

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Regular Meeting Agenda | July 19, 2025

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President Reyes called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

B. Roll Call | 5 Minutes

President Reyes

Vice President Chris Chandler

Vice President of Regional Affairs Cody Jarvis

Vice President of Finance Federico Caion Demaestri

Vice President of Communications Brandon Maskey

Regional Affairs Director, Region I Mario Prudencio

Regional Affairs Director, Region II Kevin Hill

Legislative Affairs Director, Region II Claire Densmore

Regional Affairs Director, Region III Davina Malbrough

Legislative Affairs Director, Region III Ode Kunthar

Regional Affairs Director, Region IV Vivek Sharma (at 10:08)

Legislative Affairs Director, Region IV Maria Blaze

Regional Affairs Director, Region V Garrett Wilkinson

Regional Affairs Director, Region VI Oscar Rivera

Legislative Affairs Director, Region VI Lucia Landeros

Regional Affairs Director, Region VII Destiny McLemore

Legislative Affairs Director, Region VII Jasmine Varkey

Regional Affairs Director, Region VIII Flo Cudal

Legislative Affairs Director, Region VIII Carlo Flores-Olsen

Regional Affairs Director, Region IX Valerie Pamphile

Legislative Affairs Director, Region IX Myisha Jackson

Regional Affairs Director, Region X Yonatan "Yogi" Hernandez

Legislative Affairs Director, Region X Gabriella McField

Members Absent:

Legislative Affairs Director, Region I Caitlin Wheetley (absent)

With 23 /24 present. Quorum was established.

The mission of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) is to enrich the collegiate experience for all California community college students by pursuing policies that will improve student access and success while engaging and empowering local student leaders, as well as honoring equity and diversity.

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C. [Brown Act AB 2449 Teleconference Exemption Requests](#)

Motioned, seconded (VPF Demaestri) to approve requests under Brown Act 2449 Teleconference exemption. Motion passed.

D. Adoption of the Agenda | 5 mins.

With no objection, the agenda was adopted.

E. Consent Agenda | 5 mins.

1. [Meeting Minutes](#). *The Board of Directors will approve the June 20, 2025, meeting minutes.*
2. [Caucus Activation](#). *The Board of Directors will approve continued recognition of SSSCC Caucuses and request that the Caucus Committee review and discuss the current role of caucuses within the SSSCC.*

Motioned, seconded (LAD II Densmore) to approve the consent agenda. No objection. Motion passed.

F. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. [Oath of Office](#)

President Reyes conducted the Oath of Office for incoming Board members.

B. [Community Agreements](#)

President Reyes shared the SSSCC Community Agreements and emphasized the importance of upholding them during the meeting and in the SSSCC's work.

C. Chancellor's Office Report

No report.

D. Executive Committee Report

President Reyes briefly highlighted the recent meeting of the Executive Committee.

E. [Executive Director Report](#)

Executive Director Adams informed members that her written report is linked to the agenda and requested that they review it to gain a better understanding of the staff's activities. She then provided highlights of the report, including outreach and engagement efforts, legislative activities, social media updates, and other key information. Her presentation can be found at [this link](#).

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F. California Community College Board of Governors Report

Love Adu, a student member of the Board of Governors, provided members with an update on the past Board of Governors meeting and highlighted items for the next meeting. Her presentation can be found at [this link](#).

G. Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Report

Mitra Sapienza, North Representative for the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC), provided a report on recent ASCCC activities. She conveyed a message of appreciation from the ASCCC President, thanking the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) for its continued partnership and active participation in both the Faculty Leadership Institute and the Curriculum Institute. Mitra also expressed her gratitude to students for their contributions to the Institutes, emphasizing the value their perspectives bring when they share their lived experiences.

H. Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) Liaison Report

Dr. Oranit Limmaneeprasert, FACCC President, provided background about FACCC, legislative advocacy, and the next meeting date.

I. California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA) Liaison Report

No report.

III. BUSINESS

A. [Financial Aid Redesign](#)

Dr. Mara Lockowandt, Director, Jobs for the Future (JFF) provided information about a project on financial aid barriers at California Community Colleges, which includes a Participatory Research Project. [Link to her PPT](#).

Motioned, seconded (VPF Demaestri) to support and participate in the Financial Aid Research project led by JFF and the Chancellor's Office. Motion passed.

B. [VPLA Position](#)

President Reyes reviewed the process for filling the vacant position of Vice President of Legislative Affairs. Per the Elections Policy, the President may recommend an interim appointee, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors, with the appointment limited to a 90-day term. A special election will be held in September, following the return of students to campus. President Reyes shared that several qualified candidates expressed interest in the role; however, he emphasized the importance of appointing someone with prior experience to ensure continuity and momentum in legislative advocacy efforts. He announced his recommendation of Alisha

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Nagpal, former Regional Affairs Director for Region II, to serve in the interim position.

Motioned, seconded (VP Chandler) to approve Alisha Nagpal to serve as the interim Vice President of Legislative Affairs. Motion passed.

C. [2025 Resolution Assignments](#)

Executive Director Adams reviewed the 2025 Resolution Assignments, providing guidance for SSSCC staff, committees, and representatives. She acknowledged the challenges of fulfilling all 90+ resolutions passed by delegates at the 2025 General Assembly, calling upon board members to potentially assist with toolkit creation.

Motioned, seconded (VP Chandler) to approve the 2025 Resolution Assignments as presented. Motion passed.

D. [Board Goals 2025 - 26](#)

President Reyes reminded members that the Executive Committee developed draft Board goals, informed by the Strategic Plan, adopted resolutions, statewide student needs, and staff input. After reviewing potential goal areas on July 11th, the committee is recommending the proposed goals for Board consideration and adoption.

Motioned, seconded (VP Chandler) to approve the Board Goals for 2025 - 26. Motion passed.

E. [Executive Director 2025 - 26 Goals](#)

President Reyes reminded members that in June, the Board referred discussion of the Executive Director's 2025–2026 goals to the incoming Executive Committee. The committee reviewed the draft goals and is recommending them to the Board for consideration. A comment was made that the changes in the document were not made public, and the item should be postponed.

Motioned, seconded (RAD II Hill) to approve the Executive Director as amended. Yes - 7 (VPRA Jarvis, VPF Demaestri, LAD III Kunthar, LAD IV Blaze, RAD VIII Flo Cudal, LAD VIII Flores-Olsen, RAD IX Pamphile), No - 12. Motion failed.

Motioned, seconded (RAD X) to table this item until the next meeting and bring back a clean document. No objections, motion passed.

F. [Legislative Update](#)

Mikala Hutchinson, Legislative Specialist, provided updates to the approved statewide budget, SSSCC-sponsored/co-sponsored legislation, and introduced the SSSCC Legislative Tracker on the organization's website.

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G. USSA Partnership

President Reyes informed members that the Executive Committee, at its July 11th meeting, discussed partnering with USSA to enhance national representation and federal policy influence, and directed the President and Executive Director to draft a resolution for Board consideration. The resolution presented is the final draft for consideration.

The Board discussed potential dues for joining USSA and noted that no dues will be required during the first year. The dues structure will be determined within that year, at which point the SSSCC will evaluate whether to continue the partnership based on the required amount.

Motioned, seconded (RAD VIII Cudal) to approve the resolution to partner with USSA. No objections, motion passed.

H. Financial Overview and Fiscal Year 2025 - 26 Budget Presentation

Executive Director Dr. Adams and VPF Demaestri provided an overview of the SSSCC Financials. The presentation can be found at [this link](#).

Motioned, seconded (VPF Chandler) to approve the 2025 - 2026 budget. Motion passed (20 - Yes, 0 - No).

I. Board Meeting Dates

Executive Director Dr. Adams presented the upcoming Board meeting dates and locations.

Motioned, seconded (VP Chandler) to approve the Board meeting dates. No objections, motion passed.

J. Elections Task Force

Executive Director Dr. Adams noted that with the VPLA position vacant and a special election set for September, it would be helpful to create a task force to review election procedures and consider any needed clarifications or additional guidance for candidates before notifying delegates. President Reyes suggested the following membership with Dr. Adams as the chair since she is the Elections Chair:

VP Chandler - IAC Chair
Flo Cudal - RAD VIII
Lucia Landeros - LAD VI
Claire Densmore - LAD II

Motioned, seconded (VP Chandler) to approve the task force formation with the membership recommendations of President Reyes. No objections, motion passed.

IV. REPORTS

A. [Procedure for Submitting Board Reports](#)

V. INFORMATION (Written information only)

A. [External Committees](#)

B. [Internal Committees](#)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.