



San Bernardino Community College District
Board Legislative Committee Meeting
October 09, 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. 2025-02-13 BLC Meeting Minutes
- IV. **APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 LEGISLATIVE & BUDGET PRIORITIES**
(Angel Rodriguez)

V. FEDERAL UPDATES

(Angel Rodriguez)

VI. STATE UPDATES

(Angel Rodriguez)

A. Sacramento Advocacy Debrief

B. Legislative Updates

VII. REGIONAL UPDATES

(Ynez Canela)

A. Upcoming Events

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:
November 13, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. (in person)
SBCCD Boardroom Extension
550 E. Hospitality Lane Suite 200
San Bernardino, CA 92408

B. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 13, 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 (arrived 12:35)

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 12:31 p.m.

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II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2025-01-09 Minutes

Trustee Longville moved to approve the 2025-01-09 Board Legislative Committee minutes. Trustee Reyes seconded the motion.

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

Motion Passed

IV. FEDERAL UPDATE

A. Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) 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.

Had over 2,500 letters sent to federal and state offices. Have been active meeting with the HSI Caucus. Will begin to meet with state legislative individuals. Xiomara shared the HSI status needs to be recertified each year. Have been in contact with members of Congress the importance of HSI designation, cannot apply for specific funding. Urges SBCCD to get involved in the advocacy campaign.

Trustee Aguilera requested HSI data that SBCCD trustees can share while advocating. Dr. Lena Rodriguez will send the advocacy QR code.

V. STATE UPDATES

A. Sacramento Advocacy Update

- a.** Met with the following on 1/27/25
 - i.** Senator Ochoa Bogh
 - ii.** Senator Gomes Reyes' Office
 - iii.** Assemblymember Robert Garcia
 - iv.** Assemblymember James Ramos' Office
 - v.** Assemblymember Greg Wallis

B. Sacramento Advocacy Debrief

- a.** Dr. Contreras requested inquiring in the SCFF to allocate a line in the budget for teaching CTE classes.

C. Legislative Updates

- a.** Tracking approximately 30 bills. SBCCD has not taken a position on any of these bills yet, still analyzing.
- b.**
 - i.** AB 95 (Fong) - Postsecondary education: Coordinating Commission for Education in California. (*Accountability*)
 - ii.** AB 79 (Arambula) - Public social services: higher education. (*Basic Needs*)
 - iii.** AB 259 (Rubio) - Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences. (*Brown Act*)
 - iv.** ABX 11 (Gabriel) - Budget Act of 2024. (*Budget*)
 - v.** ABX 12 (Gabriel) - Budget Act of 2024. (*Budget*)
 - vi.** ACA 1 (Valencia) - Public Finance. (*Budget*)
 - vii.** ACA 1 (Valencia) - Public Finance. (*Budget*)
 - viii.** SBX 11 (Weiner) - Budget Act of 2024. (*Budget*)
 - ix.** AB 323 (Fong) - Strong Workforce Program: work-based learning opportunities. (*Courses and Programs*)
 - x.** SB 91 (Cervantes) - University of California: law school. (*Courses and Programs*)
 - xi.** AB 88 (Ta) - Student financial aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: eligibility: dependents of members of the armed services stationed outside of California. (*Financial Aid*)

- xii. AB 243 (Ahrens) - Postsecondary education: student financial aid dependency status: juvenile case file inspection. (*Financial Aid*)
- xiii. AB 363 (Bryan) - Community colleges: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: eligibility and services. (*Financial Aid*)
- xiv. SB 60 (Seyarto) - Public postsecondary education: waiver of tuition and fees: California Military Department GI Bill Award Program: extended education courses. (*Financial Aid/Veterans*)
- xv. SB 67 (Seyarto) - Community colleges: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: eligibility and services. (*Financial Aid*)
- xvi. SCA 1 (Grove) - A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding Section 8.5 to Article IX thereof, and by adding Section 8.1 to Article XVI thereof, relating to educational expenses. (*Funding*)
- xvii. AB 90 (Jackson) - Public postsecondary education: overnight student parking. (*Housing and Homelessness*)
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- xx. ACA 4 (Jackson) - A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding Section 24 to Article XVI thereof, relating to homelessness. (*Housing and Homelessness*)
- xxi. AB 49 (Muratsuchi) - Schoolsites and day care centers: entry requirements: immigration enforcement. (*Immigration*)
- xxii. AB 85 (Essayli) - Law enforcement: cooperation with immigration authorities. (*Immigration*)
- xxiii. AB 65 (Aguiar-Curry) - School and community college employees: paid disability and parental leave. (*Labor*)
- xxiv. AB 374 (Nguyen) - K–14 classified employees: payment of wages: itemized statements. (*Labor*)
- xxv. SB 241 (Cervantes) - Community colleges: personnel: qualifications. (*Labor*)
- xxvi. AB 73 (Jackson) - Mental Health: Black Mental Health Navigator Certification. (*Mental Health*)
- xxvii. AB 58 (Soria) - Postsecondary education. (*Miscellaneous*)
- xxviii. AB 240 (Alanis) - Community colleges: study: Counties of Amador, Alpine, Mariposa, Modoc, and Sierra. (*Miscellaneous*)
- xxix. AB 335 (Gibson) - The Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program. (*Miscellaneous*)
- xxx. AB 386 (Tangipa) - Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: credits: student loan payments. (*Taxes*)
- xxxi. AB 335 (Gibson) - The Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program. (*Miscellaneous*)
- xxxii. AB 386 (Tangipa) - Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: credits: student loan payments. (*Taxes*)

- xxxiii. AB 9 (Quirk-Silva) - University of California: California State University: transfer students. (*Transfer*)
- xxxiv. AB 264 (Carrillo) - Veterans: benefits. (*Veterans*)

VI. REGIONAL UPDATES

A. SB Job Growth Corridor

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.

Upcoming Events

SBVC Applied Technology Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

March 6, 2025

6:00 pm

Jackie Contreras, Administrative Project Coordinator (*New Team Member*)

February 18, 2025

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities – National Capitol Forum

April 29 – 30, 2025

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

President Contreras reported SBVC is pursuing the BSI designation.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/ ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee
March 13, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.
SBVC B-100
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

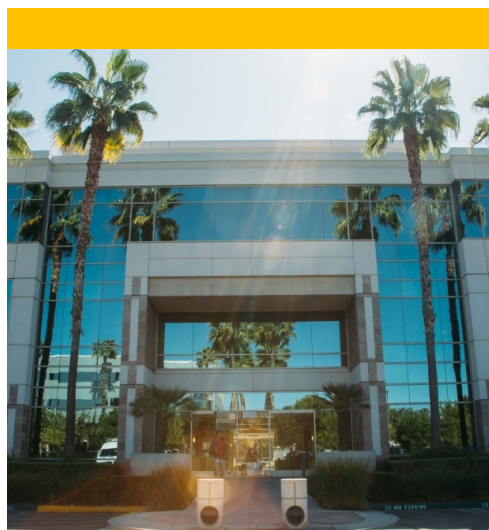
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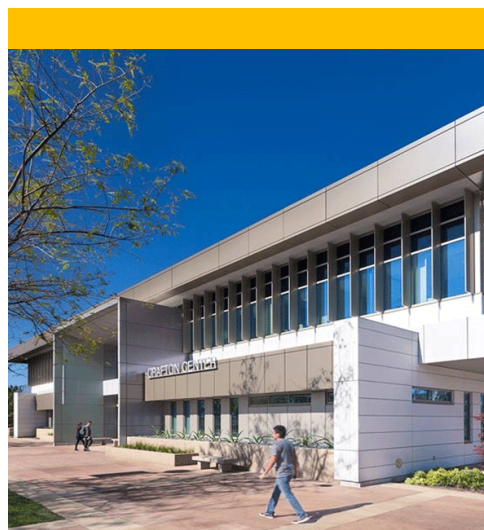
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2026 Legislative & Budget Advocacy Priorities



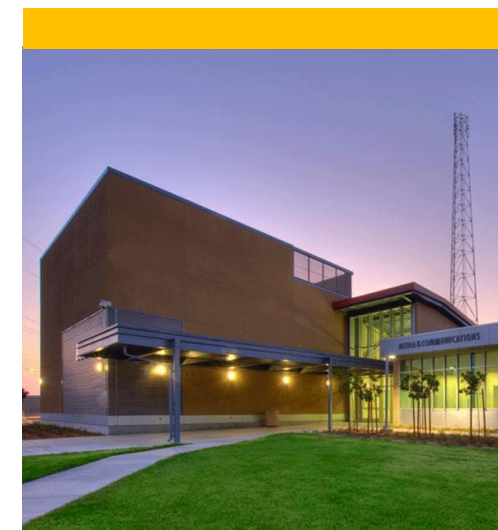
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Why We Exist

BLC 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.

What We Support

Legislative Principles

The SBCCCD Board Legislative Committee and Chancellor's Office 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**

2026 Legislative & Budget Priorities for Workforce Development and Community Prosperity

Draft / Action Item

2026 Advocacy Priorities

Let's Make College & Career Education More Affordable

- Streamline Student Access to Essential Resources for College Affordability and Career Success
- Expand State Financial Aid to Strengthen the Talent Pipeline
- Invest in Simplifying FAFSA and Expanding Pell Grants for a Skilled Workforce
- Promote Affordable Access to Textbooks and Learning Materials

2026 SBCCD Advocacy Priorities

Let's Prepare Students for Good-Paying Careers

- Support \$10 Million for the San Bernardino Job Growth Corridor to Modernize Job Training Facilities
- Expand Bachelor's Degrees at Community Colleges for High-Need Careers
- Strengthen Apprenticeships and California's Career Education Systems
- Enhance Credit for Prior Learning to Support Adult Learners

2026 SBCCD Advocacy Priorities

Let's Build Affordable Student Housing and Combat Hunger

- Support \$50 Million for the Legacy Village mixed-use project for affordable housing.
- Expand CalFresh Access at Community College Cafeterias for a Healthy Future Workforce

2026 SBCCCD Advocacy Priorities

Let's Open Doors of Opportunity for Everyone

- Empower All Students to Build Community and Achieve Success
- Support advocacy efforts to protect Federal Investments in Hispanic-Serving Institutions for a Stronger Local Workforce
- Support Funding to Strengthen Equal Employment Opportunity Best Practices

2026 SBCCD Advocacy Priorities

Let's Safeguard the Financial Stability of our Community Colleges

- Ensure Emergency Preparedness and Immediate Relief for Our Community Colleges
- Protect Funding for Community Colleges Under Proposition 98
- Improve State Funding Model for Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program
- Provide CalSTRS/CalPERS Relief
- Support Ongoing Funding for KVCR TV/FM
- Support the CCC's 2026-27 Systemwide Budget Request

Next Steps

Key Dates:

- **December 2** – State legislators sworn-in
- **December 11** – SBCCD Board of Trustee Review/Approve 2026 Advocacy Priorities
- **January 1** – New state laws take effect
- **January 5** – State legislature reconvenes
- **January TBD** – Governor presents state budget proposal for 2026-27 (negotiations begin)
- **January 25-26** – CCLC Legislative Conference in Sacramento
- **February 8-11** – ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C.
- **February TBD** – Last day for bills to be introduced
- **April 21-22** – HACU Capitol Forum in Washington D.C.

Progress on Goal #3: Being a Leader and Partner in Addressing Regional Issues

Federal HIS Update



The San Bernardino Community College District supported efforts to protect funding for Hispanic Serving Institutions.

SBCCD joined more than 170 colleges in signing a letter to Congress urging them to protect funding for the Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and Minority-Serving Institution programs. Along with Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College, SBCCD proudly stands with the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU) in this effort.

How students are impacted: If the HSI program is eliminated, Latino students and all those who attend HSIs like Crafton Hills and SBVC will be impacted. These funds help us build science labs, strengthen online education, support equity-focused programs, and improve curriculum for every student.

Fiscal impact at SBCCD: If the HSI program is eliminated, it would mean an opportunity loss of up to \$3 million for SBCCD. These are not funds being taken away, but future investments we would no longer be eligible for — investments that strengthen our campuses and expand student opportunities.

What we are asking Congress to do:

- Publicly oppose the Administration's proposal to cut HSI funding.
- Reaffirm support for HSIs and the 5.6 million students we serve.
- Ensure these essential programs continue to be protected.

Federal Updates



The San Bernardino Community College District hosted Congressman Pete Aguilar to highlight the \$1.5M return on investment for the Clean Energy Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Technician Program.



Federal Updates



The San Bernardino Community College District hosted Congressman Jay Obernolte at KVCR to highlight the importance of investing in SBCCD, and thank him for supporting federal financial aid for students (Pell Grants and Workforce Pell).



State Advocacy



The San Bernardino Community College District traveled to Sacramento. The purpose of the visit was to advocate for a \$50M state investment in affordable student housing.

Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes

Outcome: Informational hearing to fund Legacy Village. Received letters of support for AB 1400 and \$5M H RTP Grant

Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh

Outcome: Received letters of support for AB 1400 and \$5M H RTP Grant

Assemblymember James Ramos

Outcome: Received letters of support for AB 1400 and \$5M H RTP Grant. Secured support for Legacy Village.

Assemblymember Greg Wallis

Outcome: Toured CHC Fire Safety Training Center. In support of leading an IE Caucus letter in support of \$50M Legacy Village request. Sponsored a seat in the new CHC Performing Arts Center.

State Advocacy



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Assemblymember Robert Garcia

Outcome: Received letter of support for AB 1400. Coordinating tour of SBVC.

California Student Aid Commission

Outcome: Partnered to host Inland Empire Cash for College Kick Off on Oct. 8.

California State Chancellor's Office

Outcome: Informed them of the Legacy Village project and state funding needs.

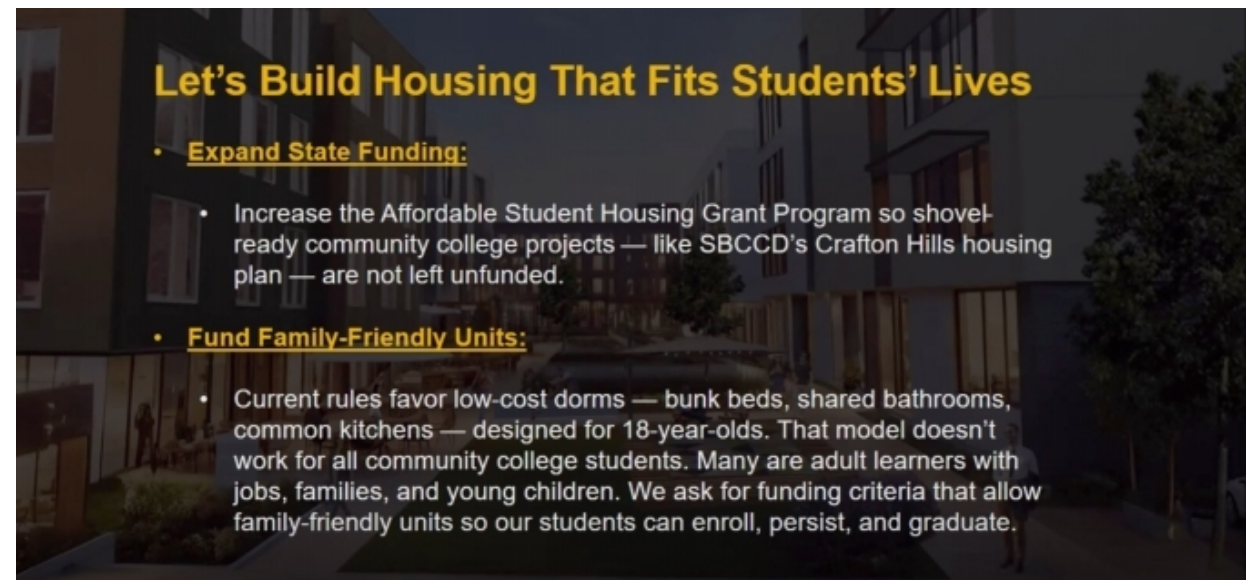
California Department of Finance

Outcome: Invited them to tour Legacy Village site.

Student Housing



The San Bernardino Community College District was apart of the Informational Hearing of the Select Committee on Community College - The Hub of Community. The focus was SBVC's Legacy Village, request for a state investment of \$50M, increasing the Affordable Student Housing Grant Program, and funding family-friendly units.



Legislative Visits



The San Bernardino Community College District hosted a legislative roundtable in partnership with the Inland Empire Community Foundation, bringing together legislative staff to brief them on SBCCD's workforce development programs.



Legislative Visits



The San Bernardino Community College District hosted Assemblymember Greg Wallis to highlight the importance of investing in the community.



Upcoming

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Tuesday, October 14th

San Bernardino State of the City

Saturday, November 1st to Monday, November 3rd

HACU Annual Conference

Wednesday, November 5th

Chancellor Update to the San Bernardino City Council

November 20-22

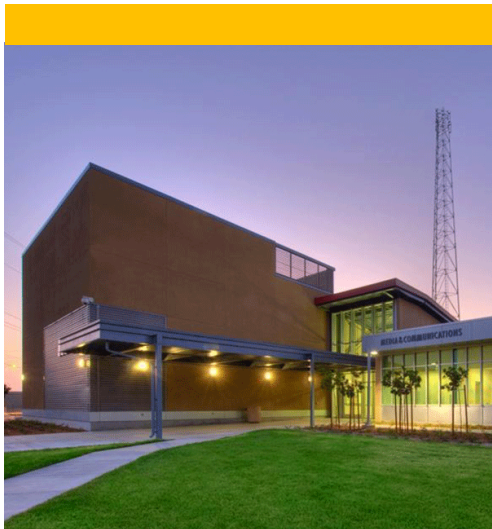
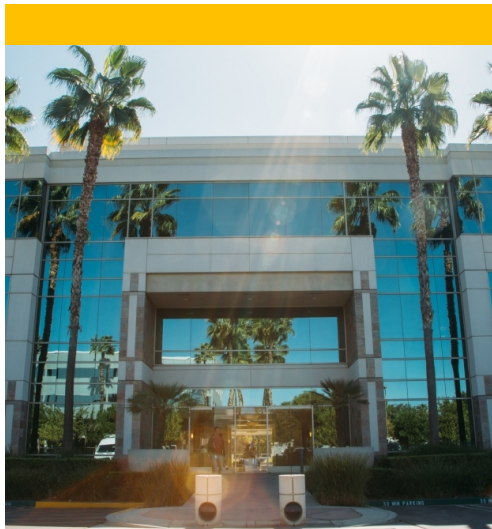
Community College League of California Annual Summit (Orange County)



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