
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Legislative Affairs Committee
January 16, 2025
Via Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Trustee Lorraine Prinsky
Trustee Jim Moreno

In Attendance:

Whitney Yamamura, Chancellor
Julie Clevenger, Director of Chancellor's Office Operations
Marlene Drinkwine, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services
Diane Fiero, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources
Daniela Thompson, Executive Director of Fiscal Services
Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Technology
Curtis Williams, OCC Educational Technology Specialist
Casey Elliott, Vice President, 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. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Moreno, the Committee voted to appoint Trustee Moreno as Chair and Trustee Prinsky as Vice Chair for 2025.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2024 and August 29, 2024

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Moreno, the Committee voted to receive and file the minutes of the August 29, 2024.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

Revised minutes of the June 6, 2024 meeting would be returned to the next meeting for approval.

6. Federal Community College Legislation

Casey Elliott of Townsend Public Affairs provided the Federal legislative update. Congress approved a legislative package to avert a government shutdown and extend current funding levels until March 14, 2025 which includes over \$100 billion in disaster relief and provisions to extend health care and agriculture programs.

President-elect Donald Trump's second term begins in January, with Republicans controlling both chambers of Congress and holding a Supreme Court majority. This political alignment positions him to pursue an ambitious education agenda, including significant cuts to the Department of Education, promoting private school choice, and rolling back protections for transgender students.

Congressman Tim Walberg is positioned to chair the House Education and the Workforce Committee in the upcoming Congress. The Education Department submitted its final proposed rules on program integrity and institutional quality to the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. This is a key last step before the rules are published in their final form in the Federal Register. The Biden administration withdrew its proposals for student debt cancellation, ending loan forgiveness efforts.

7. State Community College Legislation

Casey Elliott of Townsend Public Affairs provided the State legislative update. The California State Assembly and Senate reconvened for Organizational Session to welcome new legislators, adopt house rules, and elect their respective leadership teams. Assembly Members and Senators are now only permitted to introduce 35 bills, a reduction from the previous levels of 50 in the Assembly and 40 in the Senate. Approximately 140 bills, resolutions, and constitutional amendments have been introduced since the Legislature convened.

Assembly Speaker and Senate President Pro Tem made announcements of new caucus leadership, as well as to committee chairs and vice chairs for the 2025 legislative session. The Senate Education Committee will be chaired by Senator Sasha Renee Perez (D-Alhambra). The Assembly Higher Education Committee will continue to be chaired by Assembly Member Mike Fong. The Senate has announced full

committee membership, and the Assembly has not yet released the complete roster for each of the standing committees.

Relevant dates for the Legislature:

January 6 – Legislature reconvenes

January 10 – Deadline for Governor to submit budget bill

January 24 – Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel

February 21 – Last day for bills to be introduced

May 2 – Last day for fiscal bills to be passed by policy committees

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

- *AB 48 (Alvarez) – College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026*
This bill has not yet been referred to a policy committee.
- *AB 65 (Aguilar-Curry) – School and community college employees: paid disability and parental leave*
This bill has not yet been referred to a policy committee.
- *AB 90 (Jackson) – Public postsecondary education: overnight student parking*
This bill has not yet been referred to a policy committee.

8. State Budget Activity

Personal Income Tax withholdings for fiscal year 2024-25 are even with projections, but November withholdings are \$806 million (approximately 10%) below projections. The drop in withholdings could drive the state's General Fund revenues down, but other revenue sources are still pending. The Department of Finance's next state budget projections will coincide with the Governor's January Budget Proposal.

9. Future Agenda Items

Townsend to provide a list of committee members of the state senate and assembly.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.



Richard Goetz
Secretary of the Board