



## Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

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### Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2023

San Bernardino Community College District  
550 E. Hospitality Ln., Ste 200, San Bernardino, CA 92

#### Members Present:

Trustee Frank Reyes  
Trustee Anne Viricel via teleconference  
Trustee John Longville

#### Staff Present:

Diana Rodriguez, Chancellor  
Angel Rodriguez, Associate Vice Chancellor Government Relations & Strategic Communications  
Ynez Canela, Associate Director Legislative & Community Relations  
Heather Ford, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the Chancellor

### I. CALL TO ORDER & SELF INTRODUCTION

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

The San Bernardino Community College District Board Legislative Committee meeting is conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953. Trustee Viricel is participating by zoom conference. In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, the teleconference location has been identified in the notice and agenda for this meeting.

Roll call, after which I would ask the trustees to recognize me in order to confirm certain matters for the record.

[ROLL CALL] Trustee Longville, Trustee Viricel, Trustee Reyes

Trustee Reyes requested that trustees on the teleconference respond to the following questions:

1. Can the trustees on the call hear me well? Trustee Viricel, yes
2. Were you able to hear our proceedings on this end up until now? Trustee Viricel, yes
3. Do you have a copy of the agenda for this meeting? Trustee Viricel, yes

All Board members present have indicated that they were able to hear all trustees clearly.

Trustee Reyes advised the Board members that any votes taken during the teleconference portion of this meeting must be taken by roll call.

Pursuant to Board Policy 2350, any person may speak to the Board of Trustees either on an agenda item or on other matters of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board and before any board action is taken. Comments must be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker and 20 minutes on the same, or a substantially similar subject, unless a majority of the Board votes to extend the time limit. As a matter of policy, members of the Board may not discuss or respond to matters raised during public comment unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion or action in Open Session. If you have questions about access or if you require accommodation to participate in the public meeting, please contact the Chancellor's Office at (909) 388-6902 as far in advance of the Board meeting as possible.

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

None

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. 2023-05-11 Board Legislative Committee Minutes

Trustee Longville moved to approve the 2023-05-13 Board Legislative Committee minutes.  
Trustee Viricel seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL Vote:       AYES: Vircel, Reyes, Longville  
                              NOES: None  
                              ABSENT: None  
                              ABSTENTIONS: None

### IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

#### A. State Budget - Mark MacDonald, MGI Advocacy Budget Calendar

May Revise – May 15  
Budget Hearings – May – June  
Legislature Votes on a Budget – June 15  
Final Budget – Prior to July 1\*

#### Budget Act

- Use LAO estimates for property taxes and DOF estimates for General Fund taxes to increase the level of funding available.
- This increases the Proposition 98 Guarantee.
- Less reduction in funding than in the Governor's May Revision.

#### Budget Priorities

- Student Center Funding Formula – No change to the SCFF funding floor proposal that would begin with the 25/26 fiscal year.
- COVID-10 Block Grant – No cuts to the COVID-10 Block Grant
- Full funding of COLA – 8.22% COAL – however, proposal for funding uses some one-time funding.

#### Budget Act

- COLA – Approves Governor's proposal for an 8.22% COLA to apportionments
- Growth – 0.5% growth
- COLA for certain categorical programs – 8.22% COLA for adult education, EOPS, DSPS, CalWORKS, CARE, Childcare
- COLA for additional categorical programs – 8.22% COLA for basic needs centers, mental health services, rapid rehousing, NextUp, MESA, Puente, Umoja, and veterans resource centers
- Deferred Maintenance – Reduces DM by \$452 million
- Retention and Enrollment Funding – Reduction in funding in the current year with increase in funding by \$50 million for budget year.
- COVID-19 Block Grant – No cut
- Workforce Training with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection - \$14 million one-time.
- EEOP \$4.3 million in one-time funding.
- Affordable Student Housing Grant Program – Shifted to debt services that state will pay.
- Trailer bill language to allow districts to use remaining COVID-19, Scheduled Maintenance, and Recruitment and Retention funds for any of those purposes. Total amount available is about \$1.1 billion.
- Additional funding for community college nursing programs of \$60 million starting in 2024-25 for five years. Legislature to work in the fall on how this funding ought to be distributed and utilized.

- Adopts trailer bill language to move the K-12 Strong Workforce Program to the CTE Incentive Grant Program in the Department of Education.
- Adopts trailer bill language to allow students who serve on the Board of Governors to receive financial aid grants.
- Adopts trailer bill language to implement recommendations of the State Auditor as relates to the use of full-time faculty funding.
- Adopts trailer bill language to require campuses to develop data sharing agreements with counties to improve student access to the Cal Fresh Program.
- Approves trailer bill language to provide former foster youth with expanded financial aid to cover the total cost of attendance through the Student Success and Completion Grant Program.

#### Legislative Calendar

- June through Mid-July – Policy Hearings\*
- July 14th through August 14th – Legislative Summer Recess
- September 1st – Fiscal Committee Deadline
- September 5th through September 14th – Floor Session Only
- September 14th – Last day for a bill to pass off the floor
- October 14th - Last day for Governor to Sign or Veto Bills

#### Bills of Interest

- AB 247 (Muratsuchi)
- SB 28 (Glazer)
- AB 1657 (Wicks)
- SB 267 (Portantino)
- AB 1370 (Ta)
- AB1142 (Fong)
- AB 634 (McCarty)
- AB 811 (Fong)
- AB 358 (Addis)
- AB 680 (Rubio, Blanca)
- AB 1400 (Bryan)
- AB 264 (Ting)
- AB 1248 (Bryan)
- AB 1749 (McCarty)

#### 2024 Issues

- Student-Centered Funding Formula
- Cal Grant Equity Framework Implementation
- Affordable Student Housing Grant Program
- CCC Baccalaureate Degree Program
- Access to Nursing Programs
- Noncredit Programs
- Concurrent Enrollment

## V. MID-YEAR ADVOCACY PROGRESS REPORT

### 2023 Advocacy Priorities

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

- Support the CCC's 2023-24 systemwide budget request.
- Support ongoing investments in affordable student housing.
- Support strategies and ongoing funding to expand textbook affordability.
- Support the CalFresh Workgroup Report (16 state/federal policy recommendations).
- Support funding to implement the Cal Grant Reform Act to expand and simplify financial aid.

- Support funding to modernize SBCCD facilities and instructional equipment.
- Support \$15 million in funding to update SBCCD technology infrastructure.
- Support \$500 million, systemwide, to provide all community college students with free tuition.
- Support FAFSA simplification and expansion of Pell Grants.

Goal 2: Be a Diverse, Equitable, Inclusive & Anti-Racist Institution

- Support funding to strengthen Equal Employment Opportunity best practices.
- Support equitable federal funding to support Hispanic-Serving Institutions.
- Support educational opportunities for all students, regardless of immigration status.

Goal 3: Be a leader and Partner in Addressing Regional Issues

- Support \$1.5 million for a new fire truck for the San Bernardino Emergency Training Center.
- Support \$3 million in ongoing funding for KVCR to produce more local content and keep PBS/NPR.
- Support \$15 million to build a student training center at KVCR.

Goal 4: Ensure Fiscal Accountability/Sustainability

- Support the CCC's budget request of \$400 million in ongoing resources to increase Student Centered Funding Formula rates and continue to support district operations.
- Support ongoing funding in non-Proposition 98 resources to provide districts with pension relief.

How have we advanced SBCCD's Legislative Priorities?

- Urge State to extend financial aid deadline for local students affected by winter storms
- Advocated to prevent State Budget cuts to Books+
- SBCCD shaped public narrative on potential impact of State Budget cuts on local students
- Combating College Student Hunger – An Inland Empire Policy roundtable, enlisted support from county and state policymakers
- Enlisted support from County and State Policymakers
- Enlisted support from U.S. Senator Padilla

What's Next

- Data-Sharing Agreement / MOU with County
- One complete packet for all services – eliminating several applications
- Focus Group with Students
- Public Awareness Campaign with Financial Aid Offices, KVCR, and other outlets
- Education, specifically with Dreamers

Strengthening SBCCD's Advocacy in Washington, D.C.

- Hosted U.S. Government Accountability Office to advocate for increased federal funding for facilities
- Strengthened bridges with U.S. Department of Education & U.S. Economic Development Administration
- Securing Congressional Community Project Funding
- Applied for \$1.5 to boost student training at SB Regional Emergency Training Center

Future Advocacy Opportunities

- State Chancellor's Office is soliciting advocacy ideas for 2024/25
- Continue regional, state, federal collaborations

## VI. UPCOMING

### A. Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Re-Organizational Meeting

1. Monday, July 24th at 6:00 p.m.

### B. Assemblymember Greg Wallis – Crafton Hills College Tour

1. Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

### C. Chancellor will be providing a community update at the SBCCD service area cities, and San Bernardino County Board of Supervisor meetings.

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

Trustee Reyes recommended hosting SBCCD students at the fall HACU conference.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT**

- A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee  
August 10, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.  
San Bernardino Community College District  
Boardroom Extension  
550 E. Hospitality Lane, Suite 200  
San Bernardino, CA 92408
  
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

*Heather Ford, Recorder, Office of the Chancellor*