
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District

Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Trustee Prinsky and Trustee Patterson

Trustees Absent: None

In Attendance: Dr. John Weispenning, Chancellor; Dr. Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Technology; Erik Fallis, District Director Public Affairs and Marketing, Dr. Andrew Dunn, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services, Austin Webster, Townsend Public Affairs Senior Associate, Laura Kroeger, Townsend Public Affairs Associate, Julie Clevenger, Director, Chancellor's Office Operations & Governmental Affairs, Mary Grady, Administrative Assistant Board, Jane Burton, Manager/Board Secretary

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting June 18, 2020

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the Meeting of June 18, 2020.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Trustee Prinsky and Trustee Patterson

No: None

Absent: None

5. Review, Discuss, and Possible Action on Federal Community College Legislation/Update on Watch List

Ms. Laura Kroeger from Townsend Public Affairs in D.C. provided an update for the Committee regarding the federal level efforts to pass a Phase IV Corona Virus Aid package.

She noted that the Democrats had previously passed the HEROES Act, and subsequently the GOP indicated a Republican response to the HEROES Act would be introduced.

The GOP bill was expected to include approximately \$105 billion for schools at all levels, much lower than what was hoped for by the Democrats. Townsend Public Affairs indicated they were monitoring state and local funding allotments provided by the Phase IV Corona Virus Aid package final bill.

The appropriations process at the State level had not made determinations for full fiscal year funding amounts for the year 2021, which had a start date scheduled for October 1, 2020. The deadline date was not expected to be met.

DACA update: A Federal judge had ordered the government to restore DACA to its full status and to start accepting additional applications. It was believed the government had not complied, and a counter measure would be forthcoming from the President's office.

Ms. Kroeger answered questions from the committee members.

6. Review, Discuss, and Possible Action on State Community College Legislation/Update on Watch List

Mr. Austin Webster from Townsend Public Affairs reported on discussions at the state level, sharing that legislation had not changed significantly since the last committee meeting.

- **AB 1130 (Gonzalez D) Fiber broadband for all bill**

The committee discussed this California Senator introduced bill that would provide funding for internet for -all and addressed the topic of identifying the internet as a utility.

7. Review, Discuss, and Possible Action on State Community College Legislation/Update on Watch List

- **AB 1759 (SALAS D) Institution of higher education: liability for COVID-19**

This bill would provide a reliability shield for COVID-19 related injuries for institutions of higher education, as noted on the Legislative Affairs Update Memo provided.

The Committee directed Mr. Webster to draft letters for the Chancellor and Board President's signature in support of this bill, and for this to be included in the August 5, 2020 Board of Trustees agenda for full Board approval.

8. Update from Orange County Legislative Task Force

Trustee Prinsky reported the main topics from the recent Orange County Legislative Task Force meeting including civil bills, the COVID-19 virus and

international students. Chancellor Weispfenning added there had been much discussion regarding the next version of COVID-19 funding from Washington.

9. Report Budget Updates

The Department of Finance held meetings with budget leadership, staff and advocates. An important topic of conversation was verbiage from vetoed bill AB 1727 and a request for similar verbiage to be included in the next budget trailer legislation. This bill would have provided increased funding for non-credit courses and changed how attendance was counted.

Vice Chancellor Dunn continued the budget conversation with a question regarding deferrals identified in the Governor's budget, contingent upon receipt of federal relief on or before October 1, 2020. It was anticipated state and local funding would be provided out of the next stimulus package prior to October 1, 2020.

10. COVID-19 Updates

Chancellor Weispfenning shared there had been a number of positive COVID-19 cases among employees and students, although they were not caused or spread on the premises, and there were no secondary cases. He noted that only essential employees were allowed on campuses, all non-essential activities were being avoided, and that a slow approach to reopening would be taken when appropriate.

11. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

12. Future Agenda Items

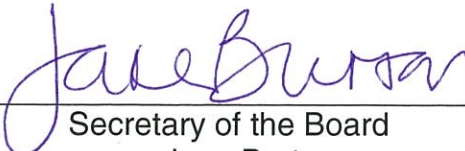
- a. Legislative Priorities
- b. COVID-19 Updates

13. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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



Secretary of the Board
Jane Burton

