
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District

Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee*

January 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Board Conference Room

1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Trustee Present: Trustee Prinsky, and Trustee Patterson (through teleconference)
Trustees Absent: None

In Attendance: Dr. John Weispfenning, Chancellor; Dr. Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Technology; Ms. Letitia Clark, District Director of Public Affairs, Marketing and Government Relations; Ms. Sophia Sadaat, Townsend Public Affairs Associate; Ms. Chelsea Vongehr, Townsend Public Affairs Associate; Ms. Maribeth Daniel, Coastline Military/Continuing Educational Technician; Mr. Michael Scott, Coastline Director, Strategy and Logistics; Mr. Nathaniel Harrison, Coastline Manager, Instruction and Veterans Programs; and Ms. Jane Burton, Interim Secretary of the Board

Also in attendance: Ms. Laura Kroeger and Mr. Casey Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs Associate, participated through teleconference.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

4. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to appoint Trustee Prinsky as Chair and Trustee Patterson as Vice Chair of the Committee

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of October 19, 2016

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2016.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

6. Update on Community College Legislation

a. State

Ms. Saddat and Ms. Vongehr provided an overview of the following State bills:

- AB 17 (Holden) Transit Pass Program: Free or Reduced Fare Transit Passes. Introduced in December 2016, currently awaiting policy committee assignment.
- AB 19 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver. Introduced in December 2016, currently awaiting policy committee assignment.
- AB 52 (Cooper) Public Employees: Orientation and Informational Programs: Exclusive Representatives. Introduced in December 2016, currently awaiting policy committee assignment.
- SB 15 (Leyva) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards. Introduced in December 2016, currently awaiting policy committee assignment. District supported last year, recommended it be returned to the next meeting for discussion.
- SB 25 (Portantino) Education: Integrated K-14 System. Introduced in December 2016, currently awaiting policy committee assignment. Recommend oppose. Will continue to keep a watch on this bill and provide updates.

b. Federal

Ms. Kroeger provided an overview on the following Federal bills:

- HR 5587 (Glenn) Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act. (The District supported with a Resolution). Will watch for reintroduction in the 115th Congress.
- S.3380 (Warren) Accreditation Reform and Enhanced Accountability Act of 2016. Expired at end of 114th Congress; will watch for reintroduction in 115th Congress.
- HR 2962/S. 1716 (Scott/Baldwin) America's College Promise Act of 2015

7. Update on State Budget

Mr. Elliott provided an update on the State Budget. He reported that the overall budget proposed by the Governor was essentially flat in spending over the current budget year, down about \$200 million, with a General Fund expenditure of \$122.5 billion in 2017-18. There were several corrective actions proposed, the largest being re-benching Prop 98.

There would still be overall growth in Prop 98 just not necessarily at a higher level that was envisioned in last year's budget. The Governor proposed to recapture just under \$1 billion

of one-time money that was allocated in last year's budget but hadn't yet been spent. The other major category was limiting growth in existing programs that would otherwise grow, e.g. phasing out the middle class scholarship, resulting in a General Fund savings of \$30 million in the current budget year. The Prop 98 guarantee would be up to \$73.5 billion in the Governor's proposed budget, up about \$2 billion.

Mr. Casey reported there were a number of different items affecting community colleges. From the State Chancellor's Office, \$150 million in one-time funding for Guided Pathways was high on their priority list, with just over \$94 million for 1.48% COLA, and just over \$79 million for Enrollment Growth (pegged at 1.34%). Other items included student success, with more money from Prop 39 for clean energy and job creation. He noted that the Governor's proposal did not include expenditures of funding approved through Prop 51, the Education Bond. The Governor had stated it was his intention not to have the State sell any of the Prop 51 bonds until the legislature approved policy modifying the way that K-12 facilities was done. Mr. Elliott indicated the Administration only included five of the projects of the 29 that were approved by the BOG (Coast had 2 projects on the list, approved by the BOG but not among the 5 approved in the budget process). Also, this year on the Prop 98 split, the K-12 side was slightly higher. In the past several years the split had the community colleges at approximately 10.94% of the overall Prop 98 spending, this year it was 10.83%, which was \$45-50 million that otherwise would be going for community colleges but is going to the K-12 side. Mr. Elliott indicate that once May Revise came around, the Administration would have revised revenue numbers and adjustments could be made. He added that any negative actions the new Administration took impacting the State budget would need to be calculated; the most notable one being the Affordable Care Act.

8. Discussion of National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)

Mr. Michael Scott, Coastline Director, Strategy and Logistics, Military Education, Corporate Training and Business Development; Ms. Maribeth Daniel, Coastline Military/Continuing Educational Technician; and Mr. Nathaniel Harrison, Coastline Manager, Instruction and Veterans Programs gave an overview on SARA. Discussion took place on the importance of SARA, how this could be addressed/supported by the District, and whether this should be a priority issue to be brought up during advocacy visits. It was agreed that this should be presented to the full Board for discussion and possible action at the second meeting in February.

9. Discussion of Sacramento Advocacy Trip (January 29-30, 2017)

The Committee discussed the schedule for the upcoming Advocacy Trip.

10. Discussion of Washington, DC Advocacy Trip (February 13-16, 2017)

The Committee discussed the upcoming Washington DC Advocacy Trip. At this point, Trustee Moreno was the only Trustee scheduled to attend. It was noted that this coincided with a Regular Board Meeting.

11. Discussion of 2017-2018 Legislative Platform

After discussion, it was agreed there would be a need for further discussion at a future meeting to review bills, but it was noted that the following were important issues:

- Textbook Cost Transparency and Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Veterans Resources

- Increase of Community Colleges' Base Allocation
- State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and Distance Learning
- Distribution of Proposition 51 Bonds

12. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting was scheduled for March 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

13. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items noted at this point.

14. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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



Interim Secretary of the Board

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