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# LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Coast Community College District  
Legislative Affairs Committee  
May 2, 2024  
Via Zoom

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Lorraine Prinsky  
Trustees Absent: Jerry Patterson

### In Attendance:

Whitney Yamamura, Chancellor  
Meridith Randall, GWC President  
Julie Clevenger, Director of Chancellor's Office Operations  
Marlene Drinkwine, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services  
Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Technology  
Curtis Williams, OCC Educational Technology Specialist  
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 March 28, 2024

Deferred

## 5. Federal Community College Legislation

Joseph Melo of Townsend Public Affairs provided the Federal legislative update. The U.S. Education Department released final regulations that detail how an institution must respond to sex discrimination to comply with Title IX. This gave community colleges just over three months to undertake substantial employee training, changes to grievance procedures and other aspects of Title IX compliance that the regulations required. The U.S. Department of Labor released its final "overtime" rule. The rule used a tiered approach to increase to \$58,656 by January 1, 2025, the salary level at which employees could be classified as "executive, administrative or professional". The House

passed *A Stronger Workforce for America Act* (H.R. 6655) on April 9. The legislation reauthorized Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act programs at \$39.1 billion from FY2025-2031. H.R. 6655 reformed WIOA by requiring 50 percent of adult and dislocated worker funding go toward upskilling workers. There was no estimate on when the House might seek to advance the Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act. The bill was scheduled for a floor vote in February but was pulled because of mounting opposition.

## **6. State Community College Legislation**

Casey Elliott of Townsend Public Affairs provided the State legislative update. The House-of-Origin policy committee deadline was on April 26. The Legislature and Administration also passed the first set of budget bills, which aimed to help reduce the overall deficit.

the Assembly Higher Education Committee released a report detailing deficiencies in Title IX issues. In response, legislators introduced the following bills addressing sexual discrimination and harassment at colleges and universities: AB 1790, AB 1905, AB 2047, AB 2048, AB 2326, AB 2407, AB 2492, AB 2608, AB 2987 and SB 1166. The Committee approved the measures on April 16, and they were referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Relevant dates for the Legislature:

April 26 – Deadline for House-of-Origin policy committees to approve fiscal bills  
May 3 – Deadline for House-of-Origin policy committees to approve non-fiscal bills  
May 17 – Deadline for House-of-Origin fiscal committees to send bills to the Floor  
May 24 – Deadline for bills to pass out of their House-of-Origin  
June 15 – Deadline for the Legislature to approve a budget bill

Mr. Elliott presented an update on the following priority legislation:

- *AB 1805 (Ta) – Academic content standards: Mendez v. Westminster School District*  
This bill was approved by the Assembly Education Committee (7-0) and the Assembly Appropriations Committee (15-0) and is currently on the Assembly Floor awaiting consideration.
- *AB 1818 (Jackson) – Postsecondary education: homeless students: parking*  
This bill was approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee (10-0) and has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- *AB 1855 (Arambula) – Open meetings: community college student body associations*  
This bill passed from the Assembly Floor (53-12) and is currently in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting referral to a policy committee.
- *AB 1891 (Weber) – Community colleges: allied health programs*  
This bill was approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee (10-0) and is currently on the Assembly Floor.
- *AB 2088 (McCarty) – K-14 classified employees: part-time or full-time vacancies*

This bill was approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee (7-2) and has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

- *AB 2104 (Soria) – Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program*

This bill was approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee (10-0) and has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

- *AB 2277 (Wallis) – Community colleges: part-time faculty*

This bill was approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee (11-0) and has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

- *AB 2305 (Fong) – Community colleges: statewide baccalaureate degree program*

This bill was approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee (11-0) and is currently on the Assembly Floor.

- *SB 895 (Roth) – Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program*

This bill was approved by the Senate Education Committee (7-0) and has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration.

- *SB 1388 (Archuleta) – Community colleges: general fund balance*

This bill was approved by the Senate Education Committee (4-2) and has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration.

## **7. State Budget Activity**

Casey Elliott reported that Governor Newsom signed AB 106 into law on April 15. The measure, called the “Early Action Budget Agreement,” included much of the funding shifts, delays, and reductions that were included in the Governor’s January budget. There were no programmatic changes to funding for the community colleges. The agreement did not address what discretionary programs would be cut from the General Fund in the coming year. The Department of Finance reported that General Fund cash receipts in March were \$243 million below the projected forecast in the Governor’s January Budget. For the fiscal year to date, the state was \$5.8 billion below projections. It was anticipated that revenue included in the Governor’s May Revise would be lower than was included in the Governor’s January Budget. The May Revise would require additional budget solutions.

## **8. Bond Issues**

Casey Elliott reported that deadline for the legislature to place a bond measure on the ballot was June 27, 2024. Proposed bonds included education, housing and climate/natural resources. Discussions were underway to determine appropriate numbers and amounts for the bond load following the poor performance of Proposition 1 during the March election.

## **9. Future Agenda Items**

Federal Legislation

State Legislation

Budget Activity

**10. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



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Richard Goetz  
Secretary of the Board