
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee
Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

In Attendance: Dr. Whitney Yamamura, Chancellor; Dr. Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Technology; Marlene Drinkwine, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services; Erik Fallis, District Director, Public Affairs, Marketing and the Foundation; Daniela Thompson, Executive Director Fiscal Affairs; Julie Clevenger, Director, Chancellor's Office Operations and Governmental Affairs; Tim McGrath, President, Golden West College; Isela Ocegueda, Vice President of Instruction, Coastline College; Michael Scott, Project Director, Coastline College; Jose Fuentes-Perez, Student Trustee; Ben Goldeen, Federal Advocacy Manager, Townsend Public Affairs; Casey Elliott, Vice President, Townsend Public Affairs; 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. 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 July 21, 2022

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 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.

There was important news from the Biden Administration for higher education regarding student loan debt relief. Individuals making under \$125,000 annually in calendar year 2020-2021, or married couples making under \$250,000 combined annually, would receive up to \$10,000 in debt forgiveness. Pell Grant award recipients would receive up to \$20,000 in debt forgiveness.

In most cases income data for students would already be on file with the Department of Education, and no steps would be needed for the students to receive the Department relief. For those borrowers without income information already on file with the Department of Education, a form would need to be filled out and submitted before November 15, 2022. More information for students and staff could be found at studentaid.gov.

The Biden Administration had deferred student loan repayment from the onset of the pandemic. One last deferral of payments was put in place and was to expire December 31, 2022. Beginning January 1, 2023 all students with remaining debt or repayments that did not qualify for the student relief plan would be required to resume their student loan payments.

Another important Biden Administration announcement that would impact CCCD students was the announcement that the DACA rule was put into the Code of Federal Regulations (The rule - 8 CFR Parts 106, 236 and 274a). Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) protects the status of Dreamers, undocumented immigrants that came to the United States with their parents while under the age of 16. DACA was put in place by the Obama Administration in 2012 and was operating for 10 years under a guidance memo implemented policy. The DACA Code Regulation would be in affect October 31, 2022, if not challenged in the courts.

The Inflation Reduction Act was signed into law in August 2022. This bill started out as Build Back Better. No programs specifically for higher education or community colleges were included in the final bill. There were three programs community college districts would be eligible for as a public agency: the neighborhood access and equity grant

program, environmental and climate justice, and research into alternative fuel and low emissions aviation technology.

The Chips and Science Act was also signed into law in August 2022 for research and workforce development and stem education. Several provisions within the bill could potentially benefit community colleges down the road. Included was grant funding to incentivize semi-conductor research that would be administered by the National Science Foundation Educational Outreach in support of underrepresented communities. STEM education through the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the Department of Commerce, and the National Science Foundation would have multiple grants available for community colleges to apply for.

Appropriations update: September 30, 2022 was the end of the FY 2022-23 federal fiscal year. A Continuing Resolution (CR) was expected to pass in November. Attachments to the CR were in discussions.

Trustee Prinsky asked about the recent news regarding a Senate vote delay from Democrats for same sex marriage. The delay until after the election would possibly bring more Republican votes for the bill.

7. Budget Update – Casey Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs

Mr. Casey Elliott, Vice President, Townsend Public Affairs provided the budget update for the Committee. The main budget bill and the bulk of the trailer bills were adopted in mid-June.

Trailer bills relevant to community colleges:

- AB 190 Higher Education Budget Trailer Bill provided clarification details for items included as part of the Budget package.
- California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022 Trailer Bill would provide \$1.8 billion in 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and create a process for the California School Finance Authority and the California Educational Facilities Authority to create and receive applications from campuses and distribute funds.
- Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program Trailer Bill would include programmatic changes to ensure community college districts are providing quality, affordable and accessible healthcare coverage to all eligible part-time faculty.
- Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program Trailer Bill clarified application deadlines and information to be submitted to the Legislature joint Legislative Budget Committee, Department of Finance and made a technical correction related to the appropriations for budget years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.
- Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Student Achievement Program Trailer Bill clarified information and the timeline for reports submitted to the Legislature, the staffing of statewide offices that would implement the programs at CSU and CCC, and the process for allocations to participant campuses.

State agencies had begun working on the next year's budget proposals that would be included in the Governor's January 2023 budget.

State revenue levels would be watched closely through the end of the year. The Department of Finance had reported state revenues through July 2022 that were lower than projected. The economy was sending mixed messages with unemployment rates at the lowest rates ever, however, inflation levels were rising.

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

Mr. Elliott provided an update for the priority state legislation. The regular session of the 2021-2022 legislative cycle adjourned session August 31, 2022, although the official closing date would be November 30, 2022. Approximately 2300 bills were introduced in the current year and about 1200 bills had passed and were with the Governor to sign or veto by September 30, 2022. December 5, 2022 an organization session would be held to swear in the legislative members

End of session issues:

- Brown Act – AB 361 Remote Meetings During A State of Emergency would continue through the end of January 2023. AB 2449 Open meetings: local Agencies; teleconferences were approved by the legislature and would provide some modifications and flexibility to the Brown Act by allowing public agencies to participate remotely with a quorum in person, within the District boundaries. More legislation on this topic was expected.
- Behavioral Health Reform – Creates a process to help homeless individuals receive treatment for underlying issues contributing to homelessness.
- Clean Energy/Zero-Emission Vehicles – Would keep Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant operational an additional five years to help provide energy stability to the grid. Another bill passed requiring new car manufacturers to provide 100% of their new cars electric or zero emissions by 2035.
- Community College Legislation –
 - AB 1505 Community Colleges: full-time faculty obligation. This bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File due to the costs that would have resulted from the bill provisions, and the bill did not move forward.
 - AB 1705 Matriculation Assessment: Amendments were included near the end of session. The bill was approved on the Senate Floor (40-0) and concurred on the Assembly Floor (77-0). The measure was with the Governor for his consideration.
 - AB 1746 Cal Grant Reform Act: the bill was pulled by the author after the bulk of the bill's provisions were included as part of the final state budget.
 - AB 1856 Community College part time employees: This bill was approved on the Senate Floor (40-0) and is before the Governor for his consideration.
 - AB 2627 Electronically collected personal information – community colleges memoranda of understanding: This bill was approved on the Senate Floor (32-

8) and concurred on the Assembly Floor (66-6). The measure was before the Governor for his consideration.

- SB 1141 Exemption from payment of nonresident tuition – This bill was approved on the Assembly Floor (61-11) and concurred on the Senate Floor (32-8). The measure was before the Governor for his consideration.

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

Mr. Elliott noted there would be new bills introduced at the beginning of the legislative session in January. The development of new bills would take place in November and December.

AB 1080 by Senator Min, that CCCD had sponsored this year, was not heard in the Assembly Education Committee. Trustee Prinsky recently spoke to Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris about this bill.

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to approve the pursuit of the College and Career Fair Act.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

10. Covid-19 Update

Chancellor Yamamura stated the Covid-19 numbers had fallen and would not be tracked on a daily/weekly basis moving forward unless the hospital or death rates were to increase.

11. Future Meeting Date

The next Legislative Affairs Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 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. Election Results
- f. New Boundaries and Representatives CCCD

13. Adjourn

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

Motion passed unanimously with the following vote:

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



Secretary of the Board
Erik Fallis