
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Regular Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee
Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
Board Conference Room
1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

1. Call to Order

Trustee Patterson called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

In Attendance – Mr. W. Andrew Dunn, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services, and Ms. Ashley Setoudeh, Townsend Public Affairs Consultant.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of December 3, 2013

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson the Committee voted to approve the minutes of December 3, 2013.

Motion carried with the following votes:

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

5. Discussion and Consideration of Governor Brown's proposed 2014-15 State Budget, as it applies and impacts the community college system, and specifically the Coast Community College District. (Presented by Trustee Patterson)

Trustee Patterson reviewed Governor Brown's proposed 2014-15 State Budget, and pointed out that the budget for Community Colleges looked good with an 11.4 percent increase for next year. He added that the Governor proposed to continue to invest in education, infrastructure, health care, sustainability, and maintaining the rainy day fund.

- a. State Chancellor's Comments and Analysis
 - b. State Vice Chancellor Dan Troy Analysis
 - c. CCLC Comments and Analysis
 - d. Vice Chancellor Dunn's Analysis
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Mr. Dunn reviewed the 2014-15 Budget Summary email from Scott Lay dated January 8, 2014 and shared his thoughts.

6. Discussion and Consideration of a Coast District Washington, D.C. Legislative Advocacy presentation in April, to coincide with the AACCC Annual Conference dates of April 5th through 9th. (Presented by Trustee Patterson)

Trustee Patterson suggested holding April 28, 29, 30, and May 1, 2014 as tentative dates for the Legislative Advocacy trip to Washington, in the event April 5-9, 2014 does not work due to the Accreditation team visits.

7. State Update, Discussion and Possible Action (Presented by Ms. Ashley Setoudeh):

Ms. Setoudeh and the Committee members reviewed the Legislative Matrix of January 16, 2014 and discussed bills of interest to Coast Colleges.

Ms. Setoudeh indicated that she could attend the next hearing and stated that the Legislative Committee was in support of SB 330.

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson the Committee voted to recommend support of AB 330 and AB 548 to the full Board at the February 5, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Motion carried with the following votes:

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

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky the Committee voted to add AB 646 and AB 675 to the watch list.

Motion carried with the following votes:

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

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky the Committee voted to add AB 977 to the watch list.

Motion carried with the following votes:

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

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky the Committee voted to recommend support of SB 174 and SB 798 to the full Board at the February 5, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Motion carried with the following votes:

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

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky the Committee voted to add SB 845 and SB 240 to the watch list.

Motion carried with the following votes:

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

- a. Budget Update – A discussion of how the January Budget proposal will affect the District.

The Committee previously discussed the Budget Update under Agenda item number 5.

- b. Adult Education Regional Consortia Update – A discussion of AB 86 implementation and funding opportunities for the District.

Ms. Setoudeh provided an update on AB 86 Adult Education Regional Consortia Program Certification of Eligibility (COE) Materials.

- c. Goals for the January 27th Sacramento Advocacy Day – A discussion of what the District will want to accomplish during our meetings in Sacramento.

Ms. Setoudeh stated that the focus for the January 27th Advocacy Day would be the following:

- Baccalaureate degree at Community College District
- K-14 State Education Bond
- General Overview of District Priorities

8. Federal Update, Discussion and Possible Action (Presented by Ms. Ashley Setoudeh):

- a. Federal Legislative Update – A discussion of bills the District is interested in monitoring and potentially taking a position on.

Ms. Setoudeh informed the Committee that H.R. 3399 and H.R. 1747 did not move before Congress; therefore, these bills would be taken up in 2014.

- b. Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act – A discussion of where the reauthorization stands and what it may contain.

Ms. Setoudeh reported that TPA had conducted a meeting with staffers on the House Education & Workforce Committee who work with higher education policy, specifically the Higher Education Act (HEA) Reauthorization. She indicated that they were expecting a bill to be finalized late spring or early summer. She added that the Pell Grant Program would be a large part of the reauthorization, and the

House Education & Workforce Committee position would be to aim for a more fiscally responsible program.

Ms. Setoudeh included that as the HEA had gone through, the Accreditation system would likely focus on innovation including experiential and pilot programs, in addition to shifting a focus from process to outcomes in order to ensure quality. She ended by informing the Committee members that the HEA reauthorization would focus on the need for transparency, accountability, and simplicity.

- c. Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act – A discussion of where the reauthorization stands and what it may contain.

Ms. Setoudeh pointed out that the WIA bill provided \$2.6 billion for job training through the Training and Employment Formula Grant program. This figure is \$10 million less than the 2013 enacted level, but \$121 million more than the post-sequester level.

9. Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force Update and Possible Action– A discussion of what topics the Task Force has chosen to focus on in the upcoming year(Presented by Ms. Ashley Setoudeh).

The Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force would be conducting their annual State Legislative trip on January 28, 2014. The Task force would focus on the following:

- Career Technical Education legislation
- Cal Grant reform legislation

10. Discuss and Action to Approve Proposed Meeting Dates for 2014

Trustee Prinsky indicated that she did not feel a monthly Legislative Affairs Committee meeting was necessary. The Committee added this agenda item to the March 20, 2014 meeting as they felt it was too early to discuss and take action for the months of July through December 2014.

- a. July 17, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- b. August 21, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- c. September 18, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- d. October 16, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- e. November 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- f. December 18, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

11. Future Agenda Items

The Committee requested the following item be added to the March 20, 2014 Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting agenda:

- a. Discuss and Action to Approve Proposed Meeting Dates for 2014

12. Future Meeting Dates

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky the Committee voted to cancel the February 20, 2014 and May 15, 2014 Legislative Affairs Committee meetings.

- a. March 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- b. April 17, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- c. June 19, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

Motion carried with the following votes:

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

13. Adjourn

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson to adjourn the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

Secretary of the Board of Trustees