



San Bernardino Community College District
Board Legislative Committee Meeting
July 13, 2023
12:30 pm-1:45 pm Pacific Time

MEETING AGENDA

*Meeting Location: SBCCD Boardroom Extension
550 E. Hospitality Ln., Suite 200, San Bernardino, CA*

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I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

(Frank Reyes)

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Frank Reyes)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Frank Reyes)

A. 2023-05-11 BLC Meeting Minutes

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

(Angel Rodriguez)

A. State Budget - Mark MacDonald, MGI Advocacy

V. MID-YEAR ADVOCACY PROGRESS REPORT

(Angel Rodriguez)

VI. UPCOMING

(Ynez Canela)

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 7th at 11:00 a.m.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

(Frank Reyes)

A. Trustee Suggestions

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

(Frank Reyes)

A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee:

August 10, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. (in person)

SBCCD Boardroom Extension

550 E. Hospitality Ln., Ste 200, San Bernardino, CA 92408

B. Adjournment

SBCCD | Mission: SBCCD positively impacts the lives and careers of our students, the well-being of their families, and the prosperity of our community through excellence in educational and training opportunities.

SBCCD | Vision: Inspiring possibilities for bright futures and a prosperous community.

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.



Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2023

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

Members Present:

Trustee Frank Reyes
Trustee Anne Viricel
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 12:40 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2023-04-13 Board Legislative Committee Minutes

Trustee Longville moved to approve the 2023-04-13 Board Legislative Committee minutes.
Trustee Viricel seconded the motion.

AYES: Viricel, Reyes, Longville

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities 28th Annual National Capitol Forum on Hispanic Higher Education:
SBCCD met with three legislative offices and three federal agencies. Funding for resources for students. Members of the Board of Trustees, student leaders, and members of Chancellor's Cabinet met with three legislative offices to advocate for eliminating barriers to accessing CalFresh food benefits. The delegation also met with three federal agencies to learn about federal grant opportunities.
- B. Combating College Student Hunger: Inland Empire Policy Roundtable:
The roundtable to find solutions to mitigate student hunger brought together SBCCD, RDDC, CSUSB, UC Riverside, Community Action Partnership of SB, and public officials from all levels of government. The roundtable walked away with six take aways to take action now. The six actions will be broken into workgroups. This roundtable group is committed to meet at least twice a year.

V. BILLS OF INTEREST

- A. AB 870 (Arambula) Public social services: benefits for students
- B. AB 928 (Reyes) CalFresh Data Dashboard: students.
- C. AB 1514 (Reyes) Public social services: student eligibility.
- D. AB 1370 (Ta) California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program
- E. AB 1198 (Grayson) GO-Biz: Equity in energy task force.
- F. AB 247 (Muratsuchi, Mike Fong, and Wilson) Education finance: school facilities: Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024
- G. AB1370 (Ta) California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program.

VI. UPCOMING

- A. Crafton Hills College Performing Arts Groundbreaking Ceremony
 - a. Wednesday, May 31st at 2:00PM
- B. Webinars
 - a. Department of Agriculture (date pending)
 - b. Careers in Construction (date pending)

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/ ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Y. Canela reported at the June BLC meeting, presentation from Mark MacDonald, MGI Advocacy, regarding the State Budget May Revise.

Trustee Longville requested to find a niche legislator to provide public transit (rail and bus) for community college students. Possibly start with a pilot program and if necessary, accept a sunset condition. Y. Canela commented there is a bill and they will include it in there tracking.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee
June 8, 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.

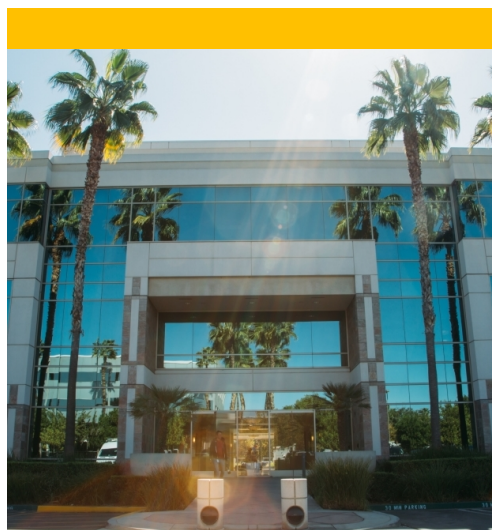
Heather Ford, Recorder, Office of the Chancellor



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Working Together to Advocate for Students



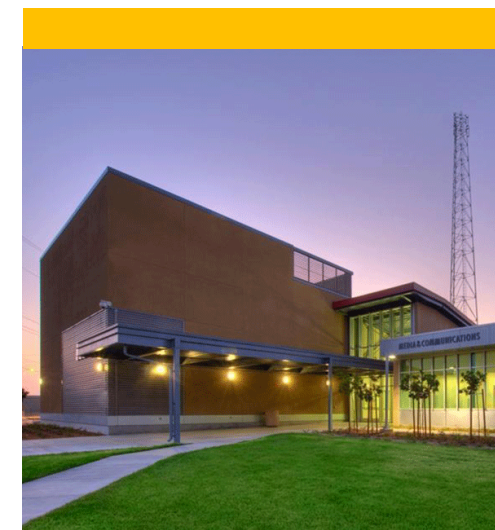
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The logo for Crafton Hills College, featuring a stylized mountain range above the text "CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE".



The logo for San Bernardino Valley College, featuring a stylized 'V' inside a circle above the text "San Bernardino Valley College".



The logo for KVCR, featuring the text "KVCR" followed by the PBS and NPR logos.

SBCCD's Legislative Principles

What is this?

How the SBCCD Board Legislative Committee and Chancellor's Office will evaluate local, state, and federal policy proposals and recommend action to support, oppose, or remain neutral.

**Eliminate
Barriers to
Student Access
and Success**

**Increase Public
Investment in
Community
College Students**

**Improve College
Affordability &
Basic Needs
Support**

**Support Local
Decision-Making**

**Strengthen
State and Federal
Partnerships**

**Promote Civic
Engagement**

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**.

2023 SBCCCD Advocacy Priorities

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.

2023 SBCCD Advocacy Priorities

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.

2023 SBCCD Advocacy Priorities

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**.

Strengthening Legislative Partnerships



**U.S. Congressman
Pete Aguilar**
SBVC/DSO Area



**U.S. Congressman
Jay Obernolte**
Crafton Hills Area



**State Senator
Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh**
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**Assemblymember
Greg Wallis**
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**SB County Supervisor
Joe Baca, Jr.**
SBVC/DSO Area



**SB County Supervisor
Dawn Rowe**
Crafton Hills Area

How Have We Advanced SBCCCD's Legislative Priorities?


January to June 2023

✔ Urged State to Extend Financial Aid Deadline for Local Students Affected by Winter Storms



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION & SERVICES DIVISION

March 22, 2023



Diana Z. Rodriguez
Chancellor
San Bernardino Community College District
550 E. Hospitality Lane, Ste 200
San Bernardino, CA 92408

Dear Chancellor Rodriguez:


Thank you for submitting your Application Deadline Postponement Request for the 2023-24 March 2 state financial aid application deadline to the California Student Aid Commission. We are pleased to notify you that your request was approved at the Subcommittee Meeting of Elected Officers on March 21, 2023.

The Commission approved a 30-day postponement of the March 2 state financial aid application deadline for students served by the San Bernardino Community College District for financial aid programs administered by the Commission pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) Section 69513.2. As a result, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Applications (CADAA) from San Bernardino Community College District students for 2023-24 completed by April 1, 2023, will be considered on time for priority consideration.

The Commission is working to implement the application deadline postponement for your students. You will receive an additional notification when complete.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Tae Kang,
Deputy Director
Program Administration and Services Division

 **San Bernardino Colleges** @SBCCColleges · Mar 22
Hey, Crafton Hills and Valley College students! The deadline to submit your FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application for Fall 2023 has been extended to April 1, 2023. Don't miss out on financial aid for your education. Visit csac.ca.gov to apply now! 🎓



IT'S NOT TOO LATE
To Apply For College Financial Aid!


Submit your FAFSA or
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April 1, 2023

We're Here to Help. Apply at csac.ca.gov





✓ Advocated to Prevent State Budget Cuts to *Books+*



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May 16, 2023

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Subject: Request to Protect the COVID-19 Recovery Block Grant in the 2023-24 State Budget

Dear Governor Newsom, Senator Ochoa Bogh, Assembly Majority Leader Gomez Reyes, Assemblymember Ramos, and Assemblymember Wallis:

On behalf of the San Bernardino Community College District, which includes Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed 2023-24 May Revision Budget proposal and its potential impact on the invaluable COVID-19 Recovery Block Grant. We kindly request your assistance in preserving the current funding levels allocated to the grant and ensuring that it remains intact in the final state budget.

First and foremost, we would like to express our appreciation for the 8.22% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) that has been proposed in the 2023-24 May Revision Budget proposal. This slight increase from the previously announced 8.13% in January provides some relief in covering our rising operating costs.

However, we want to draw your attention to the critical role that the COVID-19 Recovery Block Grant plays in our efforts to make college affordable and accessible to our community. Of particular concern is the proposed reduction from \$8.5 million to \$4.5 million for the San Bernardino Community College District. This has the potential to undermine the progress we have made thus far. It is important to note that a substantial portion of the initial \$8.5 million COVID-19 Recovery Block Grant has already been received and is committed to funding our transformative program, *Books+*.

Books+ is not just a program—it is a lifeline for our students and an incentive for your constituents to return to college and complete their degrees in the aftermath of the enrollment decline caused by the pandemic.

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✓ SBCCCD Shaped Public Narrative on Potential Impact of State Budget Cuts on Local Students

CAL MATTERS *May 31, 2023*

- “The cuts, proposed in Gov. Newsom’s May budget revision, are particularly controversial because they would require community colleges to effectively return nearly \$800 million they received last summer.”
- “That’s unprecedented,” said Jose Torres, the executive vice chancellor of the San Bernardino Community College District.



Students studying at San Bernardino Valley College.



COMBATING COLLEGE STUDENT HUNGER

An Inland Empire Policy Roundtable



Co-Hosts:



✓ Enlisted Support from County and State Policymakers


Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh ✓
 @rosilicie

Thank you to the @SBCCDcolleges for hosting the first ever #CombatCollegeHungerIE Roundtable event at Crafton Hills College. I was grateful to have attended alongside Assembly majority leader @AsmReyes47 and San Bernardino county @SupervisorBaca.



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Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gomez Reyes

✓ Introduced two bills as a result of SBCCD's advocacy: AB 928 and AB 1514 to increase CalFresh participation among college students.



San Bernardino County Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr.

✓ Committed to facilitating a partnership between SBCCD and the county to facilitate data-sharing of student information to help them fill out the CalFresh application.

✓ Enlisted Support from U.S. Senator Padilla



✦ **SBCCD Student Leaders** with Senator Alex Padilla in Washington D.C. in February 2023.



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 SBCCCD's Advocacy in Washington D.C.

January to June 2023

✓ Hosted U.S. Government Accountability Office to Advocate for Increased Federal Funding for Facilities

📌 Supported a Congressional study on federal funding for **Hispanic-Serving Institutions** by informing GAO officials about the deferred maintenance and technology needs of Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College.

📌 Collaborated with **HACU** to maximize the visit's impact and advocate for increased funding to enhance college facilities and IT infrastructure. January 2023.



✔ Strengthened Bridges with U.S. Department of Education & U.S. Economic Development Administration



📌 **Learned about grant opportunities** through the U.S. Department of Education during a Washington, D.C. visit in April 2023.



📌 **Met with the EDA's Deputy Chief of Staff** to discuss SBCCD's focus on economic development and workforce training. April 2023.

✓ Securing Congressional Community Project Funding

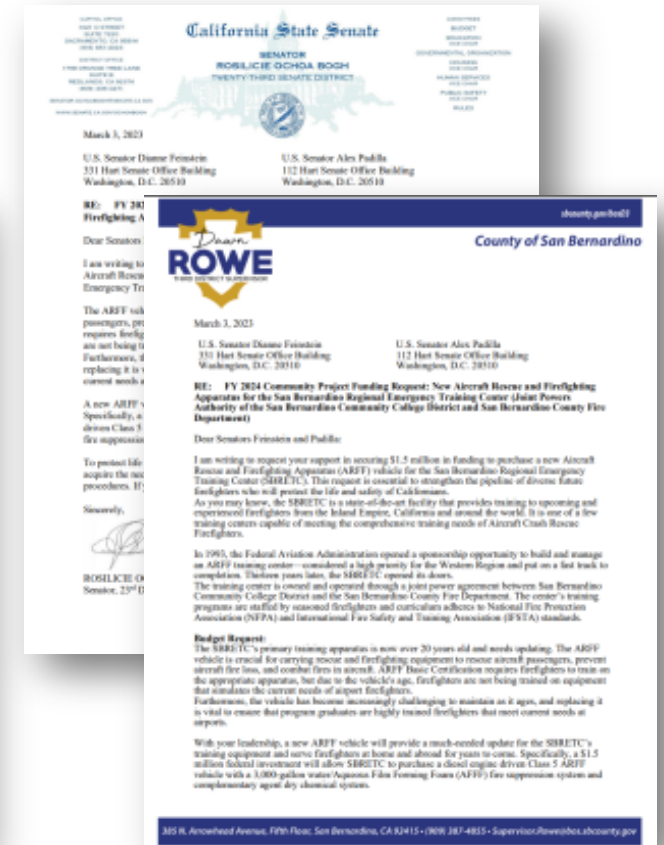
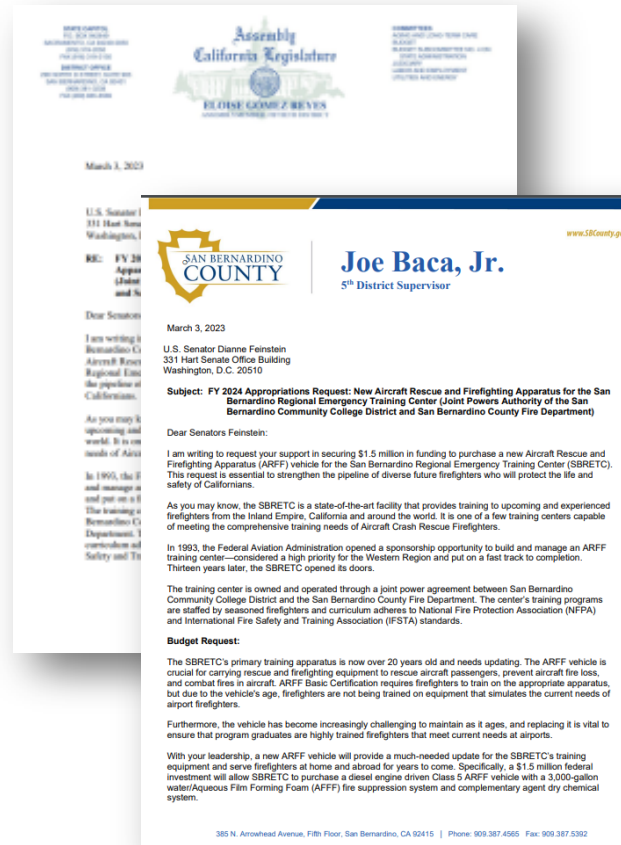


📌 **Hosted Congressman Pete Aguilar** on March 16, 2023, at San Bernardino Valley College for a \$1.5M check presentation to support the Heavy Duty Truck/Electric Vehicle Tech program.

✔ Applied for \$1.5M to Boost Student Training at SB Regional Emergency Training Center



📌 Submitted a Community Project Funding request to Rep. Aguilar to modernize firefighting training equipment.



Future Advocacy Opportunities

State Chancellor's Office is Soliciting Advocacy Ideas for 2024-25

Date	Milestone
Early Summer	Launch the 2024-25 Shared Advocacy Request process. Stakeholders will receive the forms and instructions for proposal submission. (use 2022's version for context and early prep)
Late Summer	Deadline for submission
Late Summer	Proposal review period
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation Council reviews - Board of Governors approves - Submit to the Department of Finance
Fall	Broad public awareness to share final proposal
January	Release of the Governor's Budget Proposal
February	Deadline to introduce legislation

Guiding Questions:

- How does it align with the Governor's Roadmap for Higher Education and CCC Vision for Success?
- What problem does it solve?
- What is the state or local impact?
- Does it include a budget request?
How will funds be used?



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Continue Regional, State, Federal Collaborations

Partial List

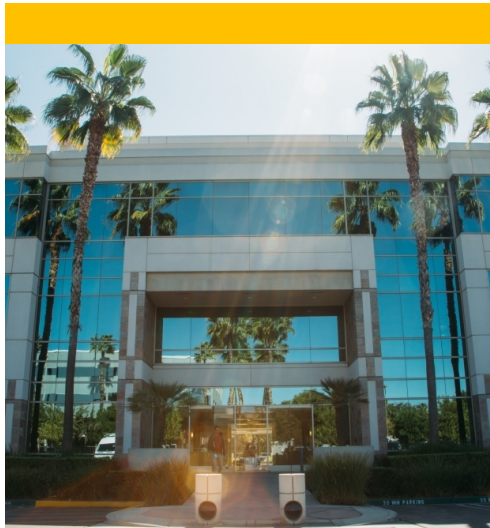




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Thank You For Advocating for Students



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