
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Coast Community College District
Legislative Affairs Committee
Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 2:00pm
Via Zoom**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Trustee Lorraine Prinsky and Trustee Jerry Patterson

Trustees Absent: None

In Attendance:

Dr. Whitney Yamamura, Chancellor

Dr. Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services

Erik Fallis, Secretary of the Board

Julie Clevenger, Director of Chancellor's Office Operations

Casey Elliott, Vice President, Townsend Public Affairs

Joseph Melo, Senior Associate, Townsend Public Affairs

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no requests to address the Legislative Affairs Committee.

4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of April 6, 2023

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 meeting.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Trustee Prinsky and Trustee Patterson

No: None

Absent: None

5. Federal Community College Legislation

Joseph Melo of Townsend Public Affairs, provided the Federal legislative update. The House voted to approve a bill (H.R. 2811) that would raise the nation's debt limit for one year and scale back federal spending. The bill would freeze fiscal year 2024

discretionary spending at 2022 levels and limit the growth of spending over the next decade to one percent annually. The proposed plan included changes to safety net programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and Medicaid. Administration stood in strong opposition to the spending plan and the U.S. government faced a default.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Department of Technology (CDT) announced a series of joint regional engagement events throughout the state on the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. Attendees would have the opportunity to learn more about the digital equity plan equity in California.

A hearing was held with the Education Secretary regarding Workforce Pell for short term programs. Three bills were introduced in support of the grants.

6. State Community College Legislation

Casey Elliott of Townsend Public Affairs provided the State legislative update. April was the legislative deadline for policy committees to hear and report bills with a fiscal component. Fiscal measures that did not pass out of committee prior to the deadline became 2-year bills and were not eligible for further consideration until January 2024. The May budget revision would offer an assessment of the state's overall fiscal condition and ability to accommodate additional spending programs contained within various bills. The tax filing extension impacted the delivery of returns data the Department of Finance needed to compile the spending plan. The budget plan contained spending proposals, proposals that would increase the overall level of revenue to the State, and a two-tiered tax corporate tax system. The Governor proposed spending cuts and deferrals to programs to protect the over \$37 billion in reserve funds.

Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittees on Education held hearings in April to regarding community college proposals within the Governor's January Budget. The focus was on enrollment, apportionments, facilities, and general issues impacting the system. Stakeholders indicated that their top priority was to have a fully funded COLA consistent that provided to the K-12 system. Concerns were expressed over the Governor's proposal to redirect deferred maintenance funding to be used for activities to bolster enrollment. The May Revise was released in mid-May and the Legislature would have until June 15 to approve a budget bill.

Upcoming relevant dates for the Legislature:

May 5 – Deadline for policy committees to consider bills that are non-fiscal

May 19 – Deadline for fiscal committees to consider bills

June 2 – Deadline for bills to pass their House of Origin

7. Legislative Priorities

Mr. Elliott presented an update on the following bills of interest to the District:

- *AB 358 (Addis) – Community college districts: student housing*
Approved on the Assembly Floor and in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting referral to a policy committee.
- *AB 461 (Ramos) – Student safety: fentanyl test strips*
In the Assembly Appropriations Committee and referred to the Suspense File to be considered on May 18.
- *AB 610 (Holden) – Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program*
Approved by the Assembly Transportation Committee referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- *AB 634 (Ward) – Community colleges: career development and college preparation courses*
In the Assembly Appropriations Committee and referred to the Suspense File to be considered on May 18.
- *AB 680 (Rubio) – Post secondary education: nonresident tuition exemption*
In the Assembly Appropriations Committee and referred to the Suspense File to be considered on May 18.
- *AB 1173 (Ta) – College and career fairs*
Approved on the Assembly Floor and in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting referral to a policy committee.
- *AB 1370 (Ta) – California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program*
Approved by the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee and referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- *AB 1393 (Calderon) – California Dream Act applicants: Food Support Pilot Program*
Approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee and referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- *AB 1400 (Bryan) – California Access Tax Credit Fund: community college student transfers: Historically Black Colleges and Universities*
Approved by the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee and referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- *AB 1749 (McCarty) – University of California: Associate Degree Guaranteed Transfer Admission Program*
Approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee and referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- *SB 234 (Portantino) – Opioid antagonists*
In the Senate Appropriations Committee and referred to the Suspense File to be considered on May 18.
- *SB 307 (Ashby) – Middle Class Scholarship Program*
Approved by the Senate Human Services Committee and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- *SB 467 (Portantino) – Community colleges: apprenticeship or internship training programs*
Approved on the Senate Floor and referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to prepare a letter in support of *AB 1577 General Acute Care Hospitals: Clinical Placements: Nursing* for adoption at the June 21, 2023 Board Meeting and recommended that the Chancellor and President of Golden West College prepare similar letters.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

Trustee Prinsky noted that all three Academic Senates passed second reading of a proposed resolution and wished to encourage the introduction of legislation in the current session affirming academic freedom in California Community Colleges. Dr. Serban confirmed that provisions for academic freedom were addressed in Title V, the collective bargaining agreement, and board policy.

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to prepare a resolution to further support existing academic freedom regulations.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

8. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Elliott would provide continuing updates on legislative priorities and development of the state budget. The list would be updated to include the CCLC and State Chancellor's positions on legislation.

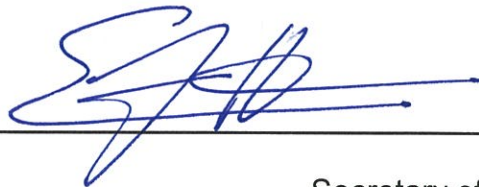
Update on the implementation of AB 928

9. Future Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.



Secretary of the Board
Erik Fallis