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# LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**Coast Community College District**  
**Regular Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee**  
**Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**  
**Board Conference Room**  
**1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626**

**1. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

In Attendance: Ms. Julie Frazier-Mathews, District Director of the Office of the Board of Trustees /Secretary of the Board; Mr. Bob Fey, Coast Federation of Educators Executive Director; Dr. Martha Parham, Director of Public Affairs, Marketing and Government Relations; Dr. Loretta Adrian, President Coastline Community College; Mr. Casey Elliott, Mr. Richard Harmon, and Ms. Jessica Fernandez, Townsend Public Affairs representatives.

**3. Opportunity for Public Comment**

Mr. Fey addressed the Committee during Public Comment and provided the Just-In - Time Professor handout.

**4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of March 20, 2014**

It was moved by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2014.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Trustee Patterson and Trustee Prinsky  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**5. Discussion of the Active Transportation Program which Became Law on January 1, 2014 (SB 99 and AB 101) Attachment 1**

Mr. Harmon provided a summary of the Active Transportation Program, and the Committee brainstorms ideas.

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to request consideration by the District staff, through Dr. Parham, to contact the various parties to see if a project regarding bridges was feasible.

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Motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Trustee Patterson and Trustee Prinsky  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**6. Discussion and Possible Action to Draft or Join Legislation to Reform the Accrediting Process**

**7. State Update, Discussion and Possible Action**

The Committee discussed AB 1942 (Bonta), AB 2087 (Ammiano), and SB 965 (Leno) and decided to add AB 1942 and SB 965 to the watch list. AB 2087 had been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee and was set to be heard on April 22, 2014.

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to have AB 2087 placed on the May 7th Board Meeting Agenda for the full Board to consider a letter of support, in the event it was passed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Trustee Patterson and Trustee Prinsky  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

Mr. Elliott requested to bring back SB 965 to the June 19, 2014 Legislative Affairs Committee meeting.

**8. Federal Update, Discussion and Possible Action**

**a. Legislative Update**

Ms. Fernandez provided a Federal Update on the following:

- HR 4373 Pell Grant Protection Act
- HR 4348 The Transferring Credits for College Completion Act
- HR 2560 Community College to Career Fund Act
- HR 1949 Improving Postsecondary Education Data for Students Act
- HR 3921/S. 1943 IN-STATE for Dreamers Act
- HR 3399 Veterans Education Counseling Act

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson the Committee voted to recommend support of HR 4373 to the full Board at the May 7, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Trustee Patterson and Trustee Prinsky  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky the Committee voted to add HR 4348 to the watch list and the June 19, 2014 Legislative Affairs Meeting for further discussion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Trustee Patterson and Trustee Prinsky  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

The Committee members agreed to add HR 2560 and HR 1949 to the watch list. They also requested that Ms. Fernandez find out if HR 3399 had been funded. Dr. Parham recommended that the Committee support HR 3399 if funded.

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson the Committee voted to add support of HR 3921/S1943 and HR 3399 (if funded) to the May 7th Board Meeting agenda.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Trustee Patterson and Trustee Prinsky  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

The Committee agreed to watch the Registered Apprenticeship College Consortium (RAAC), and they requested Ms. Fernandez gather additional information on this item.

b. Washington Advocacy Visit

Ms. Fernandez provided an update on the following:

- Higher Educational Act Reauthorization
- Presidential Initiatives
  - Skills Grants
  - Graduation Grants

The Committee discussed July 21-24, 2014 as possible dates for a Washington advocacy visit

## **9. State Budget Update**

Mr. Elliott reported the key items that had been discussed at the Budget hearings included the following:

- Enrollment growth
- Student Success
- Cost-of-Living Adjustment
- Deferrals

## **10. Future Meeting Date**

The Committee agreed to meet on the next scheduled Legislative Affairs Committee meeting, June 19, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

## **11. Future Agenda Items**

The Committee requested the following items be added to the June 19, 2014 Legislative Affairs Committee agenda:

- a. SB965
- b. Federal Update HR 4348

Dr. Parham provided an update on SB 850. She announced that the Presidents and the Chancellor supported SB 850 and recommended support from the full Board.

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson the Committee voted to compose a letter of support of SB 850 and to add it to the May 7, 2014 Board Agenda.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Trustee Patterson and Trustee Prinsky  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

## **12. Adjourn**

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Trustee Patterson and Trustee Prinsky  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

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District Director of the Office of the Board of Trustees/Secretary of the Board