
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District

Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee

Thursday, September 3, 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 Weispfenning, 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 July 22, 2020

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the Meeting of July 22, 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 potential Corona Virus Aid package negotiations progress, as well as recent executive orders, the appropriations process at the federal level and the DACA process.

The Corona Virus Aid package negotiations had stalled. The CARES ACT was signed into law in March 2020 and negotiations for future legislation were continuing. State and local funding was at issue, with revenue loss noted as a major factor. The House passed their version of Phase 4 Corona Virus Package, the HEROES ACT, in May 2020. The Senate had not passed any similar bills although they had put forth the HEALS ACT and a “skinny” version was also presented.

The federal budget funding and appropriations would run out September 30, 2020. A Continuing Resolution was in order and expected to avoid a government shutdown. The Corona Virus Aid package was not expected to be tied to the Continuing Resolution. An extension of the previous year’s funding levels would continue with possible slight anomalies.

Four presidential executive orders and memos were issued from the White House.

- An extension of the student loan relief was extended to the end of the year. Originally passed with the CARES ACT.
- The HHS and CDC were given instruction to study how to prevent renter residential evictions. Later, the CDC came out with a national eviction moratorium until the end of the year 2020 with several stipulations. No financial aid would be provided.
- Temporary deferred payroll tax, to be repaid at a later date.
- Funds from FEMA to be redirected to provide an extension of the federal unemployment insurance boost.

DACA update: July 28, 2020 the acting Secretary of Homeland Security published a memo with changes for how DACA would operate, followed by guidance on how the changes would be enacted. All initial DACA requests would be rejected from eligible individuals that had not previously received DACA protections. This change was expected to be challenged.

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

Mr. Austin Webster from Townsend Public Affairs reported on legislation.

Mr. Webster shared with the Committee, in follow up to Ms. Kroeger’s report, Townsend was actively working with coalition partners in D.C. to ensure the headcount funding formula for higher education included in the new Phase 4 stimulus package when passed.

The Committee was provided with a memo outlining recent legislation. Highlights noted below:

- **AB2019 (Holden D) Pupil instruction: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships: county offices of education.** Was expected to go through at a later date.

- **AB1759 (Salas D) Institutions of higher education: liability for COVID-19-related injuries.** Was held in committee for a while, and Townsend was hopeful it would come back around at a later date.

7. Review, Discuss, and Possible Action on Legislative Priorities

- **AB2884 (Berman D) California State Lottery: revenue allocation.** The Governor was expected to sign.
- **AB3137 (Voepel R) Community Colleges: California College Promise: members of the Armed Forces of the United States.** Expected at a later date.
- **AB2288 Nursing Programs State of Emergency bill.** Passed by both houses and would be presented to the Governor.

A special session was possible in December 2020 at the Governor's discretion.

December 3, 2020 was the date that the new legislature would be sworn in.

8. Update from Orange County Legislative Task Force

Trustee Prinsky provided a brief update from the recent Orange County Legislative Task Force meeting. Topics discussed at the meeting were as follows:

- State and federal legislation
- Districts reopening guidelines
- Prop 15 and 16 – All districts are neutral on both items
- Elections for the Trustees in the area
- Federal update on Kamala Harris' priorities, higher education had not been a focus point.
- UCI Covid-19 indemnification rider: Chancellor Weispfenning explained the details.
- The Chancellors would be meeting to review plans for spring.

9. Report Budget Updates

Mr. Webster indicated that he was scheduled to meet with the Department of Finance as well as the Appropriations Committee staff to begin conversations about the budget moving forward for the current fiscal year and the following fiscal year.

Federal funding required by October 1, 2020 was unclear and uncertain. Deferrals were expected to continue into the following year with or without federal funding.

State sales tax revenue was better than expected for the quarter.

10. COVID-19 Updates

The District continued to review requests for specific programs to operate focusing on safety and limiting in-person interaction.

11.Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

12. Future Agenda Items

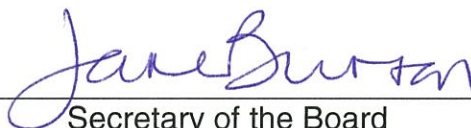
- a. Broad Federal Legislative Update
- b. Broad State Legislative Update
- c. Budget Update
- d. Possible Legislative Priorities
- e. Elections Update

13.Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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



Secretary of the Board
Jane Burton