



San Bernardino Community College District
Board Legislative Committee Meeting
January 14, 2021
11:00 am-12:15 pm Pacific Time

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AGENDA**Board Legislative Committee Meeting****January 14, 2021****11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.****LOCATION: Zoom Conference:****<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96195940761>****Dial: (669) 900-6833 or (346) 248-7799 - Meeting ID: 961 9594 0761**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
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- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. 2020-11-12 BLC Meeting Minutes (pg 3)
- IV. **CURRENT ISSUES UPDATE**
 - A. State Budget Update Presentation by Mark MacDonald of MGI Advocacy, Inc.
 - B. 2021-22 State Budget Priorities (Information Only) (pg 5)
- V. **ACTION AGENDA**
 - A. Legislative Principles (Third Read) (pg 7)
- VI. **FUTURE TOPICS**
 - A. Trustee Suggestions
- VII. **NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT**
 - A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee: Zoom Conference <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96195940761> February 11, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.
 - B. Adjournment

The SBCCD BLC exists as a standing, advisory committee comprised of less than a quorum of Board members and is subject to the California Public Meetings Brown Act. The committee is charged with: • Increasing the efficiency of the Board of Trustees by performing time-sensitive legislative research on its behalf. • Improving clarity by providing a platform for detailed questions not conducive to the flow of monthly business meetings. • Promoting transparency of SBCCD's legislative advocacy priorities through discussions in an open forum. • Fostering an environment of understanding by communicating findings and formulating recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.



Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

Via Zoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96195940761>

Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2020

Members Present:

Trustee Frank Reyes (chair)
Trustee John Longville
Trustee Anne Viricel (tardy)

Guests Present:

SBCCD Trustee Gloria Macias Harrison
SBCCD Trustee Stephanie Houston
SBCCD Trustee Donald Singer
Mark MacDonald, MGI Advocacy, Inc.

Staff Present:

Jose Torres, Interim Chancellor
Diana Rodriguez, President San Bernardino Valley College
Kristina Hannon, Vice Chancellor Human Resources & Police Services
Angel Rodriguez, Sr. District Director Marketing, Public Affairs, & Government Relations
Heather Ford, Executive Assistant, Office of the Chancellor

The following text was read and all votes were taken by roll call.

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I. CALL TO ORDER & SELF INTRODUCTION

Trustee Frank Reyes called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2020-10-08 BLC minutes

Trustee John Longville moved to approve the 2020-10-08 BLC minutes. Trustee Frank Reyes seconded the motion.

AYES: Reyes, Longville

NOES: None

ABSENT: Viricel

ABSTENTIONS: None

IV. ACTION AGENDA

A. 2020-2021 SBCCD Legislative Principles

There was discussion regarding the revised 2020-2021 SBCCD Legislative Principles. Trustee John Longville moved to resume the approval of the 2020-21 SBCCD Legislative Principles to the next meeting with the discussion as advised. Trustee Frank Reyes seconded the motion.

AYES: Reyes, Longville, Viricel

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

V. CURRENT ISSUES UPDATE

A. Overview of Local and State Election Results – Angel Rodriguez, Sr. Director Marketing, Public Affairs, & Government Relations, SBCCD

Angel Rodriguez provided 2020 unofficial election results.

B. State Legislative Update – Mark MacDonald, MGI Advocacy, Inc.

Mark MacDonald provided State of California legislative update.

VI. FUTURE TOPICS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96195940761>

December 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Heather Ford, Recorder, Office of the Chancellor



SBCCD 2021-22 State Budget Priorities

Presented for Discussion January 14, 2021

Priority	Background
<p>1. General Funding</p>	<p>Community colleges have been historically underfunded, receiving the least amount of funding per student of the public education sectors. Additionally, the significant deferrals enacted with the 2020-21 budget act, while better than program reductions, have left many colleges short on cash flow and have forced additional borrowing costs for many districts.</p> <p>Fund Deferrals First: The state’s priority for additional funding should be to fund the borrowing done in the current budget. Funding to buy down the deferrals ought to be the priority.</p> <p>Fund Deferrals Early: SBCCD agrees with the LAO’s suggestion that the state should fund part of the deferrals early through early action to buy down the deferrals before the end of the fiscal year. Doing so would provide SBCCD and other community colleges with the ability to manage cash flow better. The sheer magnitude of the deferred funding has left many colleges with weak margins. The state could use its excess cash flow to partially address the deferrals and then make any further buy down contingent upon future revenues coming in as projected.</p> <p>Automatic Property Tax Backfill: SBCCD supports an automatic property tax backfill for community colleges. Unlike K-12 schools, when actual property taxes fall short of estimates, community colleges are not guaranteed to be made whole. While we appreciate the administration’s regular truing up in recent years, community colleges cannot thoroughly budget for each fiscal year without the guarantee.</p>
<p>2. CalSTRS & CalPERS Funding</p>	<p>Steep increases in employer contribution requirements for CalSTRS and CalPERS have eroded district spending power. SBCCD appreciates the action that the state has taken the last two years to “buy down” some of the cost of the employer contribution to both systems. With the LAO projecting an estimated \$26 billion “windfall” for the current year, some of that funding should be used to further reduce the CalPERS and CalSTRS employer contributions, further freeing up funding for operating expenses.</p>



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<p>3. Flexible Block Grant</p>	<p>SBCCD believes that additional one-time funding ought to be allocated to districts through a block grant. Last year, the state allocated to community college districts a block grant that focused on COVID-19 expenses. Now that a vaccine is available, community colleges may have varying priorities, like retrofitting classrooms and labs for health safety, which will create costs. One solution is to allocate funds in a block grant, similar to how funding was allocated on an FTES basis a number of years ago. Doing so provides maximum flexibility for districts to address either COVID-19 needs or different priorities to transition to a new normal once the vaccine is widely distributed. Furthermore, as colleges have moved to remote learning, the digital divide has become more apparent. The problem is not just in rural areas, but also in urban “dead zones.” SBCCD believes that many of the remote learning components are here to stay. State investment in broadband access is a necessity for our students.</p>
<p>4. Student Basic Needs</p>	<p>Students are facing housing and food insecurity, exacerbated by COVID-19. Meanwhile, community colleges are being asked to provide additional services to students. SBCCD has developed programs to connect students with food and housing resources. These programs are not cheap. A state-local partnership that addresses these needs could support the career training and academic achievement of our most vulnerable students.</p>

San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees Legislative Principles

The principles outlined below will serve as a basis by which the SBCCD Board of Trustees will direct the Board Legislative Committee and the Chancellor's Office to evaluate local, state and federal policy proposals and recommend action to support, oppose or remain neutral.

Equity: ~~Research indicates that student success improves when faculty and staff reflect the diversity of students.~~ The SBCCD Board of Trustees supports public policies that increase student success, including completion, transfer and employment, while closing equity gaps and nurturing an anti-racist educational environment.

Increased Public Investment in Student Success: The SBCCD Board of Trustees supports advocacy to increased state and federal funding, resources and legislation that strengthens our colleges' ability to meet student equity and workforce development goals. ~~consistent with the California Community Colleges Vision for Success.~~

College Affordability & Student Basic Needs – The SBCCD Board of Trustees supports ~~financial aid~~ reforms to make college more affordable, and measures to address student basic needs. including, but not limited to, homelessness, food insecurity, mental health, and the digital divide.

~~Local Governance~~ Local Decision-Making: The SBCCD Board of Trustees ~~supports local governance~~ affirms its responsibility to make decisions in the best interest of the local community, district and campuses. ~~The Board of Trustees in general, will take a position on legislative matters affecting board operations and regional decision-making.~~

State and Federal Partnerships – The SBCCD Board of Trustees will ~~engage~~ on ~~advocate for~~ legislation where ~~the justification for~~ state or federal intervention is justified. ~~is compelling, and where the Board of Trustees' position is supported by available data and evidence.~~

Civic Engagement: The SBCCD Board of Trustees will advocate for adequate representation ~~by the San Bernardino Community College District~~ of the Inland Empire on ~~appropriate~~ legislatively-formed boards, commissions, task forces, study groups, and other bodies that may have an impact on ~~its~~ SBCCD's educational mission.