
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee
Monday, May 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

In Attendance: Dr. John Weispfenning, Chancellor; Dr. Andrew Dunn, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services; Dr. Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Technology; Erik Fallis, District Director, Public Affairs and Marketing; Julie Clevenger, Director, Chancellor's Office Operations & Governmental Affairs; Tim McGrath, President, Golden West College; Dana Emerson, Dean, Coastline College; Michael Scott, Project Director, Coastline College; Roy Sahachaisere, Student Trustee; Ben Goldeen, Federal Advocacy Manager, Townsend Public Affairs; Casey Elliott, Vice President, Townsend Public Affairs; Mary Grady, Administrative Assistant, Board of Trustees

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

4. Authorization under Brown Act, Government Code § 54953(e), for Conducting Meetings Remotely Due to the COVID-19 Emergency Because Meeting in Person Would Present Imminent Risks to the Health or Safety of Attendees

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to authorize the continuance of remote meetings due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of April 11, 2022

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2022 as presented.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

6. Review, Discuss, and Possible Action on Federal Community College Legislation/update on Watch List

Mr. Ben Goldeen, Townsend Public Affairs, provided the Federal Legislative update.

The House was in the middle of a two-week recess. A few legislative items tracked closely since the previous meeting by Townsend Public Affairs were as follows:

The America Competes Act (The Chips Bill) – There was optimism a conference agreement would be in place by July-August 2022. This bill was primarily designed to boost the chip manufacturing industries in the U.S., and included amendments with provisions that could benefit community colleges.

The House and Senate had once again begun to engage in community project funding, or congressionally directed spending (earmarks) for FY 2023. The District had submitted an earmark for consideration to Congresswoman Michelle Steel's office in April 2022 for theater equipment. Although the earmark request was received and accepted in time to meet the deadline, it was not submitted to the Appropriations Committee as anticipated. A decision was made by Michelle Steel and her team not to submit earmarks for FY 2023.

Trustee Prinsky mentioned that she would speak to Congresswoman Katie Porter to solicit support moving forward, however it was noted Katie Porter had also not submitted earmarks for FY 2023.

The Build Back Better Plan was briefly discussed. Mr. Goldeen felt that if Congress moved forward on a reconciliation package, a successor to the Build Back Better Plan, it would not include the education provisions that passed the House in November.

The Covid-19 Relief bill would be very narrowly focused moving forward on public health measures such as vaccines, therapeutic purchases, and testing. The bill was delayed over Title 42, an unrelated issue preventing asylum seekers crossing the border.

The America Competes Act bill had a \$250 million dollar grant program attached to the bill, that could benefit Orange Coast College Maritime Center with priority funding to assist the Maritime work force.

After discussion, on a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to move forward with support of The America Competes Act bill amendment for the grant program to benefit the Maritime Centers, and authorized Townsend Public Affairs to lobby with local and federal legislators by any and all

methods available, including letters of support for the bill amendment, on behalf of Coast Community College District. Mr. Goldeen offered to send a support template to Julie Clevenger.

Motion passed unanimously with the following vote:

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

The bill for Student Loan Forgiveness was discussed briefly by the Committee. The bill had moved to the forefront, and was expected to receive action by August 2022.

Circling back to the conversation regarding earmarks, the Committee expressed interest in inviting Congresswomen Katie Porter and Michelle Steele and staff, to a future Legislative Affairs Committee meeting after the primaries. Additional invitations could then be extended for speaking engagements at the college campuses. Julie Clevenger would extend invitations on behalf of the Committee and the District.

7. Budget Update – Casey Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs

Mr. Casey Elliott, Vice President, Townsend Public Affairs provided the budget update for the Committee.

The timeline/deadline dates were outlined for the Committee (see below):

- Appropriations Committee Deadline – May 20, 2022
- House of Origin Deadline – May 27, 2022
- Deadline to Approve State Budget – June 15, 2022
- Second House Policy Committee Deadline – July 1, 2022

The State Budget total expenditures \$300.7 billion:

- \$227.3 billion General Fund
- \$110.3 billion Prop 98
- \$97.0 billion surplus
- \$49.2 billion discretionary surplus
- \$37.1 billion in reserves

Ongoing funding proposals:

- \$493M COLA (6.56%)
- \$250M SCFF Base Allocation Increase
- \$125M SCFF Basic Allocation Increase
- \$25M Increase for Student Equity and Achievement
- 6.56% COLA for other categorical programs

One-time Funding Proposals:

- \$1.523B to fund Deferred Maintenance (available through 6/30/27)

- \$750M Discretionary Block Grant to address pandemic related issues and reduce long-term obligations.
- \$45M to implement the California Healthy School Meals Pathway Program.
- \$403.1M (Prop 51) for Capital Outlay Projects. This did not include GWC Fine Arts Renovation, however, Mr. Elliott added that conversations were still taking place and this was on Senator Min's and Assembly Woman Petrie Norris' radar.

AB 1491 was briefly discussed, a bill introduced last year pertaining to the use of roll over funds in the adult education program. This bill was back for consideration with new amendments, and was set for a Senate Committee hearing on June 1, 2022.

A primary budget bill was expected to be passed by the Legislature by June 15, 2022.

Julie Clevenger added that the State Budget Coalition letter was sent out the previous week by the Chancellor. The letter was provided by the state system, and was sent to the Chairs of the Senate Assembly Budget Committees. Districts throughout the state were asked to sign and send letters in a show of support.

Other topics briefly discussed by the Committee included deferred maintenance, sustainability projects, and the pension employer match increase to take effect July 1, 2022.

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

Mr. Elliott provided an update on the priority state legislation.

AB 1705 (Irwin) – Matriculation Assessment – bill would require a community college district or college to maximize the probability that students will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and mathematics within a one-year time frame. *Approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and was on the Assembly Floor for consideration.*

AB 1746 (Medina) – Cal Grant Reform Act – this bill would enact the Cal Grant Reform Act to revise and recast the provisions establishing and governing the existing Cal Grant Program into a new Cal Grant Program. *The bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and was on the Assembly Floor for consideration.*

AB 1856 (Medina) – Community College Part Time Employees – The bill would modify required work load levels. *The bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and was on the Assembly Floor for consideration.*

AB 2624 (Kaira) Course Materials – Requirement to prominently display the estimated costs for each course of all required course materials, fees and materials for no less than 75% of the total number of courses on the online schedule. *The bill was held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.*

SB 1080 (Min) – College and Career Fairs – The District worked on this bill with a taskforce. The bill would require a school district or school holding a career fair to notify each community college district with overlapping jurisdiction. *The measure was referred to the Assembly Education Committee. A hearing date had not yet been scheduled and was expected by mid-June 2022.*

SB 1141 (Limon) – Exemption from payment of nonresident tuition – The bill would expand eligibility for the exemption from paying nonresident tuition. *The measure was approved by the Senate Education Committee (5-0) on March 30, 2022 and was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

AB 1505 Faculty Obligation Number – Scheduled to be heard in Senate Education Committee. The Legislative Affairs Committee and the Board had not formally taken an opposing position on the measure, however, Chancellor Weispfenning was working with Townsend Public Affairs due to concerns about the bill.

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to authorize the Chancellor to sign the Community College League of California letter of opposition to AB 1505.

Motion passed unanimously with the following vote:

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

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

The Committee discussed the following topics regarding future legislation.

- COLA at 6.56% would take effect July 1, 2022 if approved.
- Trustee Patterson requested ideas and suggestions to increase enrollment.

10. Covid-19 Update

Chancellor Weispfenning gave an update for the Committee.

- The Covid-19 numbers had increased in Orange County in recent days.
- Employees were required to inform the District if they became ill with Covid-19.
- Originally, July 1st had been the proposed date to bring employees back to the worksite five days per week, however this was deferred due to an increase in Covid-19 numbers.
- June 1, 2022 was previously the date set to drop the mask mandate, however the Chancellor was considering extending the mask mandate.

11. Future Meeting Date

The next Legislative Affairs Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

12.Future Agenda Items

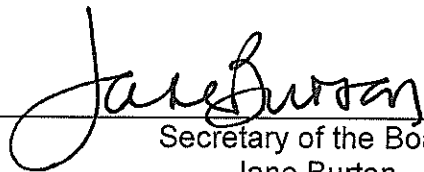
- a. Budget Update – Casey Elliott
- b. Federal Legislative Updates
- c. State Legislative Updates
- d. Future Legislative Priorities
- e. Covid-19 Update
- f. Monkey Pox
- g. Possible guests Congresswomen Katie Porter and/or Michelle Steel and Staff

13.Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to adjourn at 3:16 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously with the following vote:

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jane Burton", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of the Board
Jane Burton