
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District

Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee

Monday, June 7, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.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; Casey Elliott, State Capitol Director, Townsend Public Affairs; Ben Goldeen, Senior Associate, Townsend Public Affairs; Julie Clevenger, Director, Chancellor's Office Operations & Governmental Affairs; Dr. Dana Emerson, Dean, Coastline College; Mary Grady, Administrative Assistant, Board of Trustees; 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 of May 10, 2021

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2021.

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

Ben Goldeen, Senior Associate from Townsend Public Affairs, began the federal legislation update with details regarding the policy conversations taking place in

Washington at the time. There were three major topics in Washington, the first being transportation and infrastructure, which included the American Families Plan, the American Jobs Plan and bipartisan senate negotiations. The second and third most important topics were the Congressional Appropriations Committee was under way in earnest, and police reform and negotiations.

Other issues discussed by the Committee included:

- The Department of Education opened a public hearing for the Title IX regulations and it was in process.
- S.1274 Remote and Mobile Worker Relief Act of 2021: a bill to limit authority of States or other taxing jurisdictions to tax certain income of employees and provide uniformity in state and local income tax for employees working remotely in other states. This bill would be tracked and further information would be provided for the Committee.
- The Perkins Act updated information was requested and would be provided for the Committee.

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

Casey Elliott, State Capitol Director, Townsend Public Affairs provided the update. The previous three weeks had included several major policy deadlines. A limit of 12 bills were allowed to advance to the House, moving a number of bills to the inactive file.

AB 927 (Medina D) Public postsecondary education: community colleges: statewide baccalaureate degree program: The pilot program was still advancing and had moved out of the legislature with strong support.

AB 1216 (Salas D) California Community Colleges: governing board membership: student members: Related to the student trustee roll, was held on suspense in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would not be eligible for consideration again until January 2022. The Coast District Student Trustee Roy Sahachaisere was selected for the statewide student senate and committee of students that would review the state policy.

AB 1456 (Medina D) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Reform Act: This measure would move forward.

AB 275 (Medina D) Classified community college employees: This bill regarding probationary periods for classified employees was moving forward. This measure would shorten the probation period from an existing twelve month maximum to a six-month maximum effective upon expiration or renewal of MOU agreements, or January 2022. The Committee decided a letter of concern would be appropriate to discourage the passing of this bill, and a draft letter would be presented to the full Board of Trustees for consideration at the next Board meeting.

AB 375 (Medina D) Community colleges: part-time employees: This bill would require that negotiation on reemployment preference for part-time, temporary faculty assignments be based on the minimum standards not exceeding 80% to 85% of a full-time equivalent load, and would prohibit the community college district from restricting the terms of the negotiated agreement to less than that range, unless explicitly agreed upon by an individual part time, temporary faculty member and the district. A similar letter of concern was suggested for this bill and would be provided for the Board of Trustees' review at the next Board meeting.

The policy deadline for the Senate would be July 14, 2021.

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

AB 1273 (Rodriguez D) Interagency Advisory Committee on apprenticeship: The Director of Consumer Affairs and the State Public Health Officer: New measure assembly bill "earn and learn" job training opportunities would make modifications for internships. This bill would make the State Public Health Officer and the Director of Consumer Affairs ex officio members of the Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship. This bill was moving forward. A letter of concern would be written.

AB 1491 (McCarty D) Adult education: consortia: carryover of allocated funds: Moved to the inactive file on the assembly floor. This would become a two-year bill and would be eligible for consideration again in January 2022. Vice Chancellor Serban requested Townsend Public Affairs track and also suggested communication with congressional members regarding this bill.

8. Budget Updates – Casey Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs

The Governor's May Revise included significantly more resources would be made available than the January budget proposal, with projection of a \$75 Billion surplus as well as \$25 Billion in central funds from the rescue plan. An increase in proposed COLA up to 4.05%, fully retiring the deferrals, significant increase in deferred maintenance funding, and a number of smaller investments in areas related to workforce training, textbooks, college career pathways, and other areas.

The Assembly and Senate announced they would approve a legislative budget, which was not a usual event. The legislative budget passed and was similar to the Governor's May revised proposal overall for the budget year.

Community College key areas highlighted for funding: The raised COLA \$75 Million, additional funding for deferred maintenance, increased support for full time faculty at \$75 Million, full time faculty hiring \$170 Million, 2.31% COLA for adult education, and consolidated down various proposals put forth by the Governor's office such as guided pathways and zero text book cost degrees. Vice Chancellor Serban requested additional workforce programs information be provided from Townsend Public Affairs.

Legislation approved the extension of the Hold Harmless for an additional year 2024-2025 in acknowledgement of the effects of the pandemic.

Also included was a proposal to defund and close out Cal Bright.

The final budget would pass by June 15, 2021. A number of trailer bills were expected to follow.

The Committee discussed the state revenue assumptions as projected, acknowledging previous year's final budget projections from the Governor's proposal were usually close to accurate.

Vice Chancellor Dunn recommended advocating for larger funding allocations for scheduled maintenance projects, as the current standing rules maximum for any one project was just over \$600,000. Dr. Dunn mentioned it would be much easier to manage a few larger projects rather than several small projects at a time. The Committee discussed the possibility of a future trailer bill and a letter of advocacy from Coast District Board of Trustees.

9. Cal Grant Reform

The Chancellor addressed the Cal Grant Reform issue stating a letter of support for Cal Grant Reform was submitted from Coast District.

10. Orange County Legislative Task Force Updates

Coast District would begin hosting the OCLTF meetings beginning July 8, 2021.

11. COVID-19 Updates

Cal/OSHA voted to update the policies and were in regulatory review at the state level. Mask regulations would continue to be reviewed.

12. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

13. Future Agenda Items

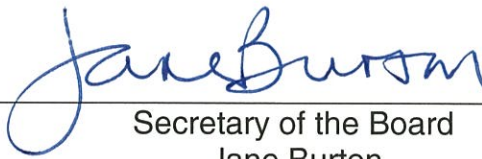
- a. Budget Update – Casey Elliott
- b. Federal Legislative Updates
- c. State Legislative Updates
- d. Future Legislative Priorities
- e. OCLTC Updates
- f. Covid-19 Updates

14. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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



Secretary of the Board
Jane Burton

