



**Board Legislative Committee Meeting**  
**March 09, 2023 at 12:30 -1:45 p.m.**  
**San Bernardino Valley College, B-112**

**I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**

*(Frank Reyes)*

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*(Frank Reyes)*

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**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*(Frank Reyes)*

A. 2022-12-09 BLC Meeting Minutes

**IV. ADVOCACY UPDATE**

*(Ynez Canela)*

- A. Community College League of California Annual Legislative Conference
- B. Association of Community College Trustees Legislative Summit
- C. Bills of Interest

1. AB 870 (Arambula) Public social services: benefits for students.

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2. AB 928 (Reyes) CalFresh Data Dashboard: students.

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3. AB 1173 (Ta) College and career fairs.

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4. AB 1198 (Grayson) GO-Biz: Equity in energy task force.

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#### D. Upcoming

1. Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Capitol Forum; April 18-19, 2023
2. CalFresh Roundtable: April 21, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
3. Webinars
  - i. HACU Students Internships
  - ii. Department of Agriculture
  - iii. Careers in Construction

#### V. ACTION AGENDA

*(Frank Reyes)*

**VI. FUTURE TOPICS**

*(Frank Reyes)*

- A. Trustee Suggestions

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT**

*(Frank Reyes)*

- A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee:  
April 13, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. (in person)  
Crafton Hills College, LRC Building  
17111 San Canyon Rd. LRC 226, Yucaipa, CA
- B. Adjournment



## Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

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### Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2022

#### Members Present:

Trustee Frank Reyes  
Trustee Anne Viricel

#### Guests Present:

Alex Zucco, California Student Aid Commission (via Zoom)

#### Staff Present:

Angel Rodriguez, Associate Vice Chancellor Governmental Relations & Strategic Communications  
Heather Ford, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the Chancellor  
Ynez Canela, Director, Local Business Outreach

#### I. CALL TO ORDER & SELF INTRODUCTION

Trustee Frank Reyes called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### A. 2022-08-11 Board Legislative Committee Minutes

Trustee Viricel moved to approve the 2022-08-11 Board Legislative Committee minutes. Trustee Reyes seconded the motion.

AYES: Reyes, Viricel

NOES: None

ABSENT: Longville

ABSTENTIONS: None

#### IV. POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE CALFRESH WORKGROUP REPORT

Presentation by Alex Zucco, State & Federal Policy Manger, California Student Aid Commission.

The CalFresh Workgroup Report was first released in March, 2022. The report was the culmination of a year-long workgroup review of issues that impede student access to CalFresh benefits. The report findings and recommendations have help generate or support policy proposals, including several that were adopted through the 2022-2023 State Budget and legislation.

State Policy Recommendations:

- Establish pilot regional hub for students to apply for and be approved for CalFresh benefits.
- Establish pilot food support program for undocumented students.
- Use FAFSA data to pre-populate the CalFresh application.
- Enhance data sharing with California Department of Education to identify all K-12 students on free & reduced-price meal program.

Legislative Impact:**AB 2810 (Arambula)**

Bill codified "Dear Colleague" letter from U.S. Department of Education requiring CSU & CCC campuses to notify students that might be eligible for CalFresh: Signed Sept. 30, 2022.

**AB 2652 (McCarty)**

Introduced bill with three workgroup recommendations: CA Dream Act food pilot program, EBT card acceptance on campuses & regional hub/student portal: Held on Suspense.

**SB 641 (Skinner) & dashboard**

SB 641 established workgroup to identify steps needed to accommodate large influx of applications at peak times, and budget action to publish metrics about student applications, demographics & exemptions on existing Dept. of Social Services dashboard.

Federal Policy Recommendations:

- Eliminate permanently the federal Student Eligibility Rule.
- Eliminate interview requirement for students.
- Verify SNAP recertification for students through the annual FAFSA submission, thereby eliminating 6-month eligibility status check.
- Provide presumptive eligibility for students who are \$0 EFD eligible, participants of the FRPM, or from a family or household with SNAP benefits.

White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health (Biden-Harris Administration National Strategy on Hungry, Nutrition, and Health)

- First White House Conference on hunger in over 50 years.
- Student hunger and the arbitrary barriers to access were highlighted as "out-of-date."
- Strategy encouraged USDA to partner with U.S. Dept. of Education to increase outreach & awareness.
- Survey institutions of higher education on how food insecurity is addressed on campuses.
- Encourages cross-agency collaboration to achieve 95% cross-enrollment.

Moving Forward

- Compton College memo:  
Submitted memo to U.S. Department of Education based on the Compton College-model to add Opt-in box to FAFSA for students to signal interest in other services and consent to sharing of their data.
- Continued state interest in recommendations:  
There continues to be interest from state lawmakers on enacting policies to better leverage federal funding as we head into uncertain state budget environment.
- Farm Bill Reauthorization:  
CSAC can join advocacy on food insecurity on college campuses and creating equitable policies for college students to access Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

**V. ACTION AGENDA****A. Review 2023 Legislative & Budget Advocacy Priorities**

Trustee Reyes moved to approve the 2023 Legislative & Budget Advocacy Priorities. Trustee Viricel seconded the motion.

AYES: Reyes, Viricel

NOES: None

ABSENT: Longville

ABSTENTIONS: None

**B. Review 2023 Legislative Principles**

Trustee Viricel moved to approve the 2023 SBCCD Legislative Principles. Trustee Reyes seconded the motion.

AYES: Reyes, Viricel

NOES: None

ABSENT: Longville

ABSTENTIONS: None

**C. Reaffirmation 2023 Board Legislative Committee Charge**

The SBCCD Board of Trustees Legislative Committee 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.

Trustee Reyes moved to approve the 2023 Board Legislative Committee charge. Trustee Viricel seconded the motion.

AYES: Reyes, Viricel

NOES: None

ABSENT: Longville

ABSTENTIONS: None

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS/ ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

None

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT**

- A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee (in person)  
January 12, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.  
SBCCD Boardroom Extension
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

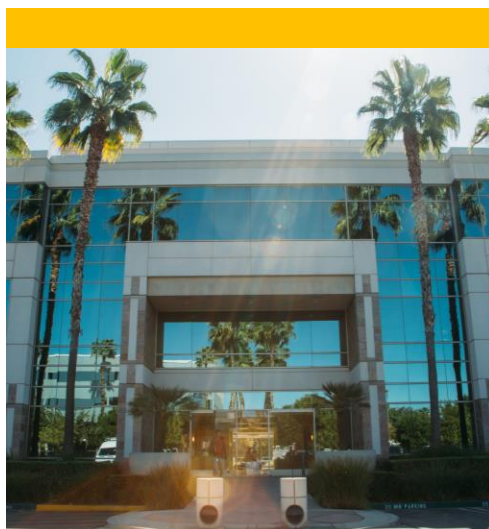
*Heather Ford, Recorder, Office of the Chancellor*



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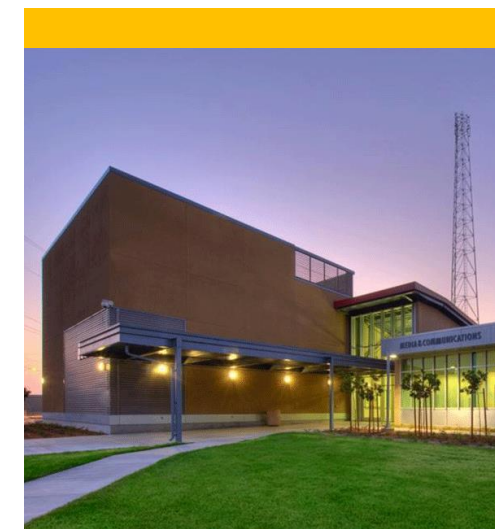
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# Community College League of California Annual Legislative Conference

# SBCCCD Met with 5 Legislative Offices



**Advocacy = Resources for students.** Members of the Board of Trustees, Campus Leadership, and the members of the Chancellor's Cabinet met with five legislative offices to advocate for eliminating barriers to accessing CalFresh food benefits, building student housing, ongoing funding for FNX, and more local news & diverse voices.



**Assemblymember  
Sabrina Cervantes**



**Assemblymember  
James Ramos**



**Assemblymember  
Greg Wallis**



**Senator  
Rosilicie Ochoa Borg**

# Association of Community College Trustees Legislative Summit

# SBCCD Advocacy in Washington D.C.



**Student leaders, Board Trustee Reyes, and members of the Chancellors Cabinet met with various legislators in D.C.** The group advocated to streamline the CalFresh application process and increase federal funding for HSIs and facility improvements.

# Bills to Watch

# 2023 Advocacy Priorities

## Goal 1: Eliminate Barriers to Student Access and Success

- **AB 870 (Arambula) Public social services: benefits for students.**
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# 2023 SBCCD Advocacy Priorities

## Goal 3: Be a Leader and Partner in Addressing Regional Issues

- **AB 1198 (Grayson) GO-Biz: Equity in energy task force.**
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# Upcoming



# What's Next:

## Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities

### Capitol Forum - April 18-19, 2023

Meeting Requests (Pending)

- Congressman Jay Obernolte

### HACU Internships Webinar

- *Pending Date/Time*



# What's Next:

**Department of Agriculture**



**United States  
Department of  
Agriculture**

**Student Internship Webinar**

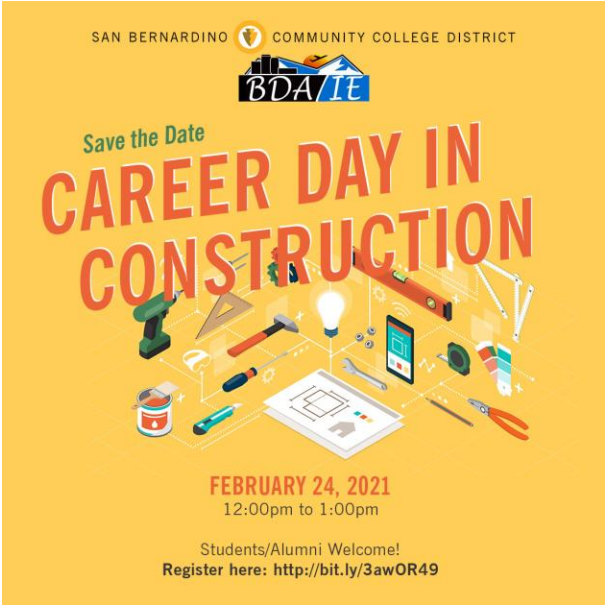
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# What's Next:

## Careers in Construction

**Virtual Career Fair in Partnership with the Business  
Development Association of the Inland Empire**

*Pending Date/Time*



# What's Next:

## CalFresh Roundtable

### Combating College Student Hunger Roundtable

Friday, April 21, 2023

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## COMBATING COLLEGE STUDENT HUNGER

An Inland Empire Policy Roundtable



In the Inland Empire and across California, too many college students experience food insecurity, preventing them from achieving their higher education and career training goals.

**This roundtable** will focus on CalFresh and explore local, state, and federal policy solutions to combat college student hunger.

### Friday, April 21, 2023

9:30 a.m. Check-In & Networking

10:00 a.m. Program Begins

12:00 p.m. Program Concludes

**By invitation only.**  
**Location to be announced.**

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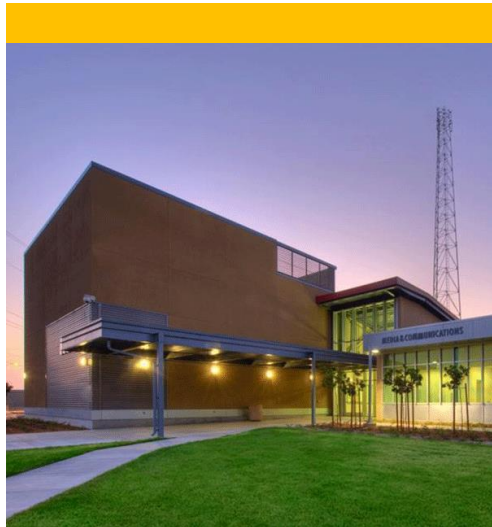
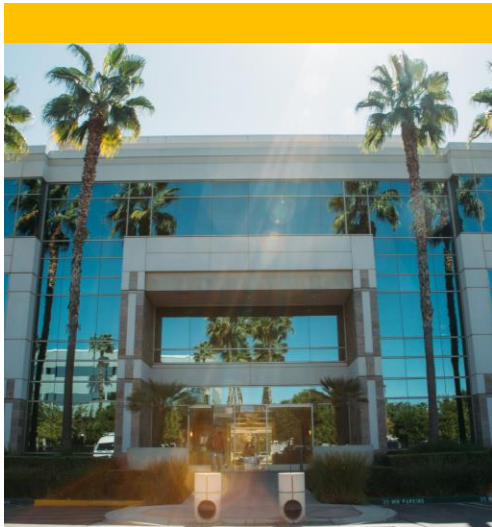
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# Comments? Questions?



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