



Board of Trustees Legislative Committee Meeting
 Meeting Agenda - December 10, 2021, at 11: 00 a.m.
 SBCCD Boardroom Extension
 550 E. Hospitality Ln., Ste. 200, San Bernardino, CA 92408

I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER (*Frank Reyes*)

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees offers an opportunity for the public to address the Board on any agenda item prior to or during the Board's consideration of that item. Comments must be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker and twenty (20) minutes per topic if there is more than one speaker. At the conclusion of public comment, the Board may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. As a matter of law, members of the Board may not discuss or take action on matters raised during public comment unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion or action in Open Session. Anyone who requires a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should contact the Chancellor's Office at (909) 388-6903 as far in advance of the Board meeting as possible.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2021-09-09 BLC Meeting Minutes

IV. ADVOCACY UPDATE

A. Review of 2021 Advocacy Efforts (*Angel Rodriguez*)

V. ACTION AGENDA

A. Review 2022 Legislative & Budget (*Angel Rodriguez*)

FUTURE TOPICS

A. Trustee Suggestions

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee:
 January 13, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. (in person)
 SBCCD Boardroom Extension

B. Adjournment

SBCCD Mission:

The San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) transforms lives through the education and training of students for the benefit and enrichment of our diverse communities.

BLC Charge:

- ❖ 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.
- BLC Charge was reaffirmed February 11, 2021 by the Board of Trustees. 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.



Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes – September 09, 2021

Members Present:

Trustee Anne Viricel
Trustee John Longville (tardy)

Guests Present:

Staff Present:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER & SELF INTRODUCTION

Trustee Anne Viricel called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

Trustee Anne Viricel motioned to recess. Trustee Anne Viricel reconvened the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2021-07-08 Board Legislative Committee Minutes

Trustee John Longville moved to approve the 2021-07-08 Board Legislative Committee minutes. Trustee Anne Viricel seconded the motion.

AYES: Viricel, Longville

NOES: None

ABSENT: Reyes

ABSTENTIONS: None

IV. ADVOCACY UPDATE

A. Update on State Legislative of Interest to SBCCD – Angel Rodriguez

A. Rodriguez reviewed the state legislative of interest of SBCCD.

AB 75 is not moving forward this year.

AB 417 is at the Senate and is expected to go to governor 9/10/21

AB 469 has been amended so that schools get support from the state.

AB 775 no longer an active bill. However, the Governor did approve funding for basic need/centers on campus.

AB 927 Community College Baccalaureate Degree opens to all community colleges. Only one campus within the same district can only apply during the same application period. Application periods occur every six months.

- A. Rodriguez to look into if one campus can apply multiple times within the same application period. Also, if multiple campuses can offer the same programs or if each program has to be different.

AB 940 bill died. But still got funded

AB 1106 became a tiered bill.

AB 1111 bill has been funded to create a pilot program.

AB 1185 at the Senate and expected to move to Governor.

AB 1326 at the Senate

AB 1456 Unanimous vote by Senate. Moving to Governor.

AB 1377 No longer moving forward. Executive Vice Chancellor Torres reported a trailered bill supports half the funds will go to community college districts. \$250 million for community college districts. \$225 million for districts to explore affordable student housing. Application deadline is October 31, 2021 and construction must begin by December 2022.

SB 22 no longer moving forward

SB 45 no longer moving forward

SB 228 no longer moving forward

Trustee Longville requested to contact Senator Portantino to keep supporting SB 45: Funding for Fire Training Programs. Also, to work with Senator Leyva to keep supporting SB 228: Foster Youth.

V. ACTION AGENDA

A. Discussion on 2022 Legislative Principles and Priorities – Angel Rodriguez

Trustee John Longville moved to approve the 2022 Legislative Principles and Priorities. Trustee Anne Viricel seconded the motion.

AYES: Viricel, Longville

NOES: None

ABSENT: Reyes

ABSTENTIONS: None

IV. FUTURE TOPICS

Trustee Longville asked to alert the entire Board of Trustees their need to advocate in Sacramento this next year on short notice if needed. A. Rodriguez to create a calendar for the Board of Trustees to attend state/federal legislative affairs. A. Rodriguez suggested hosting legislators at SBCCD. In addition, A. Rodriguez suggested collaboration again with RCCD.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee (in person)

October 7, 2021, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Heather Ford, Recorder, Office of the Chancellor

**San Bernardino Community College District
Board Legislative Committee
December 10, 2021**

Item: Update on SBCCD's 2021 Advocacy Efforts

Summary:

This item provides an executive summary of key actions the SBCCD Chancellor's Office has taken recently to engage with policymakers and diverse stakeholders to advocate for public policy solutions that support student achievement and economic mobility in the Inland Empire.

For background, October 9 marked the end of the first year of the 2021-22 Legislative Session. Of the 2,400 bills collectively introduced by the Assembly and Senate, 203 bills had a direct impact to the California Community Colleges. Governor Newsom signed 91 bills into law related to community colleges. The CCC Chancellor's Office has created a [report summarizing relevant legislation](#).

Recommendation:

This is an information item; no action is required.

Board Legislative Principles	Recent Actions Taken
Equity <i>The SBCCD Board of Trustees supports public policies that increase student success, including completion, transfer, and employment while closing equity gaps and nurturing an anti-racist educational environment.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewed and recommended (Oct. 19) SBCCD's support position for Congressman Pete Aguilar's bipartisan legislation to protect the civil rights of students. Should it be signed into law, the bill will require higher education institutions to designate at least one employee to coordinate compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. SBCCD already meets the intent of this bill.Amplified public awareness of educational opportunities and community resources in observance of the statewide Undocumented Student Action Week (Oct. 18-22) and Veterans Day (Nov. 11).Chancellor reaffirmed SBCCD's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism as a featured panelist at a California Community Colleges Women's Caucus convening (Nov. 17).
Increased Public Investment in Student Success <i>The SBCCD Board of Trustees supports advocacy to increase state and federal funding, resources, and legislation that strengthen our colleges' ability to meet student equity and workforce development goals.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Met with Governor's Inland Empire regional office (Nov. 9) to express SBCCD's gratitude for the state's largest state budget investment in higher education in history -- \$47.1 billion. SBVC Interim President underscored SBVC/CHC's high accreditation status and advocated for continued state budget support to build affordable student housing and to expand and simplify the Cal Grant student aid program.Advocated for the America's College Promise proposal (two-years of free community college) under

	<p>the Build Back Better federal funding framework on social media and by communicating with Congressman Pete Aguilar's office (Oct. 19).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing a regional roundtable at SBCCD featuring the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU) Senior Vice President of Government Relations. The purpose of the meeting is to strategize federal advocacy to fund facility improvements at Hispanic-Serving Institutions like SBCCD. Date of convening: First quarter of 2022.
<p>College Affordability & Student Basic Needs <i>The SBCCD Board of Trustees supports legislation and other reforms to make college more affordable, and measures to address student basic needs.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for, and Governor approved ongoing funding that expands financial aid eligibility for 100,000 more community college adult learners (regardless of age or time out of high school) to receive a \$1,650 Cal Grant award to help cover educational and living expenses. Advocated for, and pursuing state funding to conduct a feasibility study to build affordable student housing. SBCCD is requesting \$970K for CHC and \$1.7M for SBVC. State will announce grant awards by March 2022. Chancellor partnered with local K-12 schools, California Student Aid Commission, and state legislators (Connie Leyva, Jose Medina, Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, and Eloise Gomez Reyes) to host "Cash For College" webinars to encourage FAFSA/California Dream Act Application completion. Next workshop will be held in with Asm. James Ramos in January 2022.
<p>Local Decision-Making <i>The SBCCD Board of Trustees affirms its responsibility to make decisions in the best interests of the local community, district, and campuses.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborating with Redistricting Partners, a consulting firm hired by SBCCD, to provide technical assistance on the district's redistricting process to redraw trustee voter maps based on 2020 U.S. Census population changes. Draft voter maps will be reviewed by the board and public at the Dec. board meeting. Established new connection with Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) that could yield grant funding and resources from IEHP to support SBCCD's educational campaign to promote COVID-19 vaccine safety and efficacy among students, faculty and staff.
<p>State and Federal Partnerships <i>The SBCCD Board of Trustees will advocate for legislation where state or federal intervention is justified.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning a special gathering to convey appreciation to Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gomez Reyes, Assemblymembers James Ramos and Freddie Rodriguez for their leadership securing \$4 million in the 2021-22 state budget to support KVCR TV/FM. Event details are forthcoming.

Civic Engagement

The SBCCD Board of Trustees will advocate for adequate representation of the Inland Empire on legislatively-formed boards, commissions, task forces, study groups, and other bodies that may have an impact on SBCCD's educational mission.

- Pursuing a grant through the Governor's California Volunteers Commission to provide CHC and SBVC students **\$10,000 grants for community service.**
- Teaming up with the Governor's Office and UC Riverside to co-host a public webinar to educate Inland Empire students and residents on how to get appointed by the Governor to **serve on a state board or commission.** Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Register: <http://bit.ly/shape-ca>

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Item: 2022 Legislative & Budget Priorities (Draft: First Read)

Summary:

This item presents the San Bernardino Community College District's legislative and budget priorities for fiscal year 2022-23. The proposal describes the funding and public policies needed for SBCCD to make higher education more accessible and equitable at a time when the Inland Empire continues to grapple with the socioeconomic impacts caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Recommendation:

The Board Legislative Committee may make a recommendation to the full SBCCD Board of Trustees to approve SBCCD's 2022 Legislative & Budget Advocacy Priorities at the January 2022 meeting.

Board Legislative Principles	SBCCD 2022 Legislative & Budget Advocacy Priorities
Equity <i>The SBCCD Board of Trustees supports public policies that increase student success, including completion, transfer, and employment while closing equity gaps and nurturing an anti-racist educational environment.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase Student Enrollment & Retention: SBCCD supports ongoing funding for enrollment and retention efforts for districts and colleges experiencing steep declines in enrollment, particularly among ethnically diverse and underserved student populations. Funding would support local outreach and marketing strategies.• Support Faculty Diversity Hiring: SBCCD supports ongoing funding to connect future hiring practices and procedures to statewide equity and diversity efforts.
Increased Public Investment in Student Success <i>The SBCCD Board of Trustees supports advocacy to increase state and federal funding, resources, and legislation that strengthen our colleges' ability to meet student equity and workforce development goals.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen KVCR TV/FM Educational Media: SBCCD requests ongoing state investment to strengthen KVCR TV/FM's long-term capacity to serve the Inland Empire with PBS and NPR educational content, local news, and cultural programming, and grow in-studio training opportunities for students preparing for media industry careers.• Increase Base Funding: SBCCD supports \$500 million in ongoing funding to support the educational mission and operations of all California community colleges.• Address Student Centered Funding Formula: SBCCD supports the extension of the hold-harmless provisions of the SCFF.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Technology Infrastructure: SBCCD supports ongoing funding to ensure students have access to adequate distance learning services, modernize technology infrastructure, and protect sensitive data. • Provide CalSTRS/CalPERS Relief: SBCCD supports ongoing funding in non-Proposition 98 resources to “buy down” the employer contribution levels required by colleges/districts. Doing so will free up general fund revenues for other student-centered priorities. • Modernize Facilities & Instructional Equipment: SBCCD supports \$150 million in one-time funding, systemwide, to repair and update campus facilities and educational equipment.
<p>College Affordability & Student Basic Needs <i>The SBCCD Board of Trustees supports legislation and other reforms to make college more affordable, and measures to address student basic needs.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Affordable Student Housing: SBCCD supports investments to build student residential housing for community college students experiencing housing insecurity. SBCCD supports ongoing funding to support colleges working with local, county, and student agencies to establish housing options for community college students. Resources are needed to support initial planning, modernization, restoration, and construction. • Expand Textbook Affordability: SBCCD launched the Books+ program to provide all students with free rental access to textbooks and course materials, limited to the 2021-22 academic year. SBCCD is committed to advancing strategies that make textbooks more affordable to students and ensure they have ongoing access to learning materials on day one. • Address Student Basic Needs: SBCCD supports ongoing funding to address students’ basic needs and provide CalFresh enrollment support, food pantries, and other essential services. • Reform Cal Grant: SBCCD supports the California Student Aid Commission-sponsored legislation to reform the Cal Grant to provide greater financial aid resources to community college students. Specifically, SBCCD supports reforms that would simplify financial aid and create a Cal Grant 2 for community college students.