



San Bernardino Community College District
Board Legislative Committee Meeting
February 11, 2021
11:00 am-12:15 pm Pacific Time

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AGENDA
Board Legislative Committee Meeting
February 11, 2021
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Zoom Conference:
<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96195940761>
Dial: (669) 900-6833 or (346) 248-7799 - Meeting ID: 961 9594 0761

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
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- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. 2021-01-14 BLC Meeting Minutes (pg 3)
- IV. CURRENT ISSUES UPDATE**
 - A. SBCCD and RCCD Joint-Advocacy Efforts Update
 - B. Legislative Proposals of Interest (pg 7)
- V. ACTION AGENDA**
 - A. Consideration to Reaffirm the Board Legislative Committee Charge and Elect a Committee Chair (pg 10)
- VI. FUTURE TOPICS**
 - A. Trustee Suggestions
- VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT**
 - A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee: Zoom Conference <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96195940761> March 11, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.
 - B. Adjournment

The SBCCD BLC exists as a standing, advisory committee comprised of less than a quorum of Board members and is subject to the California Public Meetings Brown Act. The committee is charged with: • Increasing the efficiency of the Board of Trustees by performing time-sensitive legislative research on its behalf. • Improving clarity by providing a platform for detailed questions not conducive to the flow of monthly business meetings. • Promoting transparency of SBCCD's legislative advocacy priorities through discussions in an open forum. • Fostering an environment of understanding by communicating findings and formulating recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.



Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

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

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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:

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

Heather Ford, Recorder, Office of the Chancellor

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2021 Bills of Interest

Overview: The California State Legislature reconvened from Winter Recess on January 11. Of the 545 new bills already introduced by the legislature, 51 bills relate to higher education. Of these bills, 15 could have a direct impact on California community colleges, our faculty, and students. Below is a summary of legislative proposals with staff recommendations.

Key Legislative Dates:

- Feb. 19 – Last day for bills to be introduced
- June 4 – Last day for Senate and Assembly to pass bills introduced in that house
- June 15 – Budget bill must be passed by midnight
- September 10 – Last day for any bill to be passed

AB 99 (Irwin): Statewide Cradle to Career Data

Staff recommendation: Monitor

Would codify recommendations in the [Cradle to Career Data System](#) Legislative Report.

Source: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB99

AB 102 (Holden): Dual Enrollment

Board Legislative Principle: State and Federal Partnerships

Staff Recommendation: Support

Would remove sunset on College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships, making the program permanent.

Source: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB102

AB 103 (Holden): Dual Enrollment

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Staff Recommendation: Support

Would allow county offices of education to participate in CCAP partnerships.

Source: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB103

AB 275 (Medina): Classified Employees

Staff Recommendation: Monitor

This bill would shorten the maximum length of a prescribed period of probation to 6 months or 130 days of paid service for classified community college employees, whichever is longer.

Source: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB275

AB 288 (Bonta): Student Financial Aid

Staff Recommendation: Monitor

This bill would ensure that private scholarships supplement, and do not supplant, gift aid, grants, scholarships, tuition waivers, and fellowship stipends provided by institutions of higher education to California students who have financial need.

Source: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB288

AB 289 (Calderon): Classified School Employee Elections

Staff Recommendation: Monitor

This bill would mandate additional ballot secrecy in the voting process for the adoption or termination of a merit system for classified employees of a community college district; and would further prohibit a representative of the district from marking the ballot or envelope of any employee.

Source: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB289

AB 295 (Jones-Sawyer): Work Group to Examine Tuition and Fees

Staff Recommendation: Monitor

This bill would establish a working group consisting of representatives from the State Department of Education, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Regents of the University of California to consider the creation of a pilot program that would provide free postsecondary education in the state by replacing the system of charging students tuition and fees for enrollment at a public postsecondary institution. The bill would also require the working group to submit a report to the Legislature on the pilot program.

Source: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB295

SB 40 (Hurtado): Health Care Pipeline

Staff Recommendation: Monitor

Would create the California Medicine Scholars Program, a 5-year pilot program commencing January 1, 2023, and would require the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to establish and facilitate the pilot program. The bill would require the pilot program to establish a regional pipeline program for community college students to pursue premedical training and enter medical school.

Source: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB40

SB 45 (Portantino): Funding for Fire Training Programs

Board Legislative Principle: Increased Public Investment in Student Success

Staff Recommendation: Support

This bill would place a \$4 billion bond for wildfire prevention on 2022 ballot. \$5 million of those funds would go to community colleges for related workforce development.

Source: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB45

SB 228 (Leyva): Foster Youth

Board Legislative Principle: Equity

Staff Recommendation: Support

This bill would change the eligibility criteria for the NextUp program to allow students in foster care after the age of 13 to participate and be eligible for priority registration. This bill also allows colleges to use funds on enrolled NextUp students before their first day of class and allows colleges to prioritize students with lower incomes.

Source: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB228

Federal Update

Overview: President Biden has taken the following executive actions that may be relevant to community college students. These actions are consistent with SBCCD's Board Legislative Principle on Equity.

- [Proclamation](#) to eliminate the Trump administration's ban on people from several majority Muslim countries entering the United States.
- [Memorandum](#) to direct the Homeland Security secretary, in consultation with the attorney general, to take actions preserving the DACA program.
- [Executive order](#) to revoke the Trump administration's 2018 executive order to exclude undocumented immigration from the U.S. census.
- [Executive order](#) to revoke President Trump's 2017 executive order that made all undocumented immigrants a priority for arrest by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(H.R.6) American Dream and Promise Act

Board Legislative Policy: Equity

Staff Recommendation: Support

President Biden put forward a bill proposal to immediately grant temporary residency to those protected by DACA and those who are protected by Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and provide a pathway for citizenship for undocumented individuals by decreasing the amount of time required from 13 years to 8 years by making the naturalization process more efficient. Representative Linda Sanchez (D-CA) and Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ) will carry the legislation reflecting Biden's proposal.

Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Capital Financing Program

Board Legislative Policy: Increased Public Investment in Student Success

Staff Recommendation: Support

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) has announced a legislative request to amend the Higher Education Act to create an HSI Capital Financing Program, comparable to that of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). HACU is advocating for \$10 billion in secured loans and accrued interest to support additional classroom facilities, labs, and other infrastructure needed at Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

HSIs are highly diverse institutions that face significant funding limitations. Although HSIs enroll two-thirds of today's 3.8 million Hispanic college students, they also enroll more African Americans than all the HBCUs combined, more American Indians than all the Tribal Colleges and Universities together, and over 40% of all Asian Americans enrolled in college today. Yet, HSIs remain dramatically underfunded. HACU believes that a new program to support the capital financing of the approximately 550 HSIs is essential to increase their capacity to serve the educational needs of their diverse and needy student populations.

SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

TO: Board Legislative Committee

FROM: Jose F. Torres, Interim Chancellor

REVIEWED BY: Jose F. Torres, Interim Chancellor

PREPARED BY: Heather Ford, Executive Assistant

DATE: February 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Consideration to Reaffirm the Board Legislative Committee Charge and Elect a Committee Chair

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board Legislative Committee reaffirm its charge and elect a committee chair.

OVERVIEW

Following the governing board’s annual organizational meeting, each board ad hoc committee must elect a committee chair and reaffirm the committee charge. The Board Legislative Committee met on September 10, 2020 to recommend the committee member roles and committee charge. Approval of the Board Legislative Committee’s recommendation will guide the SBCCD Board of Trustees and Chancellor’s Office in engaging with government officials and diverse stakeholders to promote public policy solutions that support student achievement and economic mobility in the Inland Empire.

ANALYSIS

The Board Legislative Committee plays a supporting role to the full Board of Trustees in advocating for its higher education and career-training mission at the regional, state and federal levels. Committee members review public policies that affect SBCCD’s mission and formulate recommendations to the full Board of Trustees to take positions of support, opposition or abstention. The Board of Trustees may inform and educate the public about their position on public policy proposals through resolutions, engagement with policymakers, and external communications coordinated by the Chancellor’s Office.

BOARD IMPERATIVE

- I. Institutional Effectiveness
- II. Learning-Centered Institution for Student Access, Retention and Success

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.



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- Trustee Anne L. Viricel, Vice Chair
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