

**Los Angeles Community College District  
Board Committee Minutes: Legislative & Public Affairs (L&PA)**

October 10, 2018

**Committee Members:** David Vela, Chair  
Gabriel Buelna, Vice Chair  
Scott J. Svonkin, Member  
Mike Fong, Board Alternate  
Maria Luisa Veloz, Staff Liaison  
Marvin Martinez, College President Liaison  
Lawrence Buckley, College President Liaison Alternate

**Agenda Items**

Public Speakers

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Federal Update Report  
-*Leslie Pollner, Holland & Knight LLP*
  - i. *Update on Federal Policy*
- State Legislative Report
  - i. *2018 Legislative Year End Report -Dale Shimasaki, Strategic Education Services*
  - ii. *Update on FY 2018-2019 State Budget Issues  
Patrick McCallum, The McCallum Group, Inc.*
- Ballot Measures
  - I. *L.A. County Measure W, the Safe Clean Water Act – Larry Frank, President, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College*
  - II. *California Proposition 6, the Gas Tax – Larry Frank, President Los Angeles Trade-Technical College*

**Brief Summary of the Topic(s) Discussed**

A document entitled "Holland & Knight, October 29, 2018" and "Federal Policy Update" was distributed.

Ms. Leslie Pollner, Senior Policy Advisor, Holland & Knight, discussed various components with respect to the 2019 Appropriations, New Workforce Programs, and Immigration/Public Charge.

With respect to the funding for the Workforce Programs, Trustee Svonkin inquired as to when the funds will be made available for utilization.

Ms. Pollner indicated that the next step is to have the funds appropriated for these programs. She recommended that this be one of the items on the agenda for the DC trip and that the earliest the funds will be appropriated is in 2020.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.

Dr. Dale Shimasaki, Chief Executive Officer of Strategic Education Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the document with respect to the Legislative Calendar and the following selected community college bills signed by the governor.

- AB 1805 (Irwin); AB 1858 (Calderon); SB 183 (Lara); and SB 1227 (Skinner)

Community College Legislation Vetoed by the Governor:

Ab 310 (Medina); AB 2477 (Rubio); and SB (968)

With respect to AB 2012 (Medina) Parental Leave, Trustee Svonkin noted for the record that he is supportive of parental leave. He inquired about the costs associated with this legislation and recommended that the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) be prepared for the additional costs.

With respect to the standardized financial aid award letters being sent to graduating high school students, Trustee Svonkin recommended that it include a comparison net costs of attending LACCD versus attending a four-year university to illustrate that LACCD provides an affordable education.

Mr. Patrick McCallum, Legislative Advocate, The McCallum Group, Inc., discussed various components with respect to the New Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF).

Trustee Vela requested that at least once a month the State representatives make an effort to participate in the weekly Tuesday discussions between Trustee Fong and the Chancellor.

Mr. Larry Frank, President, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC), provided a handout entitled "Proposition 6" and discussed that a No vote on this measure will continue to have gas and vehicle taxes pay for highway and road maintenance and repairs as well as transit programs which benefit LATTC workforce programs.

A question and answer session was conducted as to the Committee's ability to endorse ballot measures.

Mr. Jeffrey Prieto indicated that he would research this topic in order to clarify the language used to articulate to the public supporting certain legislation. He indicated that the Board does not direct the public to vote a certain way but does make recommendations to the full board to support bills of interest.

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Buelna, to support and recommend to the full Board Proposition 6 and that the Chancellor and the presidents educate the LACCD students as to why a No vote to oppose this initiative benefits LACCD.

*APPROVED: 3 Ayes*

Mr. Frank discussed the benefits of the L.A. County Measure W, the Safe Clean Water Act, to the LACCD and the local economy.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Buelna, to support and recommend to the full Board the Safe Clean Water Act and that the Chancellor and the presidents educate the LACCD students about the benefits to LACCD and our local economy.

*APPROVED: 3 Ayes*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Buelna expressed his concern that the community colleges are not afforded the same fundraising opportunities as the USC and CSU. He requested that if possible we seek legislation to have LACCD fundraising efforts on the same level as the USC and CSU. He also recommended that legislation be developed to incentivize the public to donate to the district foundations by offering a tax break three to four times the amount donated.

Ms. Maria Luisa Veloz indicated that she would add these to the LACCD legislative priorities of interest.

Mr. Marvin Martinez, President, East Los Angeles College, discussed that there are numerous bills that are being drafted for legislation with respect to student housing, food insecurity, and homelessness. He recommended that the District have discussions on this topic so that the LACCD can provide some guidance and feedback to the legislatures as to what is important to us.

### **DISCUSSION**

Trustee Vela expressed his concern that LACCD students that are in the nursing program do not have the same opportunities as USC and CSU and need to retake some courses in order get a better grade and continue in the nursing program because it mandates a certain passing grade. He asked that if these issues can be addressed by legislation.

A robust question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.

### **SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.