



**San Bernardino Community College District
District Budget Advisory Committee Minutes
January 15, 2026, at 2:00 pm**

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Executive Director Steve Sutorus called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. Confirmation of Quorum – quorum was reached

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

11-20-2025

Mike Strong moved approval. Kevin Horan seconded. All in favor. Corrina Baber abstained.

12-18-2025

Cyndie St. Jean moved approval. Luke Bixler seconded. All in favor.

IV. CURRENT TOPICS

- A. The Budget Update - Budget was released, will have more accurate budget for the May revise. Budget is released in June. This year's forecast is projecting a \$2.9 billion deficit. At this time, we have to be conservative with two different forecasts. State budget includes 2.41% COLA. SBCCD has enrollment growth which will allocate additional funds for current year and next year. Two programs SBCCD are protecting and will continue to advocate for, Student Support Block Grant gave us money for student activity support was onetime funds. In new budget include additional one-time funds for this block grant. Deferred maintenance allocation, state budget proposing \$127 million for the entire CC system.

Dual enrollment – mention on budget that there will be additional funds to support partnership with k-12 schools.

Budget analysis can be viewed by clicking on the link below.

<https://share.google/o18B1AD0mHxuOFA7d>

Proposal – FTES, currently we have a 10% growth limit and there are talks of possibly removing. WE are projecting a little over 1% growth. There are student equity and achievement

We will draft a one-pager with state budget and comments from this meeting.

B. Other Business

President Contreras thanked those who presented at Valley yesterday at in-service day.

Mary Valdemar commented to join the League's Government Relations Team for our monthly webinars. Receive important information regarding legislation and proposals discussed in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., that will impact you, your students, and your institution.



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Mary Valdemar commented that on March 12, 2026 (Thursday): Community College "March in March" (Student Advocacy Day). Focus: Protecting student rights, affordable education, and fair pay for staff. Organizers: Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) & Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC).

V. ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: February 19, 2026 @ 2:00 p.m.

Executive Vice Chancellor Torres adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.