation to the full board with the following revisions:

College Affordability & Student Basic Needs – The SBCCD Board of Trustees supports legislation and other reforms to make college more affordable, and measures to address student basic needs.

Local Decision-Making: The SBCCD Board of Trustees affirms its responsibility to make decisions in the best interests of the local community, district, and campuses.

Trustee Longville seconded the motion.

AYES: Longville, Viricel, Reyes

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

IV. **FUTURE TOPICS**

Trustee Anne Viricel requested a schedule of virtual meetings scheduled with the Sacramento legislative officials.

Angel Rodriguez announced SBCCD and RCCD are coordinating ways to advocate for students. Creating a reoccurring joint meeting to identify regional interests and continuing joint-advocacy efforts.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96195940761>

February 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Heather Ford, Recorder, Office of the Chancellor