
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Legislative Affairs Committee
February 27, 2025
Via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Moreno called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Trustee Lorraine Prinsky
Trustee Jim Moreno

In Attendance:

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
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: June 6, 2024 and January 16, 2025

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Moreno, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 and January 16, 2025 meetings.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. Federal Community College Legislation

Joseph Melo of Townsend Public Affairs provided the Federal legislative update. Executive Orders signed and provisions included since January 20:

- *AB 88 (Ta) – Middle Class Scholarship Program: dependents of members of the armed forces stationed outside of California*
Status: In Assembly Higher Education Committee awaiting a hearing.
- *AB 90 (Jackson) – Public postsecondary education: overnight student parking*
Status: In Assembly Higher Education Committee awaiting a hearing.
- *AB 296 (Davies) – Apprenticeship fairs*
Status: Has been referred to Assembly Labor and Employment Committee, and Assembly Higher Education Committee, and is currently awaiting a hearing.
- *AB 323 (Fong) – Strong Workforce Program: work-based learning opportunities*
Status: In Assembly Higher Education Committee awaiting a hearing.
- *AB 537 (Ahrens) – Community colleges: California College Promise*
Status: Awaiting referral to a policy committee.

7. State Budget Activity

Governor Newsom's office released the FY 2025-26 budget proposal on January 10. It proposed a balanced \$322.2 billion with no deficit and a modest surplus backed by \$16.9 billion in reserves. The January budget proposal does not contain many new spending proposals and continues the funding priorities that were established as part of last year's budget.

Budget highlights included economic resilience and strategic preparedness in the event of emergencies and provisions for community colleges that include COLA for Student Centered Funding Formula apportionments, enrollment growth, technology enhancements, career development, facility projects, and categorical programs.

The Legislative Analyst's Office recommended a cautious approach to new spending initiatives and consideration of additional strategies to strengthen the state's fiscal position. Budget Subcommittees in both Houses will begin detailed reviews of specific budget areas and will hold hearings to consider testimony on funding priorities and potential revisions.

8. Future Agenda Items

Bills for Consideration to Take Position On
Grants Status Update

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Moreno, the Committee voted to adjourn at 2:51 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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



Richard Goetz
Secretary of the Board