

# District Academic Senate Executive Committee

Friday, July 15, 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), Lourdes Brent (Secretary), John Freitas (Parliamentarian)
<b>City</b>	Mickey Hong
<b>East</b>	Jeffrey Hernandez
<b>Harbor</b>	
<b>Mission</b>	Carole Akl
<b>Pierce</b>	Barbara Anderson
<b>Southwest</b>	Robert Stewart
<b>Trade</b>	
<b>Valley</b>	Chauncey Maddren
<b>West</b>	Patricia Zuk
<b>Guests</b>	Beth Abels (Pierce); Leticia Barajas (East); Wendy Bass-Keer (Pierce); Xiao Behlendorf (Valley); Adrienne Brown (Southwest); Ruby Christian-Brougham (Valley); Daniel Keller (EPIE); Zachary Knorr (Valley); George Leddy (Valley); Erum Syed (Southwest); Elizabeth Thornton (Valley)

### Approval of Resolution on Teleconferencing:

Resolution on Conducting District Academic Senate (DAS) Executive Committee Public Meetings via Teleconference from July 15, 2022 through August 15, 2022 (Hernandez/Stewart) **M/S/P**

### Call to Order:

District Academic Senate President Angela Echeverri called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

### Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was adopted as revised (Hernandez/Anderson) **M/S/P**

**Motion: *Revise Discussion Items #5 and #12 – Delete “and Noncredit framework” from Item #12 and add it to Discussion Item #5.***

28 **Hernandez** - approved by consensus

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30 **Approval of the Minutes:**

31 The minutes of the June 3, 2022 meeting were approved as written

32 (Stewart/J. Hernandez) **M/S/P**

33 **Abstain:** Stewart, Zuk

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35 **Public Speakers:**

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37 Stewart introduced Southwest's Academic Senate President-Elect, Erum Syed.

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39 **Action Items**

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41 **1. Update to Administrative Procedure AP 4225 – Course Repetition** – postponed to  
42 August 19, 2022

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44 **MOTION: *Postpone Action Item #1 to August 19, 2022 meeting***

45 (J. Hernandez/Zuk) **M/S/P**

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47 **2. Proposed Draft of Common Course Terminology for Instructional Modality Listed in**  
48 **Schedules of Classes**

49 (Stewart/Maddren) **M/S/P**

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51 Bass explained that the goal is to have consistency regarding the description of  
52 instructional modality in the schedule of classes for all the colleges in the LACCD. There  
53 was a small edit regarding the term "HyFlex." There was consensus among the Senators  
54 that clearer descriptions, better interface, and better class search methods were needed  
55 in order to make the system more user-friendly in an effort to increase enrollment. This  
56 item will be on the next consultation agenda.

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58 **3. Administrative Procedure 4105 – Distance Education**

59 (Anderson/J. Hernandez) **M/S/P**

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61 **4. Administrative Procedure AP 4500 – Student News Media**

62 (Zuk/J. Hernandez) **M/S/P**

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64 Daniel Keller, Dean, Educational Support Services, LACCD, noted that District Journalism  
65 faculty gave input on revisions. This administrative procedure also acknowledges an  
66 appeals process.

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68 **5. Additional Proposed Revisions to Previously Approved AP 2510 – Participation in**  
69 **Local Decision Making** – postponed to August 19, 2022

70 (Maddren/Hong)

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72 **MOTION: Postpone action to the August 19, 2022 meeting of the DAS Executive**  
73 **Committee**

74 (J. Hernandez/Anderson) **M/S/P**

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76 Echeverri reported that former Vice Chancellor Ryan Cornner had proposed alternative  
77 language in 4.E. of this document which the District Academic Senate Executive  
78 Committee (DAS Exec) had previously revised. The concern among the Senators was  
79 that the Senate's right of collegial consultation was not being honored in the suggested  
80 administrative revisions. This item will be placed on the next consultation agenda and  
81 action will be postponed until the August 19, 2022 meeting of this body.

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### 83 **Noticed Items**

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#### 85 **1. Resolution on HyFlex Dual Delivery Instructional Modality**

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87 Maddren introduced this topic, noting the need to recognize that HyFlex is a separate  
88 instructional modality, is different from merely putting Zoom equipment in a class, and  
89 has different technological and professional development requirements. There was a  
90 request from L.A. Valley College's AFT Chapter President, Ruby Christian Brougham, that  
91 the DAS offer its professional opinion of HyFlex being a separate instructional modality  
92 so that the AFT Faculty Guild may consider it in its collective bargaining. Zachary Knorr,  
93 a representative on the AFT Executive (E-) Board from Valley, reported that he had done  
94 substantial research on both senate and union documents on this matter, and has  
95 spoken with faculty who implement the HyFlex modality. He noted the following:  
96 1) HyFlex requires significantly more work for faculty; 2) HyFlex requires extensive  
97 technological support; 3) There is a consistent feeling that HyFlex students do not  
98 receive as much instructor attention in comparison to teaching a class in one single  
99 modality; 4) The instructor must also monitor the chat, which requires more attention;  
100 and 5) Using HyFlex leads to job loss for adjunct faculty. Some concerns were raised  
101 with the resolution as written, and J. Hernandez offered to help revise the resolution for  
102 DAS consideration. Stewart observed that the California Community Colleges  
103 Curriculum Committee (5C) is working on this topic, with the intent of having related  
104 resolutions for consideration at the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges  
105 (ASCCC) 2022 Fall Plenary Session.

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107 **MOTION: Formulate a work group to revise this motion for action at the August 19,**  
108 **2022 meeting**

109 (Maddren/Anderson) **M/S/P**

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111 Maddren will call the first meeting of this work group.

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### 113 **Discussion Items**

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#### 115 **1. Planning for 2022-2023:**

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- **DAS Calendar**
- **Exec Retreat – Priorities, Goals, and Challenges**
- **ASCCC Plenary Sessions and Institutes**
- **DAS Assignments in 2022-2023**
- **DAS Academically Speaking Newsletter**
- **Collegiality in Action Technical Assistance Visit**

Echeverri presented an updated calendar. At this point, it is unclear if there will be a joint LACCD/DAS Fall Summit. Since COVID-19 surges are anticipated, especially during the winter, the assumption is that the declared state of emergency will continue, and all fall meetings will be online. J. Hernandez advised that we watch pending legislation regarding amendments to the Ralph M. Brown Act closely since two bills would affect our ability to meet via teleconference. Echeverri also reported that she went to the ASCCC Curriculum Institute. At present, it is not known if the ASCCC Fall Plenary will be in-person or hybrid.

The DAS Exec’s August 19<sup>th</sup> retreat will be online, and we will consider priorities, goals, and challenges. With the California Legislature infringing on our mission and curriculum (e.g., AB 705, AB 1705, AB 928, AB 1111), having a legislative liaison from the DAS should be considered. In addition, the Sustainable Environment Institute (SEI) is requesting additional reassigned time. Echeverri emailed the latest Board report to all of the LACCD faculty, and is working on the DAS newsletter *Academically Speaking*. The date for the collegiality in action/technical assistance visit continues to be moved to the future.

**2. DAS Committee Representation: District Budget, District Planning, Sustainable Environment Institute Steering Committee, Project MATCH, Equivalency, Online Education and Academic Technology, Chancellor’s Workgroup on Adult Education, Bond Steering, and others (Transfer, Articulation, and Student Services task force)**

Echeverri observed several vacancies related to DAS representation, including Online Education and Academic Technology, and Bond Steering. The representatives list will be updated.

**3. Impact of Recent Changes in the District Administrative Leadership on DAS Matters**

Nicholas referred to a lack of follow-up due to changes in administrative leadership. She will put in a ticket request via LACCD IT (Information Technology) to have information related to equivalency changed on an HR (Human Resources) page. This item will also be placed on the consultation agenda.

**4. Request Local Senate Visit on DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) in Curriculum**

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160 J. Hernandez reported that the ASCCC Curriculum Institute was very inspiring. A new  
161 approach to curriculum review to include Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and  
162 Anti-racism (DEIAA) is being ushered in. Title 5 changes will include a review of the  
163 course outline of record to include DEIAA. East L.A. College requested a local senate  
164 visit from the ASCCC. He suggested a district-wide visit, perhaps requested by the  
165 District Curriculum Committee (DCC). Maddren offered that there might be more  
166 faculty participation if the visit had a local or regional focus. Echeverri reported that the  
167 AB 1705 round table was well-attended, and suggested further discussion at the August  
168 19<sup>th</sup> retreat.

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#### 170 **5. Chancellor’s Workgroup on Adult Education and Noncredit Framework**

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172 J. Hernandez was concerned that there were areas of senate purview that were initially  
173 on the workgroup agenda. Freitas observed that this workgroup involves the  
174 implementation of curriculum, an item from the 10 + 1. Although the Chancellor can  
175 form a work group, it should have been a joint effort with the DAS. This item will be  
176 placed on the consultation agenda.

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178 Leticia Barajas, Chair of the LACCD Non-Credit Disciplines Committee, shared her screen.  
179 The purpose of the work group is to augment what was developed at the statewide  
180 level. The LACCD Non-Credit Disciplines Committee is collaborating with Keller and  
181 Adrienne Ann Mullen, LACCD Dean of Adult Education. This workgroup is working on  
182 curriculum, but the charge has not been shared in writing.

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#### 184 **6. Developing Guidelines for HyFlex Modality**

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186 Echeverri noted that an amended resolution will come to the DAS Exec shortly.

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#### 188 **7. American Sign Language Interpreters in the LACCD**

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190 Anderson noted a challenge over the last several years in obtaining quality interpreters  
191 for ASL (American Sign Language) faculty. A centralized corps of interpreters was  
192 suggested. This item will be placed on the consultation agenda.

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#### 194 **8. Creating Official Guidance on “Grandfathering” for Minimum Qualifications**

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196 Echeverri suggested that the Equivalency Committee work with Keller on draft language  
197 and provide possible scenarios for grandfathering minimum qualifications.  
198 Collaboration with the AFT is also needed. Nicholas will place this item on the  
199 September agenda for the Equivalency Committee.

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201 Freitas provided this quote from Title 5, Section 53403:

202 *“Notwithstanding changes that may be made to the minimum qualifications*  
203 *established in this division, or to the implementing discipline lists adopted by the*  
204 *Board of Governors, the governing board of a community college district may*  
205 *continue to employ a person to teach in a discipline or render a service subject to*  
206 *minimum qualifications, if he or she, at the time of initial hire by the district, was*  
207 *qualified to teach in that discipline or render that service under the minimum*  
208 *qualifications or disciplines lists then in effect.”*  
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210 He also suggested the need for an Administrative Procedure and Appendix with  
211 scenarios to include input from Human Resources.

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213 **9. Consideration of Additional DAS Assignments: Legislative Liaison, SEI Coordinator,**  
214 **PDC, and others**

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216 Echeverri observed that there is State funding for various initiatives such as AB 928.

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218 Leddy provided an update on the Sustainable Environment Institute (SEI), including an  
219 increase in funding: Beth Abels = .6; Xiao Behlendorf = .3; and George Leddy continues  
220 with a .2. This increased funding has permitted SEI to take on new projects and increase  
221 its visibility. On August 18<sup>th</sup>, Leddy will moderate a panel to discuss urban heat. The  
222 September panel will discuss climate policy in the United States; in October, the  
223 discussion will be on water and drought; and in November, mental health and climate  
224 anxiety. Efforts continue in the area of climate curriculum, i.e., providing climate  
225 literacy for our instructors. Behlendorf has been working on a Canvas shell. Abels is  
226 playing a major role in organizing and prioritizing projects, and referenced the Board of  
227 Trustees Vision 2040.

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229 **MOTION:** Extend meeting by 15 minutes

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

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232 **10. Update on COVID-19 Pandemic and Return to In-Person Instruction, Services, and**  
233 **Brown Act Meetings (AB 1944 and AB 2449)**

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235 Echeverri suggested that an indoor mask mandate might be necessary in Los Angeles  
236 County if the county continues in the high-risk category of COVID transmission.

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238 **11. Update on AB 1705 (Irwin, 2022) and Proposed Amendments, Board Position on**  
239 **AB 1705, Additional Metrics to Evaluate Student Outcomes, AB 705 Task Force,**  
240 **Support to Improve Student Outcomes**

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242 Echeverri reported that J. Hernandez and Daniel Judge from East Los Angeles College  
243 spoke in opposition to AB 1705 at the State Senate. She offered that the Legislature is  
244 poised to outlaw remedial education in this state and change the mission of the  
245 California Community Colleges.

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**12. Credit for Prior Learning and Noncredit Framework**

**13. Coordination of District Initiatives: Sustainable Environment Institute, Credit for Prior Learning, Guided Pathways, Project MATCH, Online Education Resources, Accreditation, and others**

Echeverri emphasized that coordination of all of those initiatives will be both necessary and challenging.

**14. Update on Administrator Retreat Board Policy**

Echeverri commented on the challenge in meeting with Human Resources on this topic since many in District HR or EPIE (Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness) are no longer working for the district.

**15. Implementation of Legislation and Statewide Initiatives: Open Educational Resources Funding; [AB 1111](#) (Common Course Numbering); [AB 928](#) (Student Transfer Reform Act of 2021)**

**16. Other Concerns: Items from the Floor, Responsive IT Service for Classrooms, COVID-19 Related Learning Loss**

Echeverri emphasized that additional money is available from the State for the endeavors previously listed.

**Reports**

- **Officer Reports**

**President**

(From a 7-15-22 email to all LACCD faculty)

**LACCD Board of Trustees Report for Regular Meeting  
July 6, 2022**

DAS President Angela C. Echeverri

For the first time since the start of the pandemic, the Board meeting was held at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) in a hybrid format. Board President Gabriel Buelna called the meeting to order; four of the trustees were present in person (Buelna, Veres, Henderson, and Iino) and four attended remotely (Hoffman, Moreno, Vela, and Student Trustee Callahan). The audio quality of several microphones was poor, which made it difficult to follow the meeting at times. East President Alberto Roman appeared very

290 happy to welcome those in attendance after a long 27-month hiatus. He introduced  
291 several members of his staff, Vice President of the Academic Senate David Hale, and  
292 newly elected AFT 1521 Chapter Chair Stuart Souki. Board President Buelna asked to  
293 adjourn the meeting in honor of David Cruz, who worked for many years in East’s  
294 Reprographics Department, and offered his condolences to his family. The  
295 meeting [agenda](#) is posted on Board Docs and a [recording of the meeting](#) is on  
296 YouTube.

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### Reports from the Resource Table

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- 300 • **Hazel Alonso**, the AFT 1521A classified staff guild president stated that despite  
301 the recent contract agreement, a multitude of issues still needed to be resolved.  
302 She added that classified staff deserved more and that she looked forward to  
303 working with the District on their behalf.
  - 304 • **Dr. James McKeever**, AFT 1521 Faculty Guild President, thanked ELAC and Dr.  
305 Albert Roman for hosting the Board meeting and congratulated new AFT 1521  
306 Chapter Chair Stuart Souki on his recent election. He also congratulated a former  
307 student from Pierce, Isaiah Moore, who joined the military, transferred to UCLA,  
308 and was recently accepted to a social work program at USC. McKeever stated  
309 that the District had lost more than 30,000 students in the last few years. He  
310 stressed the need for collaboration on a long-term plan for growth, which  
311 focused on the shrinking number of incoming students. He reported that the AFT  
312 was negotiating an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and stressed the  
313 importance of considering the needs of all faculty (including librarians and  
314 counselors), staff, and administrators, adding that a happy workforce is a more  
315 productive workforce. He spoke in favor of a holistic approach for student  
316 success, including affordable housing and universal basic income. He added that  
317 for the proposed housing bond (Item G.2) to be successful, it needed be  
318 discussed in detail at the District Budget Committee and all stakeholders should  
319 be involved early on, to increase trust and transparency. He concluded by stating  
320 that the LACCD could create something magnificent and transformative, an  
321 example to the rest of the nation, by working together and returning to its core  
322 values and interests, students.
  - 323 • **Mary Jo Apigo**, the Teamsters acting president representing LACCD deans,  
324 congratulated the AFT 1521A members on the approval of their collective  
325 bargaining agreement. She reported the Teamsters held a spring membership  
326 meeting to discuss the impact of COVID.
  - 327 • **Angela Echeverri**, District Academic Senate (DAS) President, stated she looked  
328 forward to working closely with faculty guild leaders McKeever and Souki to  
329 advance student success. She took a moment to celebrate the return to in-  
330 person meetings, mentioning that the last in-person DAS meeting took place at  
331 East 27 months ago, in March of 2020. She reiterated faculty concerns about  
332 legislative changes impacting California community colleges, stating that one of  
the most important tenets for lawmakers when passing legislation should be to



333 do no harm. She added that the exercise of legislative power to curtail access to  
334 pretransfer level math and English courses and interfere with transfer-level math  
335 sequences in STEM programs, was unnecessary and should be undertaken with  
336 great caution, especially at a time of enormous learning loss and disruption  
337 caused by the pandemic. She argued that such unprecedented legislative  
338 interference in curricular matters would be as harmful and misguided as efforts  
339 in other states to ban certain books, infringe on the teaching of evolution, or  
340 outlaw the discussion of critical race theory. She stated a one-size-fits all  
341 approach to curricular offerings does not maximize the success of all students.  
342 Echeverri sounded the alarm about the impact of AB 1705 on student success,  
343 equity gaps, and enrollment as the bill heads toward the State Senate  
344 Appropriations Committee and then the full Senate. She added that AB 1705  
345 would make it extremely difficult to recapture more than 30,000 FTES (full-time-  
346 equivalent students) the LACCD had lost in recent years. She expressed her hope  
347 that all stakeholders could find common ground to work together and prevent  
348 some of the damage that would result from restricting the mission of community  
349 colleges.

- 350 • **Bruce Hicks**, SEIU 1721 President, reported on a June 24 training meeting held  
351 with Human Resources staff at Trade in which they discussed issues faced by the  
352 supervisors. He expressed support for the bond resolution on the agenda to  
353 support student success. He also made the case for sufficient staffing to address  
354 maintenance and operational needs adequately.

### 355 **College President Reports**

- 356 • **West:** President James Limbaugh thanked the Board, Chancellor, and Maria  
357 Veloz for their advocacy and support in securing funding for the *California Center*  
358 *for Climate Change Education* at West, stating he was very excited about what  
359 the Center could do for the college, district, and state. He reported they were  
360 establishing an advisory council, working with the Personnel Commission to post  
361 job announcements, opening channels of communication across the district, and  
362 developing partnerships. He mentioned they had contacted the CSU/UC  
363 Environmental and Climate Change Literacy Project to develop partnerships  
364 across two-year and four-year institutions.
- 365 • **Valley:** President Barry Gribbons reported that he and President Ornelas had a  
366 good meeting with LAUSD's Local District Northeast recently. He added that  
367 Valley has started to focus on high-touch outreach activities to increase  
368 enrollment for 2023-2024, by ensuring all local high school students complete  
369 the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and CCCApply before they  
370 graduate. He announced that Valley also intends to design dual enrollment  
371 classes along intentional CTE and transfer pathways, to increase pathway access  
372 and completion.
- 373 • **Pierce:** Interim President Ara Aguiar summarized the results of a preliminary  
374 study that Pierce conducted on the use of HyFlex classrooms. She reported the

375 college surveyed 100 sections, with a 15% response rate, and cited the survey  
376 results below:

- 377 ○ Students: 90% of respondents prefer to have HyFlex technology because  
378 of its flexibility, 73% prefer in-person classes only, and 47% prefer to take  
379 an online class
- 380 ○ Class success: Ranged from similar to slightly better with in-person  
381 attendance
- 382 ○ Overall: Students found that having this option contributed to their  
383 success in the class and 90% stated they would take another HyFlex  
384 course

- 385 • **Mission:** President Armida Ornelas reported that Mission received a \$10 million  
386 grant through California Assemblywoman Rivas to develop a research institute  
387 and partnership with industry to complement many of the current STEM  
388 initiatives and federal grants at the college, including the baccalaureate  
389 Biotechnology degree.
- 390 • **Harbor:** President Luis Dorado reported on efforts to increase enrollment with  
391 early decision onboarding events every Wednesday and Saturday. He stated that  
392 students are requesting more in-person classes. He extended an invitation to  
393 attend Harbor’s Zero Week activities scheduled for Tuesday, August 23. The  
394 college is hosting an in-person opening day for faculty on August 25 and a  
395 classified opening day the second week of August. He thanked Harbor’s facilities  
396 staff for their work for during commencement.
- 397 • **East:** President Albert Roman announced that East was launching the *Summer*  
398 *Success Institute* program, a five-week preparatory course designed to help  
399 2,000 continuing students who need preparation to take English or math  
400 gateway courses critical to student success. He also mentioned other student  
401 success initiatives at the campus, including middle school partnerships and  
402 noncredit programs.
- 403 • **Note:** There were no college reports from LA Southwest, LA Trade Tech, or LA  
404 City Colleges.

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#### 406 **AFT 1521A Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)**

407 Chancellor Rodriguez announced the signing of the CBA for AFT 1521A Staff Guild  
408 (classified staff) and thanked Hazel Alonzo and guild members for their work to support  
409 student success. Alonzo thanked her team, the Board, administration, and members for  
410 their support during negotiations.

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#### 412 **Public Comment**

413 Several speakers spoke in support of item G.2, a resolution to call an election within the  
414 Los Angeles Community College District on November 8, 2022 for the purpose of  
415 approving \$5.3 Billion in general obligation bonds for facilities. The Los Angeles County  
416 Registrar would conduct the election and authorize the preparation of election  
417 materials, including ballot arguments and tax rate statement. Many of the speakers

418 represented various trade labor unions and contractors, others were students and  
419 community organizers, who spoke of the need for more well-paying jobs, affordable  
420 housing, and job training opportunities for historically underserved communities. Eli  
421 Lippmann, Executive Director of Move LA, thanked the Board for its support of the  
422 transit program for LACCD students and requested support for AB 1919, which would  
423 create a statewide California Transit pass program. He also expressed support for the  
424 LACCD bond program, stating that LA County and Metro Board had passed a land  
425 banking ordinance that could be used to purchase land for housing. United to House LA  
426 Initiative will also be on the November ballot, so colleges could use these funds for  
427 affordable housing.

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## 429 **Reports from the Board**

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- 431 • **Budget and Finance Committee:** Andra Hoffman reported that at its June 15  
432 meeting, the committee approved the process for putting together underwriting  
433 syndicates to sell bonds. She urged the Board to approve the syndicate list on  
434 the agenda (item M4).
  - 435 • **Institutional Effectiveness and Student Success:** Nichelle Henderson reported  
436 that the committee voted to approve the accreditation reports for the nine  
437 LACCD colleges. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.
  - 438 • **Legislative and Public Affairs Committee:** David Vela reported there was a lot of  
439 good news on the budget front. He listed several federal earmarks for the LACCD  
440 including:
    - 441 ○ \$2 million for Mission to Support the STEM program through  
442 Representative Tony Cardenas
    - 443 ○ \$2.9 million to Trade for the Innovation in Jobs Future program
    - 444 ○ Biotechnology bachelor’s degree program at Pierce
    - California Center for Climate Change Education at West

445 Vela added the state had a large surplus, the budget was passed on time, and many  
446 of LACCD’s budget requests were approved. He stated that one of the biggest wins  
447 was that Miguel Santiago was able to get funding to expand the Promise program to  
448 all full-time students regardless of how long ago they graduated from high school. He  
449 thanked the legislative advocates, Chancellor Rodriguez, and Maria Veloz for  
450 organizing a press conference to promote the bill.

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- 452 • **Facilities Management Committee:** David Vela reported that the last committee  
453 meeting was dedicated to reviewing and revamping the District’s Facilities Needs  
454 Assessment.
  - 455 • **Ad Hoc Committee on Athletics:** Steve Veres reported the committee heard  
456 presentations on athletics facilities at the campuses and discussed the needs of  
457 the athletics programs (e.g., lighting, turf, etc.). Those recommendations for  
forwarded for a Committee of the Whole presentation.

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- **Ad Hoc Committee for the Immediate Action on Teaching and Learning Barriers for Non-English Speaking, Monolingual Community:** Gabriel Buelna reported that the committee had a presentation from a law firm on the legality of teaching classes in other languages. The Institutional Research staff will complete a survey in August to determine the level of student interest in classes offered in other languages.
  - **Community College League Trustee Board:** Hoffman, the president-elect of the trustee board, reported the organization took a support position on several important bills, including AB 1919 (California student transit bill discussed earlier by Mr. Lippman) and AB 1764, which will fund a student housing statewide survey. They also supported funding for a housing project at Compton College that will break ground soon. The League also has a strong commitment to continue with the Chancellor’s Vision for Success and to increase diversity, equity, inclusion, and access efforts. They will return to in person meetings soon. She stated she would like to see more participation in league webinars, training, and events.

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#### 475 **Resolutions**

476 The Board voted to approve the following resolutions:

477 **1. Item G.1: Resolution to Hold Via Teleconference, the Board’s August 3, 2022**

478 **meeting:** Hoffman stated she would like to attend in person again, but expressed  
479 concern about the lack of mask wearing among attendees. Veres expressed concern  
480 about the technology standards. Carmen Lidz reported that the ESC Board Room was  
481 undergoing major renovations to allow for livestreaming as well as hybrid meetings.  
482 They are also evaluating the feasibility of using a mobile kit for Board meetings. The  
483 resolution was approved unanimously.

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485 **2. Item G.2: Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College**  
486 **District Ordering an Election, and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order**

487 **(Facilities Bond):** Chancellor Rodriguez asked the Board to order an election to approve  
488 a **\$5.3 billion** facilities bond program, explaining that ultimately 55% of the voters would  
489 have to approve. He recalled that the voters had approved LACCD facilities bond  
490 programs in 2001, 2004, 2008, and 2016 for a total of \$9 billion. He added this time they  
491 would ask for funds to address facilities needs for the next 15-20 years, including the  
492 large number of pre-1970s buildings, athletics facilities, technology, and HyFlex  
493 classrooms. The bond will also explore purchasing real estate and building housing for  
494 students and staff if necessary. He referred to the bond as a local economic stimulus  
495 package, which would generate thousands of jobs. Rodriguez cited the Board’s  
496 sustainability resolution goals for 2030 and argued that well designed, sustainable  
497 facilities would also reduce operating costs and reliance on state funding. He also stated  
498 that excellent teaching and learning facilities would help increase enrollment.

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500 Dr Ruben Smith then gave an overview of the facilities needs assessment, including  
 501 aging buildings, HyFlex classrooms, upgrading inadequate WiFi at all campuses,  
 502 infrastructure, housing, and other improvements. He reported that 45 older buildings  
 503 needed to be renovated or replaced to address seismic retrofitting, maintenance,  
 504 outdated lighting, and costly repairs. Smith estimated that by updating all buildings to  
 505 LED lighting, the District could save \$ 1.39 million a year. He added that upgrading  
 506 athletics facilities and using artificial turf would reduce water consumption and increase  
 507 student health and wellness. In the area of real estate development, they are looking at  
 508 the possibility of developing housing for students and staff, citing an LACCD survey that  
 509 indicated that 53% of students and 13% of staff need affordable housing. The capital  
 510 assessment budget breakdown by category was as follows:  
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<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Pre-1970s Buildings	\$1,375.00 Million
Infrastructure	\$734.62 Million
Technology	\$300.48 Million
Athletic Fields	\$163.46 Million
Sustainability	\$687.01 Million
College Needs	\$386.61 Million
Housing	\$500.00 Million
Total (including reserve)	\$5,200.00 Million

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 513 Smith’s presentation was followed by a lengthy discussion. Veres recalled that there  
 514 were a lot of problems early in the bond program, but the District had learned from  
 515 those mistakes. He spoke in support of the measure, acknowledging it would be difficult  
 516 to know how much to allocate to housing. Trustee Moreno stated he had supported all  
 517 the previous bond measures but argued that pursuing a bond at a time of sharply  
 518 declining enrollment (in which the District had lost 31,000 FTES), was an inappropriate  
 519 and irresponsible act. He added the LACCD had already received \$9 Billion from previous  
 520 bond measures and hundreds of millions in state funds for facilities projects. He added  
 521 that the college master plans had projected enrollments that were much larger than the  
 522 current numbers; while we are currently being funded for 107,984 FTES, we are  
 523 currently down to 74,500 FTES. Moreno added that even 107,984 FTES is way below our  
 524 enrollment projections for facilities planning and the existing buildings are vastly  
 525 underutilized, due to the shift to online classes. He also expressed concern about the  
 526 cost of maintaining all the new facilities and about the information the Board was given.  
 527 He noted that LA Mission College did not have any pre-1970s buildings because it was  
 528 not built until the 1980s. He argued there may be a time in the future that would  
 529 warrant this kind of bond and voiced concern the Board was being sold a bill of goods  
 530 that would jeopardize the ability to operate the institution. In response to a question  
 531 from Hoffman, Bond Counsel David Casnocha replied that the District would have  
 532 unlimited time to sell the bonds once voters approved the measure and presumably  
 533 they would be issued periodically as needed over a period of 10 or 15 years before the

534 authorization was exhausted. Smith added the improvements would help reduce costly  
535 repairs and utility bills. Hoffman clarified that this was not a housing bond but a general  
536 obligation bond with many projects.

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538 Adam Sonenshein from Fairbank M3 Research, gave a [presentation](#) on a recent survey  
539 of likely voters gauge public support for a new bond. He concluded that the bond  
540 measure was viable for the November 2022 election. Student Trustee Callahan  
541 requested an amendment to provide funding for support services related to housing,  
542 which was not moved forward. In the end, the **Board voted 6 to 1, to approve the \$5.3**  
543 **Billion general obligation bond measure, for the November ballot** (Moreno voted no  
544 and Student trustee Callahan abstained).

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#### 546 **Report from the Chancellor**

547 **Leadership Transitions:** Chancellor Rodriguez made several announcements.

- 548 • Chancellor Rodriguez introduced and welcomed the new President of LA  
549 Southwest College Dr. Anthony Culpepper, who most recently served at Glendale  
550 Community College and started effective July 1, 2022. President Culpepper gave  
551 a brief report on his first week at the college.
- 552 • President Katrina VanderWoude will leave her position at LA Trade Tech to serve  
553 at the District as Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development and Adult Education  
554 (August 1, 2022)
- 555 • Bob Miller will serve as interim President at LA Trade Tech during the month of  
556 August and then transition to the District to serve as Vice Chancellor of Human  
557 Resources
- 558 • Kathleen Burke, former President of Pierce College, will serve as interim  
559 president at Trade Tech during the Fall, 2022 semester while the search for a  
560 permanent president is underway

561 **State Budget Update:** Chancellor Rodriguez sent out a summary of the 2022-23 state  
562 budget signed by Governor Newsom earlier in the day, he listed the major highlights  
563 below:

- 564 • 6.56% COLA (cost of living adjustment)
- 565 • \$834 million for scheduled maintenance and energy projects
- 566 • \$650 million flexible block grant
- 567 • \$600 million base increase for apportionments
- 568 • \$150 million for retention and enrollment strategies

569 Rodriguez listed LACCD sponsored additional funding for several programs including:

- 570 • AB 1913 (Bryan)-Higher Up program for incarcerated youth (\$30 million  
571 statewide)

- 572 • AB 2266 (Santiago) expansion of College Promise to all full-time students (\$25
- 573 million state)
- 574 • Regional STEM Hub at LA Mission College (\$10 million)
- 575 • LACCD California Climate Change Center at West LA College in AB 1913 (\$5
- 576 million)
- 577 • Academic and Cultural Center at LA Valley College (\$1 million)
- 578 • Vincent Price Art Museum at East LA College (\$ 1 million)
- 579 • Student housing planning grants for LACCD colleges (\$990 million)

580 **Other News & Events**

581 Chancellor Rodriguez spoke about a Saturday, July 16 concert at the YouTube Theater  
 582 sponsored by LACCD to raise awareness of mental health issues. Trustee Henderson  
 583 announced the District is partnering with other organizations and supporting mental  
 584 health by donating 3,000 concert tickets to students. The concert will feature artists  
 585 who have struggled with mental health challenges. Rodriguez also announced the  
 586 Ghana Educational Summit that would take place September 19-24, reporting that the  
 587 LACCD would sponsor 30 faculty, staff, and students to travel to Ghana in collaboration  
 588 with A2MEND, to participate in the All-African Diaspora Education Summit held at the  
 589 University of Cape Coast (Agenda Item AA. 1). Lastly, Rodriguez reported on the  
 590 inaugural Mi Gente graduation celebration that took place on Sunday, June 5 at East LA  
 591 College and showed a video of the event.

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593 **Consent Calendar**

594 The Board approved the consent calendar J1 through W7 including the following items:

- 595 • Collective Bargaining Agreement between LACCD and the American Federation
- 596 of Teachers College Staff Guild Local 1521A, CFT/AFT, AFL-CIO
- 597 • Approval of Accreditation Reports for all nine LACCD Colleges
- 598 • Approval of several new credit and noncredit courses and programs
- 599 • Discontinuance of an associate degree in Real Estate at Harbor College

600 Veres raised several questions about a 3-year lease agreement between LA City  
 601 College and Two Bit Circus Foundation (TBCF) under agenda item O.1. The  
 602 agreement would lease 3,5000 square feet of warehouse space and an office in  
 603 the Life Sciences Building to TBCF for the development of a Makerspace. He  
 604 expressed concern about providing over \$200,000 in in-kind credits to TBCF help  
 605 develop curriculum, which is under the purview of faculty and the Academic  
 606 Senate. Vice President Jim Lancaster replied President Gallagher was most  
 607 familiar with this contract, but stated there was no curriculum for this program,  
 608 which is centered around a Makerspace model to move a product from inception  
 609 to delivery. He added this was part of a larger initiative, which includes the  
 610 recently launched business enterprise incubator and the Career Exploratorium.  
 611 Since City president Gallagher was not present to address his concerns, Veres  
 612 asked that the item be tabled until the next meeting.

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614 **Administrative Contracts**

615 The Board voted to approve employment contracts for:

- 616 • Interim President Aracely Aguiar (Pierce) through August 30, 2022
- 617 • Interim President Armida Ornelas (Mission) through August 30, 2022
- 618 • Interim President Anthony Culpepper (Southwest) from July 1, 2022 to June 30,
- 619 2023
- 620 • Reassignment of College President Katrina VanderWoude through June 30, 2023
- 621 to Interim Vice Chancellor Workforce Development and Adult Education
- 622 effective August 1, 2022

623 **Recommendations from the Chancellor**

624 The Board voted to approve Board Policy **BP 7280: Telecommuting Policy**, which  
625 delegates to the Chancellor the authority to establish and implement general  
626 procedures for considering and permitting certain District employees the use of  
627 telecommuting on a discretionary basis as a viable work option where there are clearly  
628 defined benefits for the LACCD operations and the support of its students.

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630 **Notice Reports**

631 Chancellor Rodriguez spoke about a noticed Action for August 3, 2022 to Authorize Staff  
632 to Enter Into an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement for a Joint Occupancy Lease to Design,  
633 Build, and Lease a Mixed-Use Development at 10100 Jefferson Boulevard, Culver City,  
634 California 90230. The Chancellor announced the Board would receive a presentation  
635 before that time.

636 **Public Comment**

637 AFT Chapter Chair Stuart Souki (East) addressed the Board, asking for greater respect  
638 and parity for non-classroom faculty (counselors and librarians) and argued they should  
639 have the opportunity to offer services online like other faculty. Jolene Martin, a  
640 counselor at Trade, asserted that counseling faculty were being micromanaged for fear  
641 that they could be completing their responsibilities “at the beach,” as stated by an  
642 administrator during negotiations. She decried the administration’s lack of planning and  
643 authoritarian management of counseling schedules, which resulted in counselors being  
644 exposed to up to 15-20 unmasked, unvaccinated students in small, confined spaces on a  
645 daily basis. Martin added that Trade was not reporting or informing all personnel and  
646 students of reported COVID cases and exposures. Another counselor from Valley,  
647 complained about the arbitrary constraints placed on non-classroom faculty, disclosing  
648 he had recently contracted COVID. Cynthia Orozco, a librarian at East, asked that non-  
649 classroom faculty receive the same respect as classroom faculty. A student from East  
650 argued for continued online counseling services, disclosing that she and her family had  
651 recently contracted COVID. Ebony McDuffy, Chair of Counseling at Trade, urged the  
652 Board to negotiate an MOU to allow non-classroom faculty to create a hybrid schedule  
653 that would offer online and in person services to students. She objected to the current  
654 arbitrary mandate requiring counseling faculty to work in person five times a week.



655 Trustee Iino, a counseling faculty in another district, thanked the speakers for their  
656 comments. After the public comments, the Board recessed to closed session.

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658 **Personal Note**

659 After a long hiatus, it was great to recognize the achievements of our graduates in  
660 person and to see the Board meeting at one of the colleges. However, as we navigate  
661 this “new normal,” the latest surge in COVID-19 cases makes it clear that we are not out  
662 of the woods yet. Counseling faculty in particular, seem to be at greater risk, as many  
663 are working in close contact with many students after the vaccine and masking  
664 mandates were rescinded.

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666 While the Board approved the collective bargaining agreement and salary schedule for  
667 the AFT 1521A classified staff guild, the negotiations were challenging, and many  
668 classified staff have expressed concerns about the impact of inflation, housing costs,  
669 and working conditions. The approval of a large \$5.3 billion general bond obligation  
670 measure, which includes about \$500 million for affordable student and staff housing is  
671 momentous news. Trustee Moreno and Student Trustee Callahan did not vote in  
672 support of the bond measure, citing a long list of concerns related to enrollment  
673 declines, space utilization ratios, operational costs, and support for housing programs.  
674 While there is a great need for affordable housing, it will be up to the voters in  
675 November to determine whether to fund the measure. Nevertheless, the management  
676 of a housing program is likely to be challenging to the District.

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678 On the legislative front, the expansion of the California Promise and the favorable state  
679 budget are welcome news. However, the likely approval of AB 1705 (Irwin, 2022) is a  
680 major concern for faculty organizations throughout the state as most of their proposed  
681 amendments were rejected. The elimination of most pretransfer math and English  
682 classes and other curricular intrusions will disenfranchise thousands of students who  
683 have experienced an unprecedented period of learning loss during the pandemic and  
684 result in additional enrollment losses to the system.

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

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689 **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

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691 **“DAS 1<sup>st</sup> VP Report for DAS Exec meeting on June 3, 2022 (Anna Nicholas)”**

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693 “I had reported on the May 9 Equivalency Committee meeting at the DAS meeting on  
694 May 12, so I won’t repeat that information here, but I wanted to report on some  
695 additional developments.

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697 “The Equivalency Committee has gained two new resource members, Dan Keller and  
698 Shawn Tramel. I appreciate their willingness to join the committee, and I think us

699 working more closely with the District Dean of Curriculum and with Human  
700 Resources will be a very positive change.

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702 “BP 7211 Faculty Service Areas, Minimum Qualifications, and Equivalencies was  
703 approved by the Board on June 1, 2022 (it is posted on Board Docs, here:  
704 <http://go.boarddocs.com/ca/laccd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CEZJTC4E933B>), as well as  
705 on the District Equivalency Committee and the District Discipline Committee websites.  
706 We expect that the Chancellor will sign off on the corresponding AP 7211 within days.  
707 Many thanks to John Freitas for all his work on and help with both documents. Ryan  
708 Cornner has also been instrumental in making this happen, and we will miss working  
709 with him.

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711 “I also want to thank Jeff Hernandez and Pat Zuk for their helpful feedback and excellent  
712 questions on the 2021-2022 EEOAC Multiple Methods Report that the Districtwide EEO  
713 Advisory Committee is working on. If you have any other feedback or suggestions for  
714 specific wording, please let me know. Our next meeting is on June 13 at 11 am, and this  
715 document is supposed to go to the Board in July.”

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717 **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – no report

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719 **Treasurer** – no report

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- 721 • **Other Reports:**
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  - 723 • **TPPC** – no report
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  - 725 • **Online Education and Academic Technology Committee** – no report
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  - 727 • **Professional Development College (PDC)**
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729 Brent emphasized both the AB 1705 round table as well as its continuing collaboration  
730 with SEI and other District partners.

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- 732 • **DE Training Workgroup** – no report
  - 733 • **Guided Pathways** – no report
  - 734 • **Elections Committee** – no report
  - 735 • **Hard-to-convert courses** – no report
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  - 737 • **District Budget Committee (DBC)**
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739 Stewart reported that there were questions in DBC regarding the Guided Pathways  
740 allocation, and there has been no guidance on how those monies can be accessed. On a

741 separate topic, Stewart observed that monies for zero cost textbooks cannot be  
742 accessed.

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744 • **Others**

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746 **Upcoming Meetings:**

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748 **LACCD Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 - Hybrid**

749 **District Budget Committee:** Wednesday, August 10, 2022 – Zoom

750 **Consultation:** Friday, August 5, 2022 – Zoom

751 **Board Standing Committees:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022 – Hybrid

752 **DAS Executive Committee Retreat:** Friday, August 19, 2022 – Zoom

753 **DAS Meeting:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 – Zoom

754 ASCCC 2022 Fall Plenary: November, 2022 – TBA

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756 **Adjournment**

757 (Stewart/J. Hernandez) **M/S/P**

758 The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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760 Respectfully submitted by Lourdes M. Brent, DAS Secretary