
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2013, 3:30 p.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 3:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

In Attendance – Townsend Public Affairs Consultant, Ms. Ashley Setoudeh; Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Julie Frazier-Mathews; Coast Federation of Educators Executive Director, Mr. Bob Fey; Coast Federation of Educators President, Mr. Dean Mancina, and Student Trustee, Mr. Tanner Kelly.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

4. Approval of Minutes: January 10, 2013

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of January 10, 2013.

Motion carried with the following votes:

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

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Board of Trustees' Committee Calendar

Ms. Frazier-Mathews provided the Committee with an analysis and proposal for standing Committee Meetings for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

It was moved by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson to approve the proposed Board Committee Meeting Calendar, with Legislative Affairs Committee Meetings scheduled for the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m., as needed.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

6. State Update

a. State Budget Overview

Trustee Patterson advised that the Committee determine positions on current bills and Trustee Prinsky asked that Ms. Setoudeh provide guidance on which bills would be appropriate. Ms. Setoudeh then informed the Committee that legislature went over State Budget bills the week prior, and although the District could not take a position on those bills, the District could take positions on specific bills.

Ms. Setoudeh provided an overview on the State Budget, including the May Revise.

The Committee members discussed the outlook of the State Budget overview.

b. Proposition 39 Overview

Ms. Setoudeh provided an overview of Proposition 39 and highlighted the following components: workforce development, job training, and required demonstration of benefits to the community. She informed the Committee that \$47 million would be allocated to the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year, and that disbursement would be at the discretion of the State Chancellor. Ms. Setoudeh explained that the distribution would be allocated as follows: \$28 million to the revolving fund and \$3 million to the competitive grant program for workforce development organizations, disadvantaged youth, and veterans.

c. Legislative Report and District Positions

Ms. Setoudeh walked the Committee through the current State Legislative Matrix, outlining current bills and recommending positions. She emphasized that the District had the opportunity to take positions on current bills.

Positions

The Committee determined a support position on the following bills: AB 409 and AB 606.

The Committee determined a neutral position on the following bills: AB 13 (for now with the potential of a support position when resolved) and AB 1358.

The Committee determined a position against the following bill: SB 173.

The Committee requested more information on the following bills: AB 173, AB 339, and AB 595.

The Committee agreed to reach out to Vice Chancellor Dunn for further insight on the following bills: AB 182 and AB 1199.

The Committee agreed to track the following bills: AB 388, AB 447, AB 950, AB 955, SB 290, and SB 520.

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustees Prinsky, the Committee voted to take a support position on AB 409 and to authorize sending a letter to the Policy Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustees Prinsky, the Committee voted to take a support position on AB 606 and to authorize sending a letter to the Policy Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustees Prinsky, the Committee voted to take an oppose position on SB 173 and to authorize sending a letter to the Policy Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

7. Federal Update

a. Federal Budget Overview

Ms Setoudeh provided a brief overview of the 2014 Fiscal Year Federal Budget that President Obama released on April 10, 2013, in which he proposed funding the government at pre-sequester levels. She informed the Committee that the 2014 Fiscal Year Budget included a blueprint for funding President Obama's 14 Cabinet departments and a handful of independent agencies, suggested federal spending at \$3.778 trillion, as well as outlining suggestions of paying for the increased spending with entitlement reform and tax increases on high earners.

b. Federal Legislative Update

Ms. Setoudeh provided an update on H.R. 1911, H.R. 798, H.R. 803, and H.R. 1747. She informed the Committee that H.R. 1747 was referred to Townsend by Chancellor Jones and was brand new legislation, lacking co-sponsors, but Townsend could actively work on seeking co-sponsors for the bill, allowing it to be heard in Committee. Trustee Prinsky directed Ms. Setoudeh to speak to Congressman Alan Lowenthal.

c. Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) in 2013

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that the Education and Workforce Committee had sent out an open letter asking for insight and feedback as they worked to

reauthorize the Higher Education Act and advised that it would be extremely beneficial for the District to respond to this letter. Although the deadline to submit comments was August 2, 2013, Ms. Setoudeh requested that the letters be completed by mid July, to allow for processing

Trustee Patterson referred this item to the Chancellor and asked that he provide a report and response in letter form for the Board to approve at the July 17, 2013 Meeting.

d. Federal Advocacy Trip

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that she was working on coordinating a Federal Advocacy trip on behalf of Chancellor Jones; the trip was intended to focus on the Police Academy program and a Veterans program.

8. Other

a. Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force Update

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that the Task Force held the last in-person meeting on May 2, 2013. Townsend Public Affairs worked with the Task Force to coordinate two very productive advocacy trips; one to Sacramento and one to Washington D.C. Both trips focused on policy issues facing student Veterans. Townsend Public Affairs would continue working with the South Orange County Community College District throughout the summer on any positions the Task Force may want to take.

North Orange County Community College District will be the Chair of the Task Force commencing September 2013 and Townsend Public Affairs would continue staffing the meetings throughout the next year.

9. Future Agenda Items

The Committee summarized that Ms. Setoudeh would work with Ms. Frazier-Mathews to send out the agreed upon legislative letters.

10. Set Future Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee was set for August 20, 2013.

11. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Motion carried with the following votes

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

Secretary of the Board of Trustees