
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Regular Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 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 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

In Attendance – Chancellor, Dr. Andrew Jones; Townsend Public Affairs Consultant, Ms. Ashley Setoudeh, and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Julie Frazier-Mathews.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

4. Approval of Minutes: September 9, 2013

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson the Committee voted to approve the minutes of September 9, 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. Legislative Status and Recommended Possible Actions

Ms. Setoudeh provided a summary of action taken by the Governor on the bills the District had taken positions on.

The following bills were signed by the Governor: AB 182, AB 339, AB 701, AB 1085, AB 1358, SB 141, SB 195, SB 440, and SB 681.

The following bill was vetoed: SB 285.

The Committee discussed the authors and co-authors of AB 701.

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that, although SB 285 had been vetoed, it would be revised and re-submitted in 2014. She shared that there was a veto-message that stated that the Governor did not sign the bill due to a technicality problem and once this problem was resolved, this bill was anticipated to pass.

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that part of SB 4400 was in findings and declaration but was not in binding code. The Committee then discussed the bill at length.

Ms. Setoudeh offered to send weekly updates to the Committee members to allow for expedited positions. She explained that this was important because the two year bills would have a deadline in early January 2014. It was decided that the Legislative Affairs Committee would recommend positions at the January 16, 2014 Meeting and provide those recommendations to the full Board at the February 5, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Setoudeh advised that Board members schedule Legislative visits during the CCLC Conference week. It was agreed that Trustee Prinsky would attend Legislative visits on Monday, January 27, 2014.

b. Proposition 39 Update

Ms. Setoudeh walked the Committee through an update on Proposition 39. She started by informing the Committee that she learned that the District had received their first installment of funding for energy efficient project from Dr. Martha Parham, Director, Marketing & Public Relations.

c. Adult Education Regional Consortia Update

Ms. Setoudeh provided the Committee with a brief update on the Adult Education Regional Consortia.

d. Board of Governors Proposed Title 5 Regulation Changes

Ms. Setoudeh shared that the Chancellor would like to align goals with Federal regulation changes. She then asked Chancellor Jones what he felt was misaligned with Federal regulation changes and suggested this could be focused on in the letter that would be sent. Chancellor Jones indicated that he would like to focus on the "Standards of Progress."

6. Federal Update

a. Federal Legislative Update

Ms. Setoudeh provided an overview of bills that could be of interest to the District. She started with an introduction of HR 3399 and indicated that this bill would allow veterans to apply for Chapter 36 Educational Counseling online rather than the current cumbersome mail-in system.

The Committee discussed this bill at length and on a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to recommend that HR 3399 be presented to the Full Board at the January 15, 2014 Board Meeting with a tentative support position and asked that in the meantime Ms. Setoudeh provide the Committee with further information.

Motion carried with the following votes:

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

Ms. Setoudeh then presented HR 1747 (incentivizing businesses to work with Districts) and indicated that it lacked the means to move forward because the House Majority Leadership would only consider tax reform bills as a whole. She further advised that the author was aware of this and hoped to revive the bill once a tax reform bill was moved forward.

Lastly, Ms. Setoudeh shared that HR 803 and S 1356 were versions of the Workforce Investment Act and indicated that S 1356 would be heard on the Senate floor in December 2013.

b. Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that the Senate Education Committee planned to hold 12 hearings that would eventually lead to a draft Higher Education Act in early 2014.

c. Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

Ms. Setoudeh provided a brief update on the Workforce Investment Act.

7. Other, Discussion and Possible Action of:

a. Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force Update

Ms. Setoudeh provided a brief update on the Orange County Legislative Task Force.

8. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Frazier-Mathews confirmed the next Meeting date of the Legislative Affairs Committee was scheduled for January 16, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

9. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Motion carried with the following votes

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

Secretary of the Board of Trustees