
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 2:00pm
Via Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

In Attendance: Dr. Whitney Yamamura, Chancellor; Dr. Marco Baeza, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources; Dr. Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Technology; Marlene Drinkwine, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services; Erik Fallis, Secretary of the Board; 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; Lee Gordon, Academic Senate President, Orange Coast College; Ben Goldeen, Federal Advocacy Manager, Townsend Public Affairs; Casey Elliott, Vice President, Townsend Public Affairs; Joseph Melo, Senior Associate, Townsend Public Affairs; Jennifer Daniels, Executive 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. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to appoint Trustee Prinsky as Chair and Trustee Patterson as Vice Chair for 2023.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

6. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of September 15, 2022

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2022 as presented.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

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

Ben Goldeen of Townsend Public Affairs, provided the Federal legislative update. The month of December saw Congress return after the general election to consider bills in a lame duck session. After the mid-term elections, and subsequent early December run-off election for Georgia's second Senate seat, members of the House and Senate worked to complete the omnibus appropriations bill for FY23. Legislators in Washington, DC took major steps to assemble the governing coalitions for the 118th Congress. House and Senate Republicans and Democrats elected their leaders in caucus elections in late-November. Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California secured his party's nomination on November 15th. In the Senate, Republican Leader Mitch McConnell was reelected to the role. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced that she would not seek to remain in Democratic leadership. The House Republican Conference debated proposed changes to the package of rules that govern their internal party organization. An amendment to ban members from seeking earmarks was defeated, meaning that Republican members would be allowed to request earmarks again in the 118th Congress. The U.S. Department of Education announced an extension of the pause on student loan repayment, interest, and collections to June 30, 2023. The extension continued the deferred payment status that was put in place at the start of the COVID-

19 pandemic while the Supreme Court reviewed a lower court decision to stop the program. Payments would resume 60 days after the Department is permitted to implement the forgiveness program or the litigation is resolved. If the program was not implemented and the litigation not resolved by June 30, 2023, payments would resume 60 days after that. Mr. Goldeen would provide the group with a list of House Committee Chairs and their staff.

Erik Fallis, District Director of Public Affairs, Marketing and Foundation, provided an update on his recent visit to Washington DC that included meetings with Brent Palmer in Senator Feinstein's office, Cameron McPherson in Congressperson Porter's office and Robert Garcia.

8. Budget Update

Casey Elliott of Townsend Public Affairs provided the budget update. Governor Newsom released the January budget proposal, in which he identified the state as having a \$22.5 billion deficit. Deferrals and targeted cuts, specifically to multi-year spending proposals, were identified to offset the deficit. It did not include many new programs or expenditures for community colleges. Major expenses included in the proposal were the cost-of-living adjustment for \$652 million (8.1%), \$92.5 million for categorical programs, and \$200 million in one-time funding to bolster enrollment. It was not proposed to use the states reserves. Minor legislation was anticipated relative to gasoline prices and the windfall profits tax on oil producing companies.

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

Casey Elliott of Townsend Public Affairs provided the State legislative update. The legislature came into session for one day on December 5 and had not yet resumed full bill production mode. The deadline to introduce bills was February 17th. It was anticipated that the Legislature would introduce over 2,000 bills in 2023, with the bulk of the measures being eligible for consideration in their first policy committee in March. The Assembly Speaker released revised chair and vice-chair appointments to policy committees. Assembly Democrats initiated the budget negotiation process by unveiling budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. The Assembly's budget priorities document marked the first of many reports from the Legislature and the Governor's office on the evolution of planned budgeting for the next fiscal year.

Relevant dates for the Legislature:

January 20th – Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel
February 17th – Last day for bills to be introduced
April 28th – Deadline for policy committees to consider bills with a fiscal impact
May 5th – Deadline for policy committees to consider bills that are non-fiscal
May 19th – Deadline for fiscal committees to consider bills
June 2nd – Deadline for bills to pass their House of Origin

10. Review, Discuss, and Possible Action on Assembly Bill 928 – Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021

President Tim McGrath of Golden West College provided an update on the implementation, recommendations and requirements of AB 928. Noted areas of impact included Ethnic Studies, Counseling, Kinesiology and Guided Pathways. Due to the impact on underrepresented students, many community colleges expressed opposition. President McGrath would provide committee members with additional information that included sample opposition letters and resolutions under development at other California community colleges for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to prepare an opposition letter and resolution for adoption at the February 1, 2023 Board Meeting.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

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

Chancellor Yamamura requested that the committee revisit legislation in support of community college access to high schools at the same time as the UC and CSU systems. A peer reviewed study demonstrating the depth of the problem was required to advance the bill. Mr. Elliot recommended a conversation with Assembly Member Petrie-Norris if the district wished to pursue it. Trustee Prinsky recommended partnering with K-12 institutions for broader support.

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to bring forth a recommendation to the Board of Trustees at the February 1, 2023 Board Meeting in support of reintroducing the bill.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

12. Election Results

Casey Elliott of Townsend Public Affairs provided a summary of the results of the November 2022 general election. It was the first election conducted utilizing new federal and state level district maps. The maps were established by the California Citizens Redistricting Committee based on the 2020 census data and a months-long public input and comment process.

13. New Boundaries and Representatives CCCD

Casey Elliott of Townsend Public Affairs provided the Federal and State representatives covering Coast Community College District's boundaries.

Assembly District 70 – Tri Ta
Assembly District 72 – Diane Dixon
Assembly District 73 – Cottie Petrie-Norris
Senate District 36 – Janet Nguyen
Senate District 37 – Dave Min
Congressional District 45 – Michelle Steel
Congressional District 47 – Katie Porter

Mr. Elliott recommended inviting Assembly Member Ta, who served as the Vice Chair of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education, to attend a future Legislative Affairs Committee meeting to discuss topics of interest.

14. Future Meeting Date

The next Legislative Affairs Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

15. Future Agenda Items

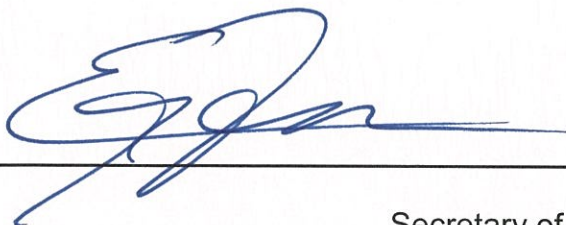
- a. Federal Legislative Update
- b. State Legislative Update
- c. Budget Update
- d. Future Legislative Priorities
- e. Assembly Bill 928 Update

16. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to adjourn at 3:23 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

