
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee
March 2, 2017
Board Conference Room
1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

In Attendance: Dr. John Weispfenning, Chancellor; Letitia Clark, District Director of Public Affairs, Marketing and Government Relations; and Dr. Andy Dunn, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services

Also in attendance: Laura Kroeger, Sophia Sadaat and Casey Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs Associates, participated through teleconference.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of January 11, 2017

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2017.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. Update on Executive Orders "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States" and "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements"

Ms. Kroeger gave a brief update on these executive orders. She indicated that these were not immediate changes, but could give the go-ahead for possible changes in the future. Discussion took place regarding possible funding of these orders, and the pros and cons of whether the District should become a sanctuary district.

6. Update on Community College Legislation

Ms. Kroeger provided an overview of the following State bills:

- **Federal**
- Discussion of Previous Legislation:
 - H.R. 338 (Rush) to Promote a 21st Century Energy and Manufacturing Workforce
 - **H.R. 496 (Coffman) BRIDGE Act** – would extend DACA protection if President decided to rescind it. Has some potential of moving.
 - H.R. 996 (Kihuen) STEP for Veterans Act
 - H.R. 1050 (Larsen)Youth Access to American Jobs Act
 - **S. 206 (Kaine/Portman) Jumpstart Our Businesses by Supporting Students (JOBS) Act** – would create a sub-program for job training within PELL Grant Program. Has potential of moving.
- Discussion of Legislation to be Introduced:
 - Higher Education Act Reauthorization – still in negotiation process, no bill yet. Has a lot of potential.

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Board voted to direct Ms. Clark to work with Townsend to author letters of support (or resolutions) for S.206 and continuing support for HR 496, and that these be brought to the full Board at the April 5th 2017 Board Meeting.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

State

- Discussion of Previous Legislation:
 - AB 17 (Holden) Transit Pass Program: Free or Reduced-Fare Transit Passes. DSC will speak on during Student Advocacy Trip.
 - AB 19 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver
 - AB 52 (Cooper) Public Employees: Orientation and Informational Programs: Exclusive Representatives
 - SB 15 (Leyva) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards
- Discussion of Newly Introduced Legislation:
 - AB 304 (Eggman) Public Utilities Commission: Proceedings: Inventor Compensation – now includes community colleges. We may want to take a support position.
 - AB 310 (Medina) Part-Time Faculty Office Hours
 - AB 370 (Rodriguez) Student Financial Aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards
 - AB 393 (Quirk-Silva) Public Postsecondary Education: Mandatory System Wide Fees and Tuition

- AB 405 (Irwin) Public Postsecondary Education: Community College Districts: Baccalaureate Degree Cybersecurity Pilot Program. Expansion of Cybersecurity Program – will keep a close watch. Mr. Elliott indicated he would talk to Assembly members and staff and let them know of the District's involvement, and would report back.
- AB 618 (Low) Local Agency Public Construction Act: Job Order Contracting: Community College Districts. Mr. Elliott indicated they would watch this as it moves along.
- AB 1307 (Gomez) Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition – will watch this.
- SB 7 (Moorlach) School District and Community College District Bonds: Project Information – will watch.
- SB 319 (Nguyen) Public Postsecondary Education: Remedial Coursework
- SB 478 (Portantino) Public Postsecondary Education: Transfer of Community College Students to the California State University or University of California
- **SB 769 (Hill) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program** – will take a support position.

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to direct Ms. Clark to work with Townsend to bring SB 769 to the full Board of Trustees for their review and consideration of support.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

7. Discussion of 2017-2018 Legislative Platform

Townsend indicated that they would be monitoring and keeping track of legislation related to these issues, knowing they are high priorities for our District.

- a. Textbook Cost Transparency and Open Educational Resources (OER)
- b. Veterans Resources
- c. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and Distance Learning
- d. Increase of Community Colleges' Base Augmentation
- e. Distribution of Proposition 51 Bonds

8. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting was scheduled for April 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

9. Future Agenda Items


There were no future agenda items noted.

10. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jane Burton", is written over a horizontal line.

Interim Secretary of the Board