

# District Academic Senate Executive Committee

Friday, September 2, 2022

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 956 1681 4755

## MINUTES

### Attendance

	Present
<b>Officers</b>	Angela Echeverri (President), Anna Nicholas (1 <sup>st</sup> VP), Elizabeth Atondo (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP), Lourdes Brent (Secretary), Joshua Miller (Treasurer), John Freitas (Parliamentarian)
<b>City</b>	Mickey Hong
<b>East</b>	Jeffrey Hernandez
<b>Harbor</b>	Van Chaney
<b>Mission</b>	Carole Akl
<b>Pierce</b>	Barbara Anderson
<b>Southwest</b>	
<b>Trade</b>	
<b>Valley</b>	Chauncey Maddren
<b>West</b>	Patricia Zuk
<b>Guests</b>	Beth Abels (Pierce), Wendy Bass-Keer (Pierce), Adrienne Brown (Harbor), Jessica Drawbond (Southwest), David Hale (East), Anna Parras, Elizabeth Thornton (Valley), Laura Vargas (East student)

### Approval of Resolution on Teleconferencing:

Resolution on Conducting District Academic Senate (DAS) Executive Committee Public Meetings via Teleconference from September 2, 2022 through October 2, 2022 (Akl/Anderson) **M/S/P**

### Call to Order:

District Academic Senate President Angela Echeverri called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

### Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was adopted as amended (Akl/Hong) **M/S/P**

26 **MOTION: Amend the September 2, 2022 agenda of the DAS Executive Committee to**  
27 **include for action: Approve the update to AP 4225 - Repetition of Courses not**  
28 **designated as repeatable**

29 (Atondo/Anderson) **M/S/P**

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31 Atondo explained that she, Freitas, and LACCD Dean of Educational Support Services  
32 Daniel Keller did not meet to carefully examine what needed to be updated related to  
33 AP 4225 until the posting of the September 2, 2022 DAS Executive Committee agenda.  
34 J. Hernandez noted that the Brown Act permits such an amendment to the agenda since  
35 we were unaware of this item until the agenda posted.

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37 **Approval of the Minutes:**

38 The minutes of the August 19, 2022 retreat were approved as amended

39 (Akl/Miller) **M/S/P**

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41 **Public Speakers:**

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43 Elizabeth Thornton, faculty member at L.A. Valley College, expressed concerns related  
44 to administrator retreat rights. She observed that the represented deans, Teamsters  
45 Local 911, have been very vocal in the process. Thornton also noted that many faculty  
46 members do not know that retreat rights exist and suggested that junior faculty have a  
47 greater voice in the conversation, especially if the LACCD might re-base and faculty  
48 members could face a reduction in force. She was grateful that Maddren presented  
49 this topic at Valley's senate meetings, and recommended more conversation among  
50 faculty. Echeverri thanked Thornton for her remarks, and noted that this topic is on  
51 today's agenda; we can discuss further at that point.

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53 **Action Items**

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55 **1. Resolution on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Curriculum**

56 (J. Hernandez/Maddren) **M/S/P** – for action at the September 8, 2022 DAS meeting

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58 J. Hernandez spoke in favor of the motion, arguing that it is important to have a  
59 collective decision to share guidance. Also, a resolution is a mechanism to inform the  
60 DAS (District Academic Senate) regarding the background related to DEI in curriculum.  
61 He suggested that the DAS request that the ASCCC (Academic Senate for California  
62 Community Colleges) do a series of local senate visits once this resolution is approved  
63 by DAS. However, nothing in this resolution is binding on the senates at the individual  
64 colleges.

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66 **2. Resolution on HyFlex Instructional Modality**

67 (Maddren/J. Hernandez) **M/S/P**

68 Abstention: Akl

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70 **MOTION: Notice at September 8, 2022 meeting of the District Academic Senate**

71 (Maddren/Freitas) **M/S/P**

72 Abstention: Akl

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74 Maddren introduced the motion, stating that the main purpose is to have HyFlex  
75 declared an instructional modality which is different from in-person and online classes.  
76 Doing so would facilitate instructors receiving the necessary professional development  
77 and technical support. J. Hernandez noted that a work group including himself, Bass,  
78 Echeverri, and Maddren reviewed and revised the draft resolution presented today, and  
79 that a successful model of instruction using HyFlex technology is being sought as it will  
80 impact the quality of instruction. The resolution is within the senate's purview but does  
81 not undermine the union's position (AFT Faculty Guild) as they negotiate regarding  
82 aspects of teaching using HyFlex technology which would affect wages, hours, and  
83 working conditions. Bass emphasized that HyFlex is a different modality of teaching,  
84 and faculty use of that modality is voluntary. Maddren suggested that, in creating this  
85 new instructional modality, college curriculum committees could determine if this will  
86 be identified as a third modality for the purposes of curriculum approval. HyFlex  
87 instruction will be placed on the next consultation agenda.

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89 **3. Effective the 23-24 academic year, the office of Educational Programs and**  
90 **Institutional Effectiveness (EPIE) will produce the Board Policy (BP) and Administrative**  
91 **Procedure (AP) content appropriate for inclusion in the 9 college catalogs to ensure**  
92 **accuracy and consistency in our publications, and to ensure compliance with ACCJC**  
93 **Standards and eligibility requirements. (from DCC)**

94 (Akl/Freitas) **M/S/P**

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96 **MOTION: Include this item for action at the September 8, 2022 meeting of the District**  
97 **Academic Senate**

98 (Atondo/Maddren) **M/S/P**

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100 **4. At the next available LACCD Board Meeting agendize the Associate of Arts for**  
101 **Transfer Communication Studies 2.0 for adoption at the nine LACCD colleges (from**  
102 **DCC) – for action at the September 8, 2022 meeting of the DAS**

103 (Maddren/J. Hernandez) **M/S/P**

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105 **5. Approve for notice at the September 8 DAS meeting AP 5411 Eligibility for**  
106 **Associated Student Organization Offices, and concurrently approved for notice at the**  
107 **September 8 DAS meeting the rescission of Administrative Regulation S-9 Eligibility for**  
108 **Associated Student Organization Office**

109 (Freitas/J. Hernandez) **M/S/P**

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111 Freitas reported that this latest Administrative Procedure is part of the continuing Board  
112 Rules/Board Policies alignment project. This particular item is from Administrative  
113 Regulation S-9. The language contained herein is mostly from the extant S-9, with the

114 exception of some revisions required for clarification. Echeverri will confer with the  
115 Student Associated Council (SAC).

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117 **6. Approve the update to AP 4225 for action at the DAS Meeting - Repetition of**  
118 **Courses not designated as repeatable**

119 (Atondo/Miller) M/S/P – as amended

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121 **MOTION: Amend Section II, Paragraph 1 as follows:**

122 **Upon achieving a satisfactory grade in a course not designated as repeatable (“A,” “B,”**  
123 **“C,” or “P”), the student may no longer enroll in that course, except as otherwise**  
124 **provided in this administrative procedure and AP 4228 Course Repetition – Significant**  
125 **Lapse of Time.**

126 (Freitas/Atondo) M/S/P

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128 **Discussion Items**

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130 **1. Planning for 2022-2023: Calendar of Events and Proposed Technical Assistance Visit**  
131 **Dates**

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133 Echeverri reported that she received an inquiry from the Guided Pathways coordinators  
134 regarding a Fall Summit, citing its necessity given the many changes and challenges  
135 which the District is facing. After much discussion, it was decided to plan for a half-day  
136 summit on September 30, 2022 to be held virtually.

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138 **2. Should DAS recommend allowing some colleges to proceed with Starfish?**

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140 J. Hernandez referred to discussion on this software at East, especially with application  
141 to the college’s implementation of Guided Pathways, but also suggested that local  
142 senates discuss at their own colleges. Brown offered clarification that something that  
143 interfaces with PeopleSoft (the LACCD student information system) involves a greater  
144 impact, that local impact would involve local procurement, and be a different  
145 conversation.

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147 **3. Distribution of Technology Request Form**

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149 Bass referred to the technology request form, noting that it is for district-wide requests  
150 for specific technologies. If we can identify specific software and fund as a district, we  
151 can thereby maximize purchasing potential. She will forward the form to the chairs of  
152 the district discipline committees.

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154 **4. Communication about District Discipline shells and how to add members to them**

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156 Bass will contact the district discipline chairs and obtained a list from Nicholas.

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158 <https://studentlaccd.sharepoint.com/sites/laccd/committees/DDC/Public%20Library/Fo>  
159 [rms/AllItems.aspx?FolderCTID=0x0120003EEDC5848761914CA9D9C7B1622F2941&id=%](https://studentlaccd.sharepoint.com/sites/laccd/committees/DDC/Public%20Library/Fo)  
160 [2Fsites%2Flaccd%2Fcommittees%2FDDC%2FPublic%20Library%2FCommittee%20Docu](https://studentlaccd.sharepoint.com/sites/laccd/committees/DDC/Public%20Library/Fo)  
161 [ments%2FCurrent%20DDC%20List&viewid=5691c9b2%2Dd78e%2D4ad0%2Daa23%2D5](https://studentlaccd.sharepoint.com/sites/laccd/committees/DDC/Public%20Library/Fo)  
162 [4710c0e870a](https://studentlaccd.sharepoint.com/sites/laccd/committees/DDC/Public%20Library/Fo)

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164 <https://studentlaccd.sharepoint.com/sites/laccd/committees/DEC>

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## 166 **5. DAS Goals and Challenges for 2022-2023**

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168 In response to a request to revise the DAS bylaws to include Project MATCH, the  
169 Sustainable Environment Institute, and Dolores Huerta, Freitas, as the parliamentarian,  
170 will form a constitution and bylaws committee. It is comprised of 4 members, the  
171 parliamentarian, and the DAS president (ex officio). Anderson, Brent, Hernandez,  
172 Maddren, and Nicholas volunteered to serve.

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## 174 **6. Monitoring DAS Committee Work and Membership**

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176 Nicholas reported on the completion of the list.

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178 **MOTION: *Extend meeting to 12:10 p.m.***

179 (Freitas/Maddren) – without objection

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## 181 **7. Workgroup for Administrator Retreat Board Policy**

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183 Maddren offered that Elizabeth Thornton made excellent points in her public  
184 comments, recommended that the local senates engage faculty in this conversation,  
185 and noted that it is important that we continue to hire the faculty we need with a focus  
186 on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Echeverri gave a quick status update, noting that  
187 while dialog on this issue had started three years ago, there had been turnover in  
188 District administration, Human Resources (HR) and Educational Programs and  
189 Institutional Effectiveness (EPIE), leading to a loss of continuity. Echeverri made it clear  
190 that no agreement had been reached between the administration and her on behalf of  
191 the DAS. The District deans are represented by Teamsters Local 911, and they have  
192 been very vocal and active in lobbying the LACCD Trustees by objecting to what the  
193 faculty wanted. The Teamsters have repeated claims that they were given oral promises  
194 of retreat rights when hired, and they want a “grandfather’s clause” in any Board Policy  
195 or Administrative Procedure protecting the current deans. As a result of this lobbying  
196 by the Teamsters, there was pushback from District HR related to the DAS position,  
197 which has led to impasse. It appears that the District lacks incentive required to reach  
198 the mutual agreement with the DAS. However, should there be no retreat rights BP or  
199 AP (7250) in place by the time the ACCJC (Accrediting Commission for Community and  
200 Junior Colleges) concludes its accreditation review, it is possible that the ACCJC will issue  
201 a recommendation to meet standard. Such a recommendation might provide the

202 incentive to reach an agreement. DAS President Echeverri has asked Vice President  
203 Nicholas to take her place on the task force. Echeverri also clarified that the DAS is not  
204 “negotiating” with the Teamsters. The District Academic Senate meets with designees  
205 of the governing board in order to reach mutual agreement.  
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207 **8. Update on AB 1705, AB 705, and Addressing Learning Loss**

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209 Echeverri reported that AB 1705 (Irwin) was passed in the California State Assembly and  
210 Senate, and is now headed to Governor Newsom for his signature. Unfortunately, AB  
211 1705 as amended, will severely restrict the ability of California community colleges to  
212 offer pretransfer math and English courses during a period of enormous learning loss.  
213 The concern is that thousands of students will be disenfranchised from a college  
214 education. She briefly discussed a [2022 report on COVID-19 related learning loss](#) among  
215 K-12 students by the National Center for Education Statistics.  
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217 **9. DAS Assignments for Local Senate, Credit for Prior Learning, Noncredit Coordinator,  
218 Professional Development, and Legislative Liaison**

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220 **10. Implementation of Legislation: AB 1111 (Common Course Numbering); AB 928  
221 (Student Transfer Reform Act of 2021); Memo on Veterans Healthcare and Benefits  
222 Improvement Act**

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224 **11. COVID-19 and Return to In-Person Instruction, Services, and Brown Act Meetings**

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226 **12. Zero Textbook Cost Grants including OER**

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228 **13. Other Concerns: Items from the Floor**

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230 **Reports**

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232 • **Officer Reports** – submitted written reports  
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234 **President**

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236 From DAS President Angela C. Echeverri:

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238 **LACCD Board of Trustees Report for Regular Meeting**  
239 **August 3, 2022**  
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242 The Board meeting was held at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) in a hybrid format.  
243 Board President Gabriel Buelna called the meeting to order; five of the trustees were  
244 present in person (Buelna, Veres, Vela, Iino, and Student Trustee Callahan) and

245 three attended remotely (Hoffman, Moreno, Henderson). The meeting [agenda](#) is  
246 posted on Board Docs Plus and a [recording of the meeting](#) is on YouTube.  
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### 248 **Reports from the Resource Table**

- 249 • **Dr. James McKeever**, AFT 1521 Faculty Guild President, thanked ELAC  
250 President Dr. Albert Roman and newly elected Chapter Chair Stuart Souki for  
251 hosting the Board meeting. He introduced his faculty colleague Dr. Shigero Julio  
252 Tsuha, a Sociology professor and former director of the Dolores Huerta Institute,  
253 thanking him for his dedication to Pierce students. He stated he was one of many  
254 faculty loved their student and communities. He also spoke of the struggles and  
255 achievements of Emily Andrade, a former student and commencement speaker  
256 at Pierce who recently graduated with a degree in Sociology from UC Santa  
257 Barbara. He closed his remarks by welcoming Dr. Anthony Culpepper, the new  
258 president of Southwest College, stating this was a homecoming because he was a  
259 longtime community member and former student of the college. He spoke of the  
260 LASW Community Coalition, made up of community organization as well as  
261 members of the faculty and staff unions. McKeever stated that the campus was  
262 working to become a community hub, which could be a model for other colleges.  
263 He added that LASW currently had the highest increase in enrollment in the  
264 District as compared to last year. He concluded his remarks by wishing President  
265 Culpepper success in his role as the president of the college.
- 266 • **Dr. Angela Echeverri**, District Academic Senate (DAS) President, stated that as  
267 the District struggles to increase its enrollment after the COVID pandemic, it is  
268 important to recognize and address the growing educational problems and  
269 disparities in the communities we serve. She mentioned a recent [LA Times](#)  
270 [article](#), which reports that up to 20,000 Los Angeles Unified School District  
271 (LAUSD) students were not enrolled or stopped attending school last year. Many  
272 of these students are caring for younger siblings or working one to two jobs to  
273 make ends meet. LAUSD is also confronting a worsening daily attendance  
274 problem; data from March of 2022 indicates that more than half (200,000) of K-  
275 12 students were chronically absent during the last school year. She added that  
276 pandemic related learning loss is disproportionately impacting English learners,  
277 students of color, those with disabilities, students living in poverty, and the  
278 housed. The impending passage of [AB 1705](#) (Irwin, 2022) will dramatically  
279 change the mission of California Community Colleges and make it extremely  
280 difficult to serve students who would benefit from pretransfer level math and  
281 English courses. Echeverri stated that unless colleges effectively push back  
282 against AB1705 and other misguided legislative intrusions into curriculum, they  
283 will continue to shrink and lose enrollment, while thousands of students will be  
284 disenfranchised from higher education. She concluded her remarks by  
285 expressing her hope that all constituents could work together to truly serve the  
286 educational needs of their communities during these challenging times.
- 287 • **Christzann Ozan**, SEIU Local 99 representative, repeated previously expressed  
288 concerns about abuse, bullying, and harassment of her members by custodial  
289 supervisors, district employees, and management. She gave several examples of

290 alleged abuse and employee mistreatment at City and Trade Tech Colleges. Ozan  
291 stated employees had resigned due to the hostile and unprofessional work  
292 environment. She stressed that the District administration needs to stop  
293 ignoring the problems and get actively involved to find solutions. She stated that  
294 unless these issues were adequately addressed by the District, it would continue  
295 to deal with grievances and pay to settle lawsuits. She stated the solution was to  
296 develop a policy to deal with nonsexual bullying and harassment in the  
297 workplace. She stated she had been reporting on these issues for a long time and  
298 asked the Board whether it would take someone to get hurt in order for them to  
299 finally take action to address the matter.

300 • **Dr. Deborah Harrington**, introduced herself as the new Teamsters acting  
301 president representing LACCD deans. She started in the LACCD in 1996 as a full-  
302 time English faculty member at Valley and has been serving as the District's  
303 Dean of Student Success since 2007. She congratulated her predecessor, Mary Jo  
304 Apigo, who is transitioning into her new role as the interim Vice President of  
305 Academic Affairs at Pierce College. Harrington expressed her sadness about the  
306 recent death of Vin Scully, the legendary Dodgers announcer. She concluded her  
307 remarks by stating her members looked forward to negotiating a new collective  
308 bargaining agreement (CBA) before the current one expires in June. She  
309 affirmed her members deep commitment to student access, success, equity, and  
310 completion and recognized the productivity, proactivity, and flexibility of her  
311 members.

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### 313 **College President Reports**

314 Buelna invited the college presidents to comment or highlight anything from the  
315 Chancellor's report.

316 • **East:** President Albert Roman announced that East was holding several key  
317 enrollment events during the month of August, designed to register and enroll  
318 students for the fall 2022 term. In response to a question from Trustee Buelna  
319 about recent enrollment trends, Roman replied that students at East historically  
320 tend to enroll late for the fall semester. He added that high-touch strategies such  
321 as calling targeted lists of students daily, leaving voice mails, and identifying  
322 barriers such as financial aid or counseling services, appear to be working. He  
323 expressed confidence the college would make significant gains in enrollment in  
324 the last three weeks before the start of the fall. He predicted that most of the  
325 colleges would probably reach or surpass last year's enrollment figures. Roman  
326 reported that the average class size for in-person classes was significantly higher  
327 than last year and that hybrid/online classes were doing well. He added that  
328 while dual enrollment and public service academy numbers were higher than in  
329 Spring 2019, there was still significant work to do in the next weeks.

330 • **Harbor:** President Luis Dorado reported on efforts to increase enrollment with  
331 early decision onboarding events to help students register for the fall. He stated  
332 that students are requesting more in-person classes. He extended an invitation  
333 to attend Harbor's Transfer event scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, followed by  
334 Harbor Palooza. The college is hosting a LAUSD South Area College Fair on

335 September 10 and on that same day their high school on campus will be  
 336 celebrating 20 years. He invited all to participate in a 5 K Reggie Run for  
 337 Education hosted by Harbor in October.

- 338 • **Pierce:** Interim President Ara Aguiar reported on a new job readiness noncredit  
 339 program at her college, called *Careers for a Cause*. The 6-week program has 50  
 340 student participants who have experienced homelessness, substance abuse,  
 341 domestic violence and/or have been justice involved. In addition to taking  
 342 classes, they are provided with housing assistance, food, Metro/gas cards,  
 343 laptops, job placement, weekly stipends, career clothing, and other services. This  
 344 program is a collaboration with several partners including Amity, the Pantry,  
 345 and Dress for Success.
- 346 • **Southwest:** Dr. Anthony Culpepper reported SW was focused on making sure  
 347 the community knows about their enrollment days; the college had already held  
 348 two and will be holding two more on August 6 and 13. They also plan to visit  
 349 local high schools and meet with administrators to encourage students to attend  
 350 Southwest. He added SW was proud of the enrollment gains made so far and is  
 351 planning for the Spring as the college continues to work on enrollment growth.  
 352 He invited all to participate in an upcoming Meet and Greet event.
- 353 • **Valley:** President Barry Gibbons reported that Valley had three enrollment fairs  
 354 planned in August and is continuing to ensure students are offered excellent  
 355 services, both in person and online. President Ornelas and Gibbons met with  
 356 regional LAUSD schools and developed plans to help students complete the  
 357 FAFSA, CCCApply, and enroll in the upcoming year. They are also working to  
 358 extend those efforts to Burbank Unified. He announced Valley received another  
 359 \$60,000 grant from the Hollywood Foreign Press and expressed his appreciation  
 360 for their support.
- 361 • **Mission:** President Armida Ornelas reported that Mission continues to hold  
 362 weekly enrollment events where students can receive assistance and  
 363 wraparound services. Like other colleges, Mission is gearing up for the Saturday  
 364 August 13 enrollment event. That same day, Mission is also hosting a grand  
 365 opening for the Adult Education Center, made from reconstituted space, so that  
 366 Adult Ed students have all the services in one place, as well as a community  
 367 resource fair, with ~25 nonprofit agencies. Assemblywoman Luz Rivas will be  
 368 holding a press conference to announce a \$10 Million gift to the college. Ornelas  
 369 also reported on a partnership with a consortium of charter schools  
 370 (Partnerships to Uplift Communities) that primarily serves the Northeast San  
 371 Fernando Valley to work on Adult Education, dual enrollment, senior activities,  
 372 and other efforts.
- 373 • **City:** President Gallagher focused on community work at City, announcing the  
 374 college had recently completed an 6-week Animation bootcamp for 40 LAUSD  
 375 high school students. City also held Saturday enrollment fairs at the Korean  
 376 Youth Community Center. In July the Navasartian Games and Festival came back  
 377 to City, with 30,000 people over three days. She reported on an augmented  
 378 virtual reality program with 50 faculty across disciplines; 1,100 students  
 379 participated in using those resources. The CA Student Aid Commission reached

- 380 out to City because they had the highest number of students applying for  
381 additional resources. City will also hold an enrollment event on August 13.
- 382 • **West:** President James Limbaugh reported West is pulling out all the stops to  
383 shore up its enrollment, including a campaign to reach out to 1,500 students  
384 who did not return. They have also rearranged West’s outreach efforts with a  
385 new welcome center. Limbaugh thanked the Board, Chancellor, and Maria Veloz  
386 for their advocacy and support in securing funding for the *Climate Change*  
387 *Education Center* at West. He reported they were developing partnerships with  
388 the CSU/UC Environmental and Climate Change Literacy Project and exploring  
389 partnerships with Alta Sea.
  - 390 • **Trade:** Newly appointed interim president Bob Miller thanked the Board for the  
391 opportunity to serve the college and praised the dedicated faculty and staff who  
392 support, engage, and motivate its students. Over 400 students have registered  
393 for Trade’s upcoming open house, which will promote their nine pathways,  
394 Strong Workforce, LA College Promise, Umoja, Puente, CalWORKS, and several  
395 other programs. They also will hold two ***Roll in to Enroll*** events on August 18  
396 and 25, as well as virtual application and registration workshops through the  
397 end of August. In June, three Trade Culinary students participated in the Skills  
398 USA National Championship competition in Atlanta where student Francisco  
399 Hernandez was awarded the silver medal in culinary arts. Miller announce  
400 Edison International has selected its 2022 Lineworker Scholarship recipients.  
401 Twelve aspiring lineworkers will receive \$25,000 each for tuition, tools, and  
402 support services for their training at Trade. Edison launched this scholarship  
403 program in 2021 in collaboration with IBEW Local 47 to promote greater  
404 diversity among So Cal Edison lineworkers.

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### 407 **Public Comment**

408 Several speakers were allotted 3 minutes to address the Board on items on the  
409 agenda. Board Secretary Guadalupe Ramirez indicated that six people had signed up  
410 to speak and two had submitted written comments. Benjamin Resnick, a lawyer  
411 representing Hackman Capital asked the Board not to take action on item X.9, which  
412 would authorize Chancellor Rodriguez (or his designee) to enter into an Exclusive  
413 Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Hudson Pacific Properties for a 67-year Joint  
414 Occupancy Lease of District-Owned Property Located at 10100 Jefferson Boulevard,  
415 Culver City. Resnick stated that three of the four bidders (Lowe Enterprises, Lincoln  
416 Property, and Hackman Capital) had filed protests about the RFP (request for  
417 proposals). He claimed there were many problems with the process which he could  
418 not adequately address in three minutes. Resnick argued that the project was not  
419 accurately identified in the RFP, which described it as primarily an office  
420 development. However, the winning bid (Hudson) submitted a project that was  
421 mostly (53%) studios, sound stages, and production facilities, not office space.  
422 Resnick stated that the approved project was never contemplated by the bidders  
423 and the local communities. He decried the lack of transparency and the fact that  
424 there were no rankings in the staff recommendation report. He told the trustees

425 they did not have enough information to exercise independent judgment to make  
426 the award based on the staff recommendation submitted.

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428 Resnick's concerns were echoed by other representatives of the losing bidders, who  
429 alleged several irregularities in the process. They asked the Board to restart the  
430 process or continue the vote until a thorough and satisfactory review of all the  
431 proposals was completed. Another speaker argued either the RFP description was  
432 inaccurate or the District changed its mind on the nature of the project and asked  
433 the District to allow bidders to submit proposals for the project the LACCD is now  
434 seeking. Jeffrey Cooper, the former mayor of Culver City from 2010-2018 argued the  
435 process was not transparent. He stated that no analysis of the proposals was  
436 provided to the community. He asked the Board to rescind the recommendation and  
437 restart the selection with greater outreach and detail in the decision-making  
438 process. Board President Buelna noted that two other individuals (Nick Carrol and  
439 Council member Girron Erickson) had provided written comments on this matter.

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#### 441 **Reports from the Board**

442 Buelna indicated there were no standing committee reports for the month of July  
443 and that the next committee meetings would take place on August 17.

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#### 445 **Resolutions**

446 The Board voted to approve the following resolutions:

447 **1. Item F.1: Resolution to Hold Via Teleconference, the Board's Committee**  
448 **meetings on August 17 and Board meeting on September 17, 2022:** The  
449 resolution was approved unanimously.

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451 **2. Item F.2: Resolution on District Academic Employees Retirement:** The  
452 following retirees were recognized for their years for service: Craig Meyer (Pierce,  
453 46 years), Arantzanu Rodriguez (Valley, 24 years), Karen Daar (Valley, 22 years),  
454 Maggie Kendrick (Trade, 14 years), and Henri Feiner (West, 13 years).

455 **3. Item F.3: Resolution on District Classified Employees Retirement:** The  
456 following retirees were recognized by the Board: Linda Fox (Southwest, 19 years),  
457 Cheryl Morrison (City, 18 years), Carver Russaw (West, 7 years), and Michael Fuller  
458 (ESC, 5 years).

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#### 460 **Report from the Chancellor**

461 Chancellor Rodriguez's monthly reports are [posted online](#). He highlighted the  
462 following items:

- 463 • **Update on COVID:** No masking mandate has been issued for LA County, but  
464 masks are still highly recommended. COVID testing is still available for employees  
465 at all colleges throughout the semester.
  - 466 • Monkeypox: Governor Newsom has declared a state of emergency and district  
467 is monitoring situation closely
- 468 • **All-College Enrollment Fair and Open House on Saturday, August 13:** This is  
469 one of many activities planned to boost enrollment. Students who enroll full time

470 will receive laptops, transit passes, and two years of free tuition. The fall semester  
471 begins on August 29, 2022.

- 472 • **Fall 2022 semester:** Fall course offerings are about 50% in person and 50% are  
473 online or hybrid. Enrollments in six of the nine LACCD colleges enrollments are  
474 over 100% of last year's numbers. Three of the colleges are in the 90% range  
475 compared to 2021. Black student enrollment is up over 10%, Latino enrollment is  
476 up 3%, and male student enrollment has increased, while female enrollment has  
477 dropped. The under 20-year-old group is up over 20%, which is great news for  
478 College Promise students and enrollment of students over 55 is up 9%.
- 479 • **November 2022 Facilities Bond:** Last month the Board authorized a \$5.3 Billion  
480 general obligation bond for the November 8, 2022 ballot to address  
481 infrastructure needs, replace pre-1970s buildings, invest in sustainability and  
482 technology, acquire real estate, improve housing, and build athletics facilities. The  
483 District will be engaged in an education campaign to inform the public of the  
484 bond provisions. If approved, this would be the fifth bond measure, after the  
485 2001, 2004, 2008, and 2016 bonds were approved.
- 486 • **Special recognitions:** Chancellor Rodriguez recognized Dr. McKeever for  
487 receiving the statewide Hayward faculty award. He also recognized Trade  
488 Architecture professor Marcela Oliva, who was named Educator of the Year by the  
489 American Institute of Architects, LA for her work on how architecture can lead to  
490 social change. Vice Chancellor Rueben Smith was also recognized by the Asian  
491 American Architects and Engineers for his leadership in the bond program.

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493 Trustee Moreno asked Chancellor Rodriguez asked how many students were  
494 expected to attend in-person classes in the future. Rodriguez replied that before the  
495 pandemic ~19% of classes were offered online, but next fall about 50% of classes  
496 are scheduled to be online. Rodriguez argued that didn't mean there would be 50%  
497 fewer students coming to the colleges as many students use the facilities for other  
498 purposes (student services, counseling, library, fitness centers, and tutoring).

#### 500 501 **Consent Calendar**

502 The Board approved the consent calendar items I1 through V8 (except item O13).  
503 The Board was informed that the California Education Code allows for the student  
504 trustee to be recognized as a full member of the Board for the purpose of pulling an  
505 item from the agenda. The Board voted to pull item O13 (License Agreement with  
506 Cleared4, Inc. to extend the subscription service verification platform to monitor  
507 and manage COVID- 19 related safety and compliance). Deputy Chancellor Nish  
508 explained that Cleared4 will be the repository for employee vaccination and daily  
509 check-in records, adding that Board Policy the District keep these records. After a  
510 discussion of the agreement, the Board voted to approve the agreement.

#### 511 512 **Facilities Items**

513 The Board approved facilities items X1-X9, excluding X6 and X9.

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515 **Facilities Item X6:** Authorize agreements with firms to provide College Project  
516 Leadership Team services from September 1, 2022 for a period of three (3) years  
517 with two (2) one (1) year options through August 31, 2027 at a cost not-to-exceed  
518 \$61,036,20.

519 • Vice Chancellor Smith gave a presentation in which he explained that over the  
520 last two years they have discussed whether to keep MATOC (Multiple Award  
521 Task Order Contract) or transition to another system; last year a hybrid model  
522 was proposed. They are now making a recommendation on nine firms to oversee  
523 construction management work at the campuses.

524 • **Vote:** After a discussion, the agreement was approved unanimously  
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526 **Facilities Item X9:** Determine that Hudson Pacific Properties is the Successful  
527 Proposer with Respect to Request For Proposals RFP for a Joint Occupancy Ground  
528 Lease of the District-Owned Real Property Located at 10100 Jefferson Boulevard,  
529 Culver City, and Authorize the Chancellor or his Designee to Enter into an Exclusive  
530 Negotiation Agreement with Hudson Pacific Properties

531 • Vice Chancellor Smith gave a presentation in which he explained that the  
532 proposed developed is for 13.7 acres of District owned property. The staff  
533 recommendation is from a seven-person evaluation panel consisting of District  
534 staff and outside experts that performed a review of each proposal. Smith noted  
535 that this item was withdrawn for consideration twice, in June and July of 2022.

536 • Trustee Moreno brought up the concerns brought up by the other bidders and  
537 asked whether there was any validity to their claims. Chancellor Rodriguez  
538 asked Kevin Randolph to address Moreno's concerns. Randolph replied that the  
539 Hudson Pacific project was indeed primarily an office project, which did not  
540 seem to convince Moreno.

541 • Public Comment: The Board allowed a 3-minute comment period from Benjamin  
542 Resnick, a member of the public and lawyer representing one of the bidders,  
543 who rebutted Kevin Randolph's assertion Hudson's proposal was primarily an  
544 office project

545 • **Vote:** After a lengthy discussion, the exclusive negotiating agreement was  
546 approved with Trustee Moreno voting against approval  
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#### 548 **Administrative Contracts**

549 The Board voted to approve employment contracts for:

- 550 • Interim President Robert Miller (Trade) August 1, 2022 through August 30, 2022
- 551 • Interim President Kathleen Burke (Trade) August 31, 2022 through December  
552 31, 2022  
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#### 554 **Academic Travel**

555 The Board vote to approve travel expenses for an additional five (5) faculty and staff  
556 from LACCD will travel to Ghana in collaboration with A2MEND, to participate in the  
557 All-African Diaspora Education Summit held at the University of Cape Coast,  
558 September 19th -24th, 2022. Anticipated travel dates are September 18th – 25th,  
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**Recommendations from the Chancellor**

The Board voted to approve Interim Vice Chancellor Katrina VanderWoude as the official LACCD representative to Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium (LARAEC), replacing Interim Vice Chancellor Nicole Albo-Lopez who previously served in this role until August 3, 2022.

**Public Comment**

Since there were no additional public comments, the Board recessed to closed session.

**Personal Note**

The Board’s approval of the exclusive negotiating agreement (ENA) for a 66-year lease with Hudson Pacific over the vocal protests of other bidders raised the concern that the District may face future legal challenges on this front. Trustee Moreno did not vote in support of the ENA, citing concerns expressed by several of the public speakers. Nevertheless, the approval of a project of such an enormous magnitude and consequence should be undertaken with greater transparency in order to reassure the public.

On the legislative front, the likely approval of AB 1705 (Irwin, 2022) is a major concern for faculty organizations throughout the state as most of proposed amendments were rejected. As I have argued consistently, the elimination of most pretransfer math and English classes and other curricular intrusions will disenfranchise thousands of students who have experienced an unprecedented period of learning loss during the pandemic and result in additional enrollment losses to the system. The District’s loss of about one-third of its enrollment since the start of the pandemic and AB 705 implementation, will present major challenges to all of our colleges for years to come.

The meeting [agenda](#) is posted on Board Docs Plus and a [recording of the meeting](#) is on YouTube.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**From DAS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Anna Nicholas**

I am happy to report that the language on the District website <https://www.laccd.edu/Employment/Pages/Academic-Jobs.aspx> has been changed to reflect the wording proposed in the Equivalency Committee’s resolution passed on May 9, and then amended and approved by the DAS Executive Committee on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

604 I am also happy to report that AP 7211 Faculty Service Areas, Minimum  
605 Qualifications, and Equivalencies has been adopted on July 12, 2022, and posted to  
606 BoardDocs.

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608 Many thanks to all who have contributed to these two positive outcomes.

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610 The first Equivalency Committee meeting of the 2022-2023 academic year is on  
611 Monday, 9/12/22 from 2 to 4 pm on Zoom.

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613 **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – no additional report

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615 **Treasurer**

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617 From DAS Treasurer Josh Miller:

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619 1. The \$3,000 DAS funds have been released to each campus. Last year's funds  
620 were not carried over and will not be carried over next year, so make sure to  
621 spend them. I suggest you get them spent by early March. I get a lot of  
622 questions about what the money can be spent on. The best way to look at  
623 these funds is that they are like a department fund. You may spend the fund  
624 on conferences, supplies, swag, etc. You may not use the fund for stipends.  
625 You may use the fund for food for one-offs like special events, but you may  
626 not use it for recurring events like Senate meetings. Some of the fund's rules  
627 are LACCD and some are state rules, so they are not negotiable. There are no  
628 special rules for the fund that the DAS may approve or deny, so I suggest you  
629 communicate locally with how the spends may be spent and how you access  
630 them. I hope this clears things up.

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632 2. Please send your DAS dues to me, Josh Miller, care of Los Angeles Valley  
633 College. Please make out a check to the DAS in the amount of 400\$. We will  
634 likely be meeting face to face soon, so we will need the money for food,  
635 supplies, etc.

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637 3. I will be coming up with a comprehensive guide for how to do conference  
638 requests and reimbursements electronically. In the past, folks would fill out  
639 the forms locally, sign them and then courier them to the district, where the  
640 district treasurer would take them to the appropriate person. After the  
641 conference, the treasurer would provide a TD number to the participants,  
642 who would again fill the forms out locally and courier it. I have been trying to  
643 expedite this process by doing some work on the forms and submitting them  
644 for signatures electronically. For the most part this has worked, but there  
645 have been a number of glitches (people not putting their names on the forms,  
646 not submitting proper mileage proof, receipts not matching the numbers on  
647 the reimbursement forms, etc.). When the forms are not filled out properly, I  
648 get an email. I can fix a lot of the issues, but it can take a lot of time and can be

649 confusing to keep track of. The fall plenary is in Sacramento, so a lot of you  
650 may be travelling. I want to make sure that all paperwork is filled out  
651 correctly from the start so there are no issues. Look out for a future email on  
652 this.

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654 Owing to the lateness of the hour, the remaining reports were postponed.

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656 **Local Senate Presidents**

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- **Other Reports:**

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- **District Budget Committee (DBC)**

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- **Online Education and Academic Technology Committee**

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- **TPPC**

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- **Guided Pathways**

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- **Professional Development College**

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- **Sustainable Environment Institute**

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- **Others**

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667 **Noticed Items** - none

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669 **Upcoming Meetings:**

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671 **DAS Executive Committee:** Friday, September 2, 2022 – Zoom

672 **LACCD Board Meeting:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – Zoom

673 **DAS Meeting:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 – Hybrid

674 **District Budget Committee:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – Zoom

675 **Consultation:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – Zoom

676 **DAS Executive Committee:** Friday, October 7, 2022 - Zoom

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678 **Adjournment**

679 (J. Hernandez/Maddren) **M/S/P**

680 The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

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682 Respectfully submitted by Lourdes M. Brent, DAS Secretary