



## Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

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Meeting Minutes – August 10, 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 (arrived at 1:00 p.m.)

### 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.

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.2023-07-13 Board Legislative Committee Minutes

Trustee Viricel moved to approve the 2023-07-13 Board Legislative Committee minutes. Trustee Reyes seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL Vote:           AYES: Viricel, Reyes,  
  NOES: None

ABSENT: Longville  
ABSTENTIONS: None

#### IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. **Justice40 Federal Initiative Presentation** by Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities (HACU) Washington, D.C., Xiomara Santos, Director of Government Relations, Dr. Jimmy Hernandez

Advancing Equity for HSIs under the Justice40 Initiative.

President Biden made a historic commitment that 40% of Federal Government's investments benefit and flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

Types of investments within Justice40 Initiative:

- Climate Change
- Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency
- Clean Transportation
- Clean Water
- Affordable Housing
- Workforce Development
- Reduction of Legacy Population

Justice40 Initiative is implemented by:

- The Biden Administration transforming hundreds of federal programs to ensure that disadvantage communities receive the benefits of new and existing Federal investments in these categories.
- Through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and the American Rescue Plan (ARP), federal agencies are making historic levels of investment to advance environment justice.
- 15 U.S. Agencies have released their covered programs:
  - USDA
  - U.S. Department of Commerce
  - U.S. Department of Energy
  - U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
  - U.S. Department of Homeland Security
  - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - U.S. Department of State
  - U.S. Department of Transportation
  - U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency
  - NSF
  - NASA

Justice40: Sample Amounts

- U.S. Department of Transportation
  - \$204 Billion in BIL authorizations (39 programs, 5 modes)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - \$789 Million – affordable housing
- USDA
  - \$1 Billion – Climate-smart commodities pilot projects
- U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency

- \$9.6 Billion – Upgrades to water and infrastructure

HSIs are key to bringing about equity in underserved communities and meeting challenges Justice40 is charges with addressing.

- There are 572 HSIs and 400 emerging HSIs
- 5.0 million students – HSIs enrolled
  - Graduate total 474,042
  - Undergraduate total 4,528,955
  - Total students 5,002,997
- HSIs enrolled 31.2% of Pell recipients
- There are 3.47 million Hispanic undergraduate and graduate students in nonprofit postsecondary education.
- 7 of the top 10 colleges & universities ranked by Social Mobility Index (SMI) in 2022 were HSIs. The SMI measures the extent to which an academic institution educates economically disadvantaged students.

HACU's Role:

- HACU's National Internship Program
- MOUs and Partnerships
- Advancing HSI Funding

Save the Date:

- Hispanic-Serving Institution Week 2023
  - September 11 – 15, 2023

**B. State Boards and Commissions Appointment Workshop**

Governor Gavin Newsom's Appointments Secretary Cathryn Rivera shared information about serving on state boards and commissions. The workshop's co-hosts included Cal State University San Bernardino, Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, Assemblymember James Ramos, Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes, and Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes.

**C. Assemblymember Greg Wallis Tour of Crafton Hills College**

President Horan and members of Crafton Hills College student government joined the Assemblymember for a meet and greet. Students were able to participate in Q & A with the member. President Horan provided a guided tour of the campus.

**V. BILLS OF INTEREST**

- AB 870 (Arambula) Public Social Services: benefits for students
- AB 928 (Reyes) CalFresh Data Dashboard: students
- AB 1514 (Reyes) Public Social Services: student eligibility
- AB 1370 (Ta) California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program
- AB 1173 (Ta) College and Career Fairs
- AB 1198 (Grayson) GO-Biz: Equity in energy task force
- AB 247 (Muratsuchi, Fong, and Wilson) Education finance: school facilities: Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act 2024

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

Associate Vice Chancellor Rodriguez reported his team has scheduled time for Chancellor Rodriguez and Trustees to speak at the city council and SBC Supervisors meetings within SBCCD's service area.

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT**

- A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee

September 14, 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 1:20 p.m.

*Heather Ford, Recorder, Office of the Chancellor*