
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Coast Community College District
Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee***

Date: Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

**Board of Trustees' Conference Room
1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626**

1. Call to Order

Trustee Patterson called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Trustee Present: Trustee Jerry Patterson and Trustee Lorraine Prinsky
Trustee Absent: None

In Attendance – Dr. Andrew Jones, Chancellor; W. Andrew Dunn, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services; Dr. Martha Parham, Director of Public Affairs; Amanda Fenton and Ashley Setoudeh, Townsend Public Affairs; Dr. Kristen Clark, Orange Coast College, Vice President of Student Services; Michael Warner, Coastline Community College Faculty Member and Daryl Batancur, Interim Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no requests to address the Committee during Public Comment.

4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of June 21, 2012

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of June 21, 2012.

Motion carried with the following votes

Aye: Trustee Patterson, Trustee Prinsky
No: None
Absent: None

5. State Update

a. Legislative Report on priority bills

Committee Members and Ms. Fenton discussed bills that are currently active or dead. Ms. Fenton informed the Committee that SB 1466 made it to the Assembly Appropriations but that SB 1356 did not, and they are both needed to be packaged together as a bill in order for it to be implemented. SB 1466 was amended to be independent of the now dead bill SB 1356, and is going to the Assembly floor as a single bill.

Mr. Patterson and the Committee requested that Ms. Fenton provide information regarding the legal concerns from the attorney general office for bill AB 2164.

The Committee Members discussed bill AB 2307(Butler): Classified school employees and decided to add it to the watch list. The Committee Members continued with SB 1280 (Pavley): Best Value competitive bid and decided to add it to the September 5, 2012 Board Agenda so that the whole Board can consider it.

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to do support letter of SB 1280 (Pavley) and SB 1509 and to add it to the September 5, 2012 Board Agenda so that the entire Board can consider them.

Motion carried with the following votes

Aye:	Trustee Patterson, Trustee Prinsky
No:	None
Absent:	None

b. Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force and Veterans bill

Townsend Public Affairs will be staffing the Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force, the first meeting is on September 6, 2012. The three state bills that they are following on behalf of the task force are AB 2478 (Hayashi), AB 2133 (Blumenfield), and AB 2462 (Block).

c. Board of Governors enrollment priority regulations

Ms. Setoudeh updated the committee on the Board of Governors enrollment priority regulations. If the Board of Governors adopts the enrollment priority, the District would be required to implement these changes fully by Fall 2014.

d. AB 852

Ms. Fenton provided the Committee with an overview on AB 852 Public postsecondary education: community college: temporary faculty.

On a motion by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Prinsky, the Committee voted to authorize the chair of the Legislative Committee to address a letter of concerns, consequences, and burdens that AB 852 will place on our District.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye:	Mr. Patterson, Dr. Prinsky
No:	None
Absent:	None

e. Pension Reform Proposals being considered by the State Legislature

Ms. Fenton and the Committee discussed the Pension reform proposals being considered by the State Legislature and reviewed the Governor's twelve-point pension reform plan document that Townsend Affairs provided.

6. Federal Update

a. Budget

i. Pell Grants

Ms. Fenton reviewed the Overview of Senate LHHS Budget proposal presenting the committee the Pell grant reform. Townsend Public Affairs suggested that the committee support the increase of the maximum Pell grant award to \$5,635 and that the committee oppose the elimination of room and Board benefits for students enrolled exclusively in Distance Education.

ii. Financial Aid regulation

Ms. Setoudeh mentioned the limit on duration of a student borrower's in-school interest subsidy to 150 percent of the normal time required to complete the educational program as one way that the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee believes they can save 3.5 billion dollars in the upcoming year.

b. Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force and Veterans initiatives

c. Grants advocacy

Ms. Setoudeh provided the Committee with some grant opportunities through the Department of Education. She mentioned the Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HIS) grant, along with a new program that is for low-income single parents.

7. Set Future Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee was tentatively set for Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

8. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Motion carried with the following votes

Aye:	Trustee Patterson, Trustee Prinsky
No:	None
Absent:	None

Secretary of the Board of Trustees