

**DISTRICT CONSULTATION COUNCIL**  
**January 26, 2026**

**SUMMARY**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Erika Almaraz, Byron D. Cliff Breland, Danielle Davy (for Annalisa Webber), Brandon Floerke, Karla Frizler, Bridget Kominek, Elaine Loayza, Candace Lynch, Flavio Medina-Martin, Khaoi Mady, Jaclyn Maggini, Michelle Patrick Norng, Aaron Pilkey, Valentina Purtell, Irma Ramos, Joel Salcedo, Marlo Smith, Kai Stearns, Scott Thayer, and Jennifer Vega La Serna. Cynthia Olivo joined at 2:59 p.m.

**VISITORS:** Rosanna Islas and Julie Leggin.

**ABSENT:** Stephen Estrada and Kathleen McAlister.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chancellor Byron Cliff Breland called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Summary:** The summary of the November 24, 2025 meeting was approved. **There was consensus to approve the summary with three abstentions** (Karla Frizler, Aaron Pilkey, and Marlo Smith) **and one absence** (Cynthia Olivo).

**STRATEGIC GOALS & PLANNING**

**Governor's 2026-27 Budget Proposal:** Erika Almaraz, Acting Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, shared information regarding the Governor's Proposed Budget which is fully balanced and projects \$42.3 billion in revenues above expectations in the 2025 Budget Act related to a stronger-than-expected stock market and investor enthusiasm surrounding artificial intelligence.

- For California Community Colleges, the budget proposal focuses on maintaining base funding stability and continued investment in priorities aimed at achieving Vision 2030 and Roadmap goals.
- Under the proposal, the overall state budget would be higher than in 2025-26, increasing by about 8.7% to \$348.9 billion, reflecting higher state receipts driven by stock market gains. General Fund spending would increase by nearly \$20 billion (8.7%) to \$248.3 billion.
- The proposal for additional ongoing spending includes \$240.6 million for a 2.41% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for community college apportionments and about \$30.6 million for COLAs and adjustments to certain categorical programs. It also includes \$87.2 million to cover systemwide enrollment growth of 1.5% over two years (\$55.3 million for growth of 1.0% starting in 2025-26 and \$31.9 million for 0.5% growth starting in 2026-27).
- One-time funding in the proposal includes \$120.7 million to address deferred maintenance, \$100 million for the Student Support Block Grant, \$36 million to fully scale the Common Cloud Data Platform, and \$35 million to scale and institutionalize the Credit for Prior Learning Initiative.
- The Governor's proposal includes capital outlay funds from Proposition 2 to support 39 projects. This includes \$25 million in Proposition 2 funding for the Fullerton College STEM Vocational Center.

### Additional Considerations:

- As state revenue projections rely heavily on the artificial intelligence boom, a downturn in the stock market continues to be a significant risk.
- Although the California Community College system requested to fund credit FTES at the higher of the three-year average or the amount reported in the current year, it was not included in the Governor's Proposed Budget.

Acting Vice Chancellor Erika Alamraz reported that the P-1 report was submitted with FTES up by 1,153.54 over last year. The District is close to meeting our enrollment targets and projecting that we will be out of hold harmless status this year.

During the discussion, members from Fullerton College shared that enrollment is down significantly at the campus and that the decline might be due to the new registration system. They expressed concern about the interface, that the changes are making it harder for students to find the classes they need, for faculty to see the enrollment for their classes, and frustration over the specificity that is required to search for courses. In response, Khaoi Mady, Interim Executive Director of Information Technology, noted that the search function is listing Cypress College classes first and IT is addressing the issue by asking students to choose a campus first in class searches. He stated that it was the first time he was hearing some of the issues, but asked anyone encountering problems to submit an IT help ticket because they are reviewed daily to resolve issues.

**Evaluation of the Resource Allocation Model:** Acting Vice Chancellor Erika Almaraz provided a brief update on the evaluation of the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) which is evaluated on an annual basis. Proposed changes to the RAM were presented at the October 13, 2025 Council on Budget and Facilities (CBF) meeting and feedback regarding changes was obtained at subsequent meetings including the November 24, 2025 DCC meeting. Following those discussions, CBF agreed to form a Resource Allocation Model Workgroup to further evaluate changes to the RAM before forwarding additional recommendations to DCC.

As part of the update, she noted that the shifting of 100% of indirect cost funds to utilize the dollars to fund a post-award grants accounting team that was approved by DCC will go into effect during the 2026-27 fiscal year.

### **OPERATIONAL REVIEW**

**District Technology Committee – Change to Charter:** At the November 24, 2025, DCC meeting, Khaoi Mady, Interim Executive Director of Information Technology, presented an update to the DTC Charter by replacing the Vice Chancellor of Educational Services & Technology as the non-voting chair with the Executive Director of Information Technology. This change was proposed because the role of Vice Chancellor of Educational Services & Technology no longer exists in this capacity. At that time, DCC members suggested additional updates to the DTC membership and representative list which will be reviewed further and presented to DCC at a later date. To ensure continuity of operations in the interim, approval was sought to amend the DTC Charter to replace the Vice Chancellor of Educational Services & Technology with the Executive Director of Information Technology as the non-voting chair.

During the discussion, Khaoi Mady clarified that the five IT managers on the committee include the IT Directors at Cypress College, Fullerton College, and NOCE, along with the District Information Security Officer and the District Executive Director of IT. For the time being, the fifth vote for the Executive Director will remain vacant. He also noted that DTC had the same concern as CSEA about classified representatives being site-based IT technical leads instead of union appointments, and the matter will be discussed further.

**There was unanimous consensus to approve the change to the District Technology Charter to make the Executive Director of Information Technology the non-voting chair.**

## **POLICY**

**Policy Review and Development Process:** At the October 27, 2025 DCC meeting, the Policy Review and Development Process was revisited to ensure clarity, consistency, and alignment with the District's participatory governance framework. An updated chart is provided at this time for further discussion.

Chancellor Byron Cliff Breland noted that there are a number of policies under development with Board involvement and with the establishment of the Board Policy Review Committee, he wanted to share an updated policy development process chart. New language includes listing the Board in the new Board Policy development process as someone who can work to draft new language and also adding, "The proposed new Board Policy is first reviewed by the Board Policy Review Committee" to the final step before a policy is presented to the Board for approval.

During the discussion, it was noted that the role of the Board Policy Review Committee should also be noted in the BP/AP review process. It was also noted that while the Board reviews all Board Policies and Administrative Procedures, they do not provide input of APs as those are the purview of the Chancellor and DCC.

**Revised Board Policies & Administrative Procedures – CCLC Legal Updates:** The proposed revisions to the following BPs and APs included reference section updates pursuant to the 2024 changes to ACCJC Accreditation Standards, to update legal citations, and to update legal language as provided by the CCLC Policy and Procedure Legal Updates Service. Additional revisions include minor grammar corrections in keeping with District practices.

- **BP 2015, Student Members**
- **AP 3415, Immigration Enforcement Activities**
- **BP 4010, Academic Calendar**
- **BP 4020, Program and Curriculum Development**
- **BP 4025, Philosophy and Criteria for ~~Associate Degrees~~, [and](#) ~~General Education~~, ~~and Bachelor's Degree~~**
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- **BP 4100, Graduation Requirements for Degrees & Certificates**
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- **BP 5050, Student Success and Support Program**
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During the discussion of AP 3415, members asked for guidance on how to react should immigration enforcement officers come on campus. Chancellor Byron Clift Breland stated that under no circumstances should employees interfere with immigration enforcement activities due to safety concerns, and instead they should immediately contact campus safety. Members asked if under the current climate it would be appropriate to make responding to immigration enforcement activities a required training for all employees. The Chancellor noted that mandating the training wasn't an option, but the District can provide it, encourage participation, and circulate information.

Members suggested sending a districtwide message to help faculty and staff by acknowledging what's going on and the difficulty of working under the current circumstances, and to share the resources and support that is available. It was noted that NOCE has multiple resources to address responses to immigration activity on campus, and that Fullerton College has created helpful materials, including an infographic, to communicate the process. Members questioned what campus safety would do in these situations, stated that faculty need more guidance on how to respond, and also advocated for campus safety officer training on the new processes.

The Chancellor responded that he would discuss the concerns with Quyen (Q) Vuong, District Director of Campus Safety, in order to develop a plan and continue the discussion in DCC.

As part of the discussion, it was agreed to pull BP/AP 4100 from the listing in order to research any ramifications or legal challenges of removing the requirement regarding publishing graduation requirements in the District's catalog pursuant to changes in the Title 5 regulations as recommended by CCLC.

**There was unanimous consensus to approve, with the exception of BP/AP 4100, the revised Administrative Procedures and post them on the District website and forward the revised Board Policies to the Board for their consideration.**

**New AP 3440, Service Animals:** The Community College League of California (CCLC) Policy and Procedure Legal Updates Service indicates that all districts are legally required to establish an administrative procedure to address the use of service animals. After reviewing CCLC's recommended language, staff developed AP 3440, Service Animals to ensure compliance and clarity which was shared with DCC for a first reading on September 17, 2025. Based on the discussion at that meeting, staff proposed further edits to AP 3440 and DCC received a second reading of the newly developed AP 3440, Service Animals with revisions noted in red on November 24, 2025.

Julie Leggin, District Director, Risk Management & Workplace Safety, led a brief overview of the revisions which are based on the suggestions that were received noting that while the language was altered, the intent remained the same of trying to balance the law with equitable treatment of employees and animals.

During the discussion, Julie Leggin noted that there would be exceptions for campus events that are approved by Risk Management and in response to a hypothetical scenario about an employee being allergic to another employee's service/emotional support animal she stated that Human Resources and Risk Management would work together to find a solution.

**There was unanimous consensus to adopt new AP 3440, Service Animals and post it on the District website.**

## **OTHER**

**Compensation for Student Participation on Committees:** Michelle Patrick Norng inquired if the District could consider the possibility of compensating student representatives on campus committees in order to increase participation. It was noted that students are already compensated for participation on hiring committee and districtwide participatory governance meetings, and that the compensation rate would be provided to members.

**Elimination of Negative Terminology:** Cynthia Olivo referenced a new California law to eliminate negative terminology and suggested a DCC conversation on how the District and campuses are implementing it.

**Next DCC Meeting:** The next DCC meeting will take place on Monday, February 23, 2026 in Room 105 at the Anaheim Campus.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.