



San Bernardino Community College District  
Board Legislative Committee Meeting  
February 13, 2025  
12:30 pm-1:45 pm Pacific Time

## **MEETING AGENDA**

*Meeting Location: San Bernardino Community College District,  
Boardroom Extension  
550 E. Hospitality Lane, Suite 200, San Bernardino, CA 92408*

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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. 2025-01-09 BLC Meeting Minutes

### **IV. FEDERAL UPDATES**

*(Angel Rodriguez)*

- A. Hispanic Serving Institutions Update - Dr. Lena Rodriguez, Executive Vice President for Policy and Government Relations & Xiomara Santos, Executive Director of Government Relations from the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

**V. STATE UPDATES**

*(Angel Rodriguez)*

- A. Sacramento Advocacy Update
- B. Sacramento Advocacy Debrief
- C. Legislative Updates

**VI. REGIONAL UPDATES**

*(Ynez Canela)*

- A. SB Job Growth Corridor
- B. Upcoming Events

**VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

*(Angel Rodriguez)*

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

*(Frank Reyes)*

- A. Trustee Suggestions

**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT**

*(Frank Reyes)*

- A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee:  
March 13, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. (in person)  
San Bernardino Valley College B-100  
701 S Mt Vernon Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92410
- B. Adjournment



## Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

### Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2025

San Bernardino Community College District, Boardroom Extension  
550 E. Hospitality Ln., Ste 200, San Bernardino, CA 92408

#### Members Present:

Trustee Frank Reyes  
Trustee John Longville  
Trustee Carlos Aguilera

#### Members Absent:

#### Staff Present:

Jose Torres, Executive Vice Chancellor  
Gilbert Contreras, SBVC President  
Angel Rodriguez, Associate Vice Chancellor Government Relations & Strategic Communications  
Ynez Canela, Associate Director Legislative & Community Relations  
Heather Madole, Administrative Officer, Office of the Chancellor

### I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Reyes called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

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

None

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. 2024-11-14 Minutes

Trustee Longville moved to approve the 2024-11-14 Board Legislative Committee minutes. Trustee Aguilera seconded the motion.

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

Motion Passed

#### IV. STATE UPDATES

##### A. News Law Impacting Community Colleges in 2025 & Year Ahead – Mark MacDonald, MGI Advocacy, Inc.

###### Budget Updates.

- Governor announced topline budget update on Monday
- \$322.2 billion total budget
- Revenues \$16.5 billion above projections at this time
- \$16.9 billion available in budget reserves
- 2.43% COLA
- Full budget with budget presentation to be released on Friday

###### Vetoed Bills in 2024

- AB 2104 (Soria) – Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing.\*
- SB 895 (Roth) – Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing.\*

\* Both bills Vetoed

###### New Laws Impacting Community Colleges in 2025

- AB 1855 (Arambula) – Open meetings: teleconferences: community college student body associations and student-run organizations
- AB 1524 (Lowenthal) – Postsecondary education: drug testing devices.
- AB 1841 (Weber) – Student safety: opioid overdose: student housing.
- AB 2096 (Petrie-Norris) – Restraining orders
- AB 2048 (Fong) – Community Colleges: sexual harassment: report.
- AB 2407 (Hart) – Sexual harassment complaints: state audit.
- AB 2326 (Alvarez) & AB 2925 (Friedman) – Equity in Higher Education Act
- SB 791 (McGuire) – Disclosure of sexual harassment.
- AB 1885 (Addis) – Extend Student Success and Completion Grant to DSPS students that are taking 9 or more units and are considered full-time.
- AB 2033 (Reyes) – Requires CCCs to request authorization for one general on campus store be designated an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) authorized retail food store.
- AB 2057 (Berman) – Associate Degree for Transfer
- SB 1244 (Newman) – Pupil instruction: CCAP programs.

- SB 1348 (Bradford) – Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions
- AB 1885 (Addis) – Student Success and Completion Grant Program.
- AB 2033 (Reyes) – EBT cards: basic needs services and resources.
- AB 2500 (Fong) – Financial aid application deadline: postponement
- AB 2508 (McCarty) – Student financial aid: California KIDS program.

#### Other Actions

- Transfer Audit – Including UC and CSU
  - 50% Law Audit
- EO on Master Plan on Career Education

#### Issues for 2025

- COLA & Base Apportionment Increase
  - Full COLA for apportionments and all categorical programs
  - Additional COLA on base allocation
- Affordable Student Housing Grant Program
  - Continued development of lease revenue bond
  - Some districts not wanting to take their allocation
  - Cost overruns for some awarded districts
- Funding Formula
  - Funding floor kicks in for community colleges in 2025-26.
  - Changing threshold on Promise (BOG Waiver) Grant
- Cal Grant Issues
  - The framework is in statute, it needs to be properly funded.
  - Would create a Cal Grant 2 for community colleges and a Cal Grant 4 for four-year institutions.
  - Push to increase Cal Grant C.
- Budget Requests (System Office)
  - Funding for Financial Aid Offices
  - Systemwide Common Data Platform
  - Credit for Prior Learning
  - Rising Scholars Network
  - Burden-Free Instructional Materials
- Nursing/BA Degree Expansion
  - Clinical placement Issues
  - Discussion on reintroduction of SB 895 & AB 2104
- Part-Time Faculty Healthcare
  - Funding to increase healthcare options to part-time faculty.
  - Sustainable and reliable statewide pool
- System Request on Legislation/Regulations
  - CalFresh Master Memorandum of Understanding
  - Eliminate Structural Barriers to Residency
  - Climate & Fire Management Training (Climate Bond)
  - Microgrids for CCC (Climate Bond)

- Apprenticeship Initiative Funds for Instructional Materials

#### Bill Introductions

- AB 9 (Quirk-Silva) – Transfer Students
- AB 65 (Aguilar-Curry) – Paid parental leave
- AB 79 (Arambula) – Basic Needs Coordinators
- AB 88 (Ta) – Cal Grant eligibility for Military
- AB 90 (Jackson) – Overnight in student parkin lot

#### Politics of 2025

- Speaker and Pro Tem remain the same
- Budget committee chairs and Budget Subcommittee on Education chairs remain the same.
- Assembly Higher Education Committee Chair remains the same. Senator Perez Chair of Senate Education.
- Democrats still dominate makeup of Legislature.
- Proposition 2 – passes.
- Proposition 4 – passes.
- 30 new legislators sworn in during Organizational Session on December 2<sup>nd</sup> (also special session started on this date)

#### B. Final Election Results

### SBCCCD Delegation



Congressman  
Jay Obernolte



Congressman  
Pete Aguilar



Senator Rosilicie  
Ochoa Bogh



Senator Eloise  
Gomez Reyes



Assemblymember  
James Ramos



Assemblymember  
Greg Wallis



Assemblymember  
Robert Garcia



Trustee  
John Longville



Trustee  
Carlos Aguilera

#### C. Policy Maker Meetings

##### Legislative Swearing-In Day (December 2, 2024)

- Governor's Office
- Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- Assembly Budget Committee
- Assemblymember James Ramos' Office
- Assemblymember Greg Wallis' Office

## V. REGIONAL UPDATES

### A. SB Job Growth

The San Bernardino Community College District's Chancellor Rodriguez and Board Trustee Reyes met with four members of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors to advocate for \$10M in funding. The funding would support workforce development industry skills, prison-to-employment, and airport firefighter training at SBCCD and the SB Regional Emergency Training Center.

**B. City Hall Presentations**

**Completed**

- Calimesa (2024)
- Colton (2024)
- Loma Linda (2024)
- Redlands (2023)
- Yucaipa (2023)
- Grand Terrace (2023)

**Planned for 2025**

- Rialto
- San Bernadino
- Big Bear Lake

**C. Upcoming Events**

- March 6, 2025, Applied Technology Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**VI. FEDERAL UPDATES**

**A. Hispanic Serving Institution Update**

Trustee Aguilera requested to stay up to date on HSI at the federal level.

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. 2025 Legislative and Budget Priorities Handout**

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

**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT**

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SBCCD Boardroom Extension

B. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

*Heather M. Madole, Administrative Officer, Office of the Chancellor*