

STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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Board of Directors | Regular Meeting Agenda | January 17, 2026

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call | 5 Minutes

President Jerry Reyes
Vice President Chris Chandler
Vice President of Regional Affairs Cody Jarvis
Vice President of Legislative Affairs Aisha Nagpal
Vice President of Communications Brandon Maskey
Regional Affairs Director, Region I Mario Prudencio
Legislative Affairs Director, Region I Caitlin Wheetley
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 Sharma
Legislative Affairs Director, Region IV Marshall
Regional Affairs Director, Region V Garrett Wilkinson
Legislative Affairs Director, Region V Omar Abohussein
Regional Affairs Director, Region VI Oscar Rivera
Legislative Affairs Director, Region VI Lucia Landeros (nonvoting)
Regional Affairs Director, Region VII Destiny McLemore
Legislative Affairs Director, Region VII Jasmine Varkey
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

Members Absent

Vice President of Finance Federico Caion Demaestri
Legislative Affairs Director, Region IX Ricardo Martinez

With 23/25 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. Adoption of the Agenda | 5 mins.

The SSCCC Board of Directors will consider any amendments to the agenda.

Without objection, the agenda was approved.

D. Consent Agenda | 5 mins.

1. **Meeting Minutes.** *The Board of Directors will approve the minutes from the [December 4, 2025](#), meeting.*
2. **Auditor Selection.** *The SSCCC Board of Directors will approve the auditor for the 2025 - 26 fiscal year.*

Without objection, the consent agenda was approved.

E. Public Comment

Public comment was made.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. [Meeting Norms](#)

Executive Director Dr. Adams highlighted one of the meeting norms and asked the Board to discuss how they can implement it during this meeting.

B. Chancellor's Office Report

Stacey Shears, Vice Chancellor for Student Services, provided a report from the Chancellor's Office. Her report is available at [this link](#).

C. Executive Committee Report

President Reyes reported on the brief Executive Committee meeting.

D. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Adams informed members that staff have spent their time on planning for the upcoming three events - Federal Advocacy, March in March, and General Assembly, two weeks of vacation, and a recent staff retreat. She noted that there is no written report this month. Her report can be found at [this link](#).

E. California Community College Board of Governors Report

No Report.

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

Mitra Sapienza, ASCCC At-large Representative, reported on the recent ASCCC activities.

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

Sarah Thompson, FACCC President, updated members on FACCC activities, including their legislative priorities and planning for the upcoming

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Advocacy and Planning conference. Her talking points are available at [this link](#).

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

No report.

III. BUSINESS

A. [Second Quarter Budget Performance](#)

The Board reviewed the SSCCC 2025–26 second-quarter budget performance report including the budget-to-actuals through January, consistent with its fiscal oversight responsibilities and quarterly reporting schedule. As of the second quarter, the majority of expenditures (approximately 92%) supported engagement and programmatic activities, with administrative and Board-related expenses remaining low. The Board also reviewed the balance sheet as of January 15, 2026, including assets, liabilities, and equity, and discussed the overall financial position and cash flow. The Board received the report and engaged in discussion and questions.

B. [Tax Form 990](#)

The Board reviewed the [Form 990 governance checklist](#) to fulfill its fiduciary and oversight responsibilities prior to filing. The review included confirmation of board composition and independence, compensation reporting and processes, delegation of authority, board practices, and required governance policies, including conflict-of-interest and whistleblower policies. The Board also reviewed financial reporting practices, audit oversight, and disclosures related to mission, programs, and compliance requirements. The checklist review supports the Board's due diligence in ensuring accuracy, transparency, and compliance before submission of the Form 990.

C. [Resolution Status Report](#)

The Board of Directors reviewed the status of the 2025 Resolutions. These statuses will be posted on the website.

D. Advocacy Academy Debrief

The SSCCC Board of Directors debriefed the Advocacy Academy. Overall, the event was successful, with more than 450 students and advisors in attendance. The program included over 20 workshops, presentations, and networking activities focused on student advocacy, leadership development, and policy engagement. Board members discussed the strong participation, the breadth of programming offered, and the event's impact on preparing students to advocate effectively on behalf of California community college students. The event was a great preparation for the Federal Advocacy event.

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E. [United States Student Association \(USSA\) Participation](#)

The SSCCC Board of Directors discussed SSCCC's continued participation in the United States Student Association (USSA). The Board reviewed prior directions given at the December meeting, including efforts by SSCCC delegates to work within USSA's existing framework, consult with partner organizations (UCSA and CSSA), and participate in governance workgroups developing a proposed constitution and bylaws.

The Board noted that at the January 7, 2026, workgroup meeting, the draft constitution and bylaws were not discussed and that adoption of governance documents was postponed until the summer. Delegates reported reviewing the draft constitution independently and raised ongoing concerns related to USSA's mission alignment as a representative body, perceived partisan leanings, representation of California students, and USSA's failure to meet previously communicated commitments regarding governance reform.

Based on these concerns and the lack of progress toward establishing a formal governance structure, members agreed to withdraw SSCCC delegates and members from the USSA organization.

Motioned, seconded, (LAD VI Landeros) to move that SSCCC withdraw its delegates and members from the USSA organization. Objection. Yes - 17, No - 1. Motion passed.

F. [Legislative and Budget Update](#)

The Board was briefed on the legislative and budget process including the Governor's 2027 budget. More information can be found in the presentation linked above.

G. [Sponsored Bill Proposals](#)

VPLA Alisha Nagpal presented three bill proposals for approval by the Board of Directors and provided background on each. The proposals were 1) Seek audit of CCC Student Representation Fees to ensure they are properly collected and used by Student Body Associations; 2) raise the Student Representation fee from \$2 to \$6, which is \$3 to the Student Body Association and \$3 to the SSCCC; and 3) Expand SB 24 (2019) to include CCC, which would allow CCC health services to provide medicated reproductive health access.,

Motioned, seconded (VPRA Jarvis) to approve the three proposals. No objections. Motion passed.

H. [Land Acknowledgement](#)

The Board discussed revisiting the development of a land acknowledgment for SSCCC meetings and events, building on prior work paused in 2021 to allow time for authentic relationship-building with Native communities. The

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discussion highlighted SSSCC's progress since that time, including strengthened partnerships with Native communities, the creation of Tribal Liaison roles, and the inclusion of American Indian/Alaska Native and Indigenous student barriers in SSSCC planning documents. Board members also discussed whether the acknowledgment should be expanded to recognize other historically impacted populations. Following discussion, the Board moved to form a task force to develop a land acknowledgment using existing drafts and partner-informed processes, with a goal of completion by the March Board meeting and ultimately the General Assembly.

Motioned, seconded (VPLA) to approve the task force and the following members:

- LAD III Kunthar (Vice Chair DEIAA), Co-chair
- Jessica Bahena-Rance, Co-chair
- RAD Region III, Davina Malbrough
- LAD Region V, Omar Abohussein
- LAD Region VII, Jasmine Varkey
- VPC Brandon Maskey

I. SSSCC Event Updates

The Board was updated on the March in March, Federal Advocacy, and the General Assembly including attendance, deadlines, and further action needed by the regions. .

I. REPORTS

A. Executive Officer Reports | Additional Oral Reports

- a. [President](#)
- b. [Vice President](#)
- c. [Vice President of Regional Affairs](#)
- d. [Vice President of Legislative Affairs](#)
- e. Vice President of Finance
- f. [Vice President of Communications](#)

B. RAD Region Reports | Additional Oral Reports

[Submitted Reports: Y] [Not Submitted: N] [Vacant: V]

R I	R II	R III	R IV	R V	R VI	R VII	R VIII	R IX	R X
N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y

C. LAD Region Reports | Additional Oral Reports

[Submitted Reports: Y] [Not Submitted: N] [Vacant: V]

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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

D. Internal Operating Committee Reports | Additional Oral Reports

- I. Advocacy Academy Conference Committee
- II. Audit Committee
- III. Caucus Committee
- IV. [Communications Committee](#)
- V. [Conference Committee](#)
- VI. [DEIAA Subcommittee](#)
- VII. [Executive Committee](#)
- VIII. Finance Committee
- IX. [Internal Affairs Committee](#)
- X. [Legislative Affairs Committee](#)
- XI. Region Finance and Fundraising Committee
- XII. [Regional Affairs Committee](#)
- XIII. [Resolutions Committee](#)

E. External Reports

F. [Action Tracking](#)

A simple tracking of tasks assigned by the Board of Directors to members or staff.

II. INFORMATION (Written information only)

A. [External Committees](#)

B. [Internal Committees](#)

III. ADJOURNMENT