
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee
Date: Monday, September 9, 2013, 3:00 p.m.
Board 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

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

In Attendance – Townsend Public Affairs Consultant, Ms. Ashley Setoudeh; Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Julie Frazier-Mathews, and Coastline Faculty, Mr. Michael Warner.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

4. Approval of Minutes: June 18, 2013

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of June 18, 2013.

Motion carried with the following votes:

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

5. State Update, Discussion and Possible Action of

- a. Redevelopment Shortfall Update

Trustee Patterson requested that Ms. Setoudeh provide an update on AB 701 (Quirk-Silva) and it was determined that this bill would be discussed during *Agenda Item # 5a. Redevelopment Shortfall Update.*

Ms. Setoudeh shared that the Sharron Quirk-Silva bill was predicted to pass and had a payback schedule that was not binding in code. She advised that Coast reach out to other Orange County Districts to form and propose an amendment to the State Chancellor and Department of Finance.

Ms. Setoudeh agreed to confirm the State Chancellor's position on this bill and Trustee Prinsky agreed to write Ms. Quirk Silva on the District's concerns surrounding the proposed repayment plan contained within the bill.

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that based upon preliminary information shared with the Department of Finance, bill language was sent to consultants in the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees on August 26, 2013 to address the redevelopment shortfall; a bill containing the finalized language had not been introduced at the time of the September 9, 2013 Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting. She further shared that the proposed language would allow the State Chancellor's Office to manage the distribution of cash to the Districts experiencing cash flow challenges as a result of the shortfall. Ms. Setoudeh concluded by stating that the bill language also allowed for the Department of Finance to address the final shortfall once the amount was determined.

b. Proposition 39 Update

Ms. Setoudeh walked the Committee through an update on Proposition 39. She started by informing the Committee that SB 73 (the bill that established the distribution of Proposition 39 funding for clean energy projects) had been signed by the Governor; Fred Harris was overseeing Proposition 39 implementation.

Next, Ms. Setoudeh shared that the draft guidelines prepared by the Chancellor's Office would undergo a series of review and comment concluding with a final approval in October.

Lastly, Ms. Setoudeh advised that once the guidelines were approved, the State Chancellor's Office would send a more detailed "Form 2" to be completed by the District.

c. Adult Education Regional Consortia Update

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that the 2013-2014 State Budget allocated \$25 million in planning grant funds; this requires that the California Department of Education and California Community College State Chancellor's Office create fund allocation guidelines for the new Adult Education Regional Consortia. According to Ms. Setoudeh, they are in the discussion phase.

Ms. Setoudeh advised Coast to attend the planned public workshops to make certain that community non-credit programs are prioritized and that there are no discrepancies in funding. She further emphasized the importance of working with other Districts over the next few months to determine the best approach and make certain that everyone can access this funding in the future.

The Committee discussed previous Adult Education programs at Coast including the Oasis program. The Committee also discussed the impact to the District.

d. Legislative Report and District Positions

Current Positions

Ms. Setoudeh provided an overview of the District's current positions and advised that many are no longer relevant.

Ms. Setoudeh shared that SB 173 was defeated but would return next year. The District opposed the bill this year and will want to work on maintaining its position in the interim.

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that the District supported AB 409 (the Quirk Silva Bill) was passed as amended and no longer had relevance to Community Colleges. She agreed to follow up with the author to confirm if the bill would be introduced in 2014.

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that AB 606 was held on suspense in appropriation; the District was in support of that bill.

Lastly, Ms. Setoudeh shared that of the several bills the District was watching, two were in play: AB 447 was headed to governor for signature, and AB 173 was signed on that day.

New Positions

The Committee briefly reviewed bills to determine positions and whether letters of support should be drafted.

The Committee determined a support position on the following bills: SB 285, SB141 and SB 681 (a support letter would be drafted from the Committee).

The Committee determined a neutral position on the following bills: AB 13 and AB 114.

The Committee agreed to watch the following bills: SB440, AB 1025, AB 1358, SB 195, and SB 440.

The Committee agreed that the following bills did not affect the District or Community Colleges: AB 182 and AB 447.

The Committee agreed to place discussion of the following bill on the December 10, 2013 Enterprise Meeting Agenda: AB 339.

6. Federal Update

a. Federal Budget Overview

Ms. Setoudeh shared that Congress would have to pass a resolution by the end of September 2013 in order to pass at least Continuing Resolution.

b. Federal Legislative Update

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that HR 1911 Student Loan Rate was signed on August 9, 2013 and that the associated rates would be retroactive to July 1, 2013. She shared that this bill provided stability for students by locking interest rates through the life of the loan.

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that HR 1747 would provide tax credit to businesses as incentives to work with local Community College Districts; the bill had no way of moving forward. House majority leadership would only look at tax reform as a whole and would not consider individual tax reform bills. Trustee Patterson requested that HR 1747 stay on the watch list for the 2014 calendar year.

c. Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act

Ms. Setoudeh shared that the House Education and the Workforce Committee had directed her to work with the Chancellor on drafting a letter to the Committee on Education and Workforce, to staffers, and to key contacts in DC. She further shared that Townsend Public Affairs would continue to work with the House Education & the Workforce Committee as they continued the reauthorization Process.

d. Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act was challenging because the Senate and House had different views on reauthorization for WIA; it had not been updated in 15 years. There was an opportunity to overhaul these programs. She predicted that it was unlikely that WIA would be reauthorized this year and hoped it would be reauthorized next year.

7. Other, Discussion and Possible Action of:

a. Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force Update

Ms. Setoudeh reported that the first meeting of the Orange County Legislative Task Force had taken place on September 5, 2013; at this meeting they discussed initial priorities and what all four of the Districts could come

together and work on in the next year. She shared that they would likely focus on workforce development, public safety and emergency response regional planning funding, working more closely with the Chancellor's Division of Economic and Workforce Development (and funding opportunities within this), and work on the Dream Act at the Federal Level. Ms. Setoudeh further reported that the Taskforce additionally discussed Committee Membership and, Donna Miller from North Orange County suggested, that a Student Trustee be included from every District; all Districts are on Board. Trustee Prinsky confirmed that Student Trustee Tanner Kelly was invited to attend.

8. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Frazier-Mathews confirmed the next Meeting date of the Legislative Affairs Committee was scheduled for October 29, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

9. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Motion carried with the following votes

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

Secretary of the Board of Trustees