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# LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**Coast Community College District  
Legislative Affairs Committee  
August 29, 2024  
Via Zoom**

## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

## **2. Roll Call**

Trustees Present: Lorraine Prinsky  
Trustees Absent: Jerry Patterson

### **In Attendance:**

Whitney Yamamura, Chancellor  
Julie Clevenger, Director of Chancellor's Office Operations  
Marlene Drinkwine, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services  
Daniela Thompson, Executive Director of Fiscal Services  
Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Technology  
Lee Gordon, OCC Academic Senate  
Curtis Williams, OCC Educational Technology Specialist  
Casey Elliott, Vice President, Townsend Public Affairs  
Joseph Melo, Senior Associate, Townsend Public Affairs  
Ricky Goetz, Secretary of the Board

## **3. Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no requests to address the Legislative Affairs Committee.

## **4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of June 6, 2024**

Deferred

## **5. Federal Community College Legislation**

Joseph Melo of Townsend Public Affairs provided the Federal legislative update. Congress advanced education funding bills in July before leaving for August recess. The House and Senate will return in mid-September to begin reconciling the differences between their bills and focus on passing a continuing resolution to avoid a shutdown as the September 30 deadline approaches.

The Department of Education issued a proposed rule to expand the federal TRIO program to allow Dreamers to enroll in the programs. The TRIO programs are federal outreach designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. The White House also announced an executive order that targets Hispanic-Serving Institutions. On August 1, new final regulations on Title IX promulgated by the Biden administration take effect in select states.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the fiscal year 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies package. The House Appropriations Committee also advanced the Labor-HHS package in July. It is unlikely that any of the FY2025 spending bills will be conferenced, approved by both chambers, and signed into law by the FY2024 expiration date of September 30. There is general agreement that a continuing resolution should run until December.

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

Casey Elliott of Townsend Public Affairs provided the State legislative update. The Legislature's month-long Summer Recess began July 3, with legislators returning on August 5 to consider measures prior to the session's adjournment. Upon return, lawmakers will have over a thousand measures to consider and pass prior to the deadline on August 31. The Governor will have until September 30 to sign or veto bills. July was also the deadline for the finalization of statewide ballot initiatives California voters will consider at the November 5, 2024 General Election.

The November 2024 ballot will include the following 10 statewide ballot measures, ranging from statewide bond proposals, local rent control authority, a Proposition 47 referendum, and a statewide minimum wage increase:

- Proposition 2: Issues \$10 billion in bonds to fund construction and modernization of public K-14 education facilities.
- Proposition 3: Repeals Proposition 8 and establishes a right to marry.
- Proposition 4: Issues \$10 billion in bonds to fund state and local parks, environmental protection projects, water infrastructure projects, energy projects, and flood protection projects.
- Proposition 5: Lowers the vote threshold from 66.67% to 55% for local bond measures to fund housing projects and public infrastructure.
- Proposition 6: Removes involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime from the state constitution.
- Proposition 32: Increases minimum wage to \$18.00 an hour.
- Proposition 33: Repeals the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act.
- Proposition 34: Requires health care providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care.
- Proposition 35: Permanently authorizes a tax on managed care organizations to fund Medi-Cal programs.
- Proposition 36: Increases drug crime and theft penalties and allows a new class of crime to be called treatment-mandated felony, which allows the offender the option to participate in drug and mental health treatment.

Relevant dates for the Legislature:

August 5<sup>th</sup> – Legislature returns to session from Legislative Summer Recess

August 16<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for bills to advance out of Second House fiscal committees

August 31<sup>st</sup> – Final recess begins on adjournment of floor session

September 30<sup>th</sup> – Last day for Governor to act on pending legislation

Mr. Elliott provided notable actions taken by the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees on August 15:

- AB 359 (Holden) Would make numerous changes to College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships for the purpose of offering or expanding dual enrollment opportunities for all students. Passed to Senate Floor
- AB 810 (Friedman) Would require all institutions of higher education, as a condition of receiving state financial assistance, to implement a policy of requiring potential employees for academic, athletic, and administrative positions to disclose whether they have been the subject of a finding of sexual harassment. Passed to Senate Floor
- AB 1160 (Pacheco) Would prohibit colleges from refusing to provide a diploma or certificate for a current or former student on the grounds that the student owes a debt. This bill would also place restrictions on debt collection methods used to collect institutional debt from students. Held in Committee
- AB 1575 (Irwin) Would authorize students who receive a disciplinary notification to have an adviser of their choosing and requires postsecondary education institutions to provide trainings for the aforementioned adviser. Passed to Senate Floor
- AB 1577 (Low) Would require, upon request, health facilities and clinics to meet with a community college or California State University (CSU) approved nursing program and work in good faith to meet the needs of the nursing program, including adding additional clinical placement slots to accommodate the nursing program. Passed to Senate Floor
- AB 1818 (Jackson) Would require the California State University (CSU) and CCCs and would request the University of California (UC), to establish a pilot program to allow overnight parking by a student attending its campus if the student uses the vehicle as housing and meets other specified conditions. Held in Committee
- AB 1885 (Addis) Would allow students receiving support under the Disabled Services and Programs for Students (DSPS) who are classified as full-time to also receive a Student Success and Completion Grant. Passed to Senate Floor
- AB 1891 (Weber) Would, until January 1, 2030, authorize the usage of multi-criteria screening for admission decisions in allied health programs. Current law allows community colleges to utilize multi-criteria screening in nursing program admissions. Passed to Senate Floor
- AB 1905 (Addis) Would make an employee of a public postsecondary educational institution ineligible for retreat rights if the employee is the respondent in a sexual harassment complaint and the employee is determined to have committed sexual harassment, or the employee resigned from their current position before a final

- administrative decision is made. Passed to Senate Floor with clarifying amendments
- AB 2033 (Reyes) Would require, by September 1, 2025, each campus of the CCCs to apply for at least one general store or a store that sells food on campus to become an authorized retail food store under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and, if approved, ensure the store or stores accept the use of electronic benefits transfer cards. Passed to Senate Floor
  - AB 2048 (M.Fong) Would require the Chancellor's Office to convene a community college sexual harassment and Title IX working group to, among other things, review the policies and procedures of no less than 15 community college districts and determine if existing community college district policies and procedures regarding faculty-student and staff-student relationships and sexual harassment are adequate to prevent, detect, and address sexual harassment. Passed to Senate Floor with amendments to make it a report from the Chancellor's Office rather than a workgroup
  - AB 2057 (Berman) Would remove the sunset of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) Intersegmental Implementation Committee, also known as the AB 928 committee, and implements several of the committee's recommendations. The bill also requires the state to adopt and monitor certain goals related to closing equity gaps. Passed to Senate Floor with amendments to reduce scope
  - AB 2088 (McCarty) Would require vacancies for part- and full-time classified service positions of an education employer to be offered with priority to current regular non-probationary classified employees who meet certain requirements. Passed to Senate Floor
  - AB 2096 (Petrie-Norris) Would allow a chief administrative officer, an officer or employee, or a student at a public institution of higher education to seek a temporary restraining order if there is a credible threat of violence made off the school campus or facility. Passed to Senate Floor
  - AB 2104 (Soria) Would require the Chancellor's Office to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes 15 community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Passed to Senate Floor
  - AB 2193 (Holden) Would establish civil liability for a public or private postsecondary educational institution in cases of student hazing and also establish a rebuttable presumption that an educational institution took reasonable steps to address hazing if the institution took certain steps prior to an incident, such as having updated certain rules and regulations and having implemented a comprehensive prevention and outreach program addressing hazing. Passed to Senate Floor with amendments to clarify that provisions are not retroactive
  - AB 2277 (Wallis) Would increase the number of instructional hours that a part-time community college faculty member may teach at one district from 67% to 85% of a full-time assignment. Passed to Senate Floor with clarifying amendments
  - AB 2458 (Berman) Would require, before the start of the 2026–27 academic year, each CCC to implement a policy to estimate cost of attendance information for student parents, identify student parents in the campus's data management information system, and update its net price calculator to include a baseline student parent cost estimate. Passed to Senate Floor with amendments to allow use of existing data elements

- AB 2492 (Irwin) Would require, by July 1, 2026, a public postsecondary educational institution to establish and designate at least one person to fulfill the positions of confidential student advocate, confidential staff and faculty advocate, and confidential respondent services coordinator to assist students, faculty, or staff who have filed a complaint of sex discrimination, experienced sex discrimination, or are accused of sex discrimination. Held in Committee
- AB 2578 (Flora) Would allow a nursing student enrolled in an out-of-state nursing program to obtain clinical experience in California if specified conditions are met. Held in Committee
- AB 2586 (Alvarez) Would prohibit a campus of the UC, CSU, and CCCs from disqualifying a student from being eligible to apply for an employment position at the campus due to their failure to provide proof of federal work authorization, except under specified circumstances. Passed to Senate Floor
- AB 2821 (Grayson) Would require the governing board of each community college district to establish a Disability Access and Compliance Training Program which includes the legal and procedural responsibility of college personnel to provide effective accommodations for disabled students. Passed to Senate Floor
- AB 2834 (Rendon) Would revise the policy preferences of the Legislature with respect to part-time community college faculty to express the preference that the names of part-time faculty be listed in the bulletin of classes offered once they are assigned to a course, rather than just the schedule of classes. Passed to Senate Floor with clarifying amendments
- AB 2901 (Aguiar-Curry) Would require school and community college districts to provide classified and academic employees at least 14 weeks of leave with full pay for pregnancy-related leaves of absence. Passed to Senate Floor with amendments to delay implementation and make contingent upon appropriation
- AB 3087 (M.Fong) Would extend the operation of the Economic and Workforce Development Program by five years, to January 1, 2030. Passed to Senate Floor
- SB 895 (Roth) Would require the Chancellor's Office to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes 15 community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Passed to Assembly Floor with amendments to limit to 10 colleges
- SB 1015 (Cortese) Would require the Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee to study specified topics and to submit a report making recommendations to the Legislature regarding how approved schools of nursing or nursing programs should manage or coordinate clinical placements. Passed to Assembly Floor
- SB 1042 (Roth) Would require a health facility that offers prelicensure clinical placement slots upon the request of an approved school of nursing or an approved nursing program to meet with representatives of the school or program to discuss the clinical placement needs of the school or program. Held in Committee
- SB 1166 (Dodd) Would require the CCCs, by December 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, to submit a legislative report that provides a summation of the activities undertaken by each district and by the systemwide Title IX office to ensure campus programs and activities are free from sex discrimination. Passed to Assembly Floor with amendments to make CCC report every three years
- SB 1244 (Newman) Would authorize a community college district to enter into a CCAP partnership within the service area of another community college district if

the community college district in the service area has declined a request or has failed to take action within 60 calendar days of receiving a request. Passed to Assembly Floor

- SB 1348 (Bradford) Would establish the Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions to recognize campuses that excel at providing academic resources to Black and African American students. Passed to Assembly Floor (with amendments to refine application process)
- SB 1491 (Eggman) Would require the governing board of each community college district to designate an employee at each campus as a point of contact for the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, pansexual, transgender, gender-nonconforming, intersex, and two-spirit faculty, staff, and students. Passed to Assembly Floor

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 on the Senate Floor (40-0).
- *AB 1818 (Jackson) – Postsecondary education: homeless students: parking*  
This bill was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.
- *AB 1891 (Weber) – Community colleges: allied health programs*  
This bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee (6-0) and is awaiting consideration on the Senate Floor.
- *AB 2088 (McCarty) – K-14 classified employees: part-time or full-time vacancies*  
This bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee (4-3) and is awaiting consideration on the Senate Floor.
- *AB 2093 (Santiago) – California College Promise: fee waiver eligibility and funding formula*  
This bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee (6-0) and is awaiting consideration on the Senate Floor.
- *AB 2104 (Soria) – Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program*  
This bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee (7-0) and is awaiting consideration on the Senate Floor.
- *AB 2277 (Wallis) – Community colleges: part-time faculty*  
This bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee (6-0) and is awaiting consideration on the Senate Floor.
- *SB 895 (Roth) – Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program*  
This bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee (11-0) and is awaiting consideration on the Assembly Floor.
- *SB 1015 (Cortese) – Nursing schools and programs*  
This bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee (13-0) and is awaiting consideration on the Assembly Floor.
- *SB 1042 (Roth) – General acute care hospitals: clinical placements: nursing*  
This bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.

- *SB 1244 (Newman) – Dual enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships*

This bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee (14-0) and is awaiting consideration on the Assembly Floor.

## **7. State Budget Activity**

Casey Elliott reported that The state began the fiscal year with a \$14 billion General Fund cash balance and ended June without an outstanding loan balance. The state had a substantial cash reserve and avoided taking on new debt or successfully repaid any existing loans by the end of the fiscal year. The California State Treasury had over \$118 billion in liquid funds that were immediately accessible for use at the end of FY24. The growth of large budget reserves and cautious budgeting of state special funds and multiyear disbursement periods has transformed the state's cash position into one of strength over the last several years.

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

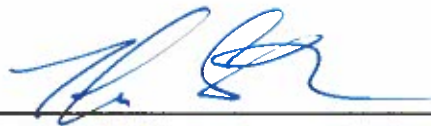
No new items.

## **9. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.



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Richard Goetz  
Secretary of the Board