

District Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2025, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting

Roll Call X Indicates Present

Academic Senate		L.A. Faculty Guild	
Leticia Barajas	X	RubyC. Brougham	X
Marvin Da Costa	X	Murniz (Allen) Coson	X
Charles V. Daniel	X	Joseph Guerrieri	X
Angela Echeverri	X	Sandra Lee	X
Jeffrey Hernandez	X	James McKeever*	X
Eddie Tchertchian	X	Mario Valadez	X
Unions/Association		College Presidents	
Dan Friedman- Local 721	X	Aracely Aguiar	X
Ramiro De Leon- B&T	X	Anthony Culpepper	X
Andrea Edwards- 1521a	X	Luis Dorado	X
Emiliano Paniagua- Local 99		Amanuel Gebru	X
Kimberly Manner - Local 911	X	Barry C. Gribbons*	X
Harry Ziogas- CMA	X	James M. Limbaugh	X
		Alfred McQuarters	X
		Armida Ornelas	X
		Perez Monte**	X
Student Trustee Rep			
* DBC CO-chairs			
** Interim			

Also present:

Resources	Guests	Guests	Guests
Nicole Albo-Lopez	Violet Amrikhas	Nathaniel Jones	Regan Romali
Deborah L. Berry	Tom Anderson	Mily Kudo	Laura E. Ramirez
Greg Mazzarella	Anna Badalyan	Jim Lancaster	Nancy Ramirez
Maury Pearl	Lawrence L. Bradford	Carol Lin	Rolf Schleicher
Alberto J Roman	Grace Chee	Crystal Liu	Claudia Velasco
	Laura Cantu	Jose Mendoza	Karen Yao
	Joe Dominguez	Asha Omar	Jason Zhu

Call to Order – at 1:31 p.m. James McKeever.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of April 23, 2025, meeting were approved.

Chancellor's Remarks/Updates

- Provided an update on the Governor's revised State budget proposal, released earlier in day. California is looking at a \$12 billion shortfall, due to the (Federal) tariffs, LA fire response, and increases in health care costs. It is likely there will be reductions in Medi-Cal and other social services. Overall, budget going into next year remains the same from January.
- The revised budget includes \$210 million to fully fund the SCFF in 2024-25 and another \$104.7 in 2025-26, \$109.5 million to fund growth at 2.35% in 2025-26, and a change in the 2025-26 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) from 2.43 to 2.30 percent.
- Provides \$3.8 million this year and \$8.1 million next year of one-time property tax backfill for community colleges impacted by the LA fires.
- Other adjustments include deferrals of \$531 million from 2025-26 to 2026-27.
- The proposed funding for a State-wide ERP projection has been completely withdrawn, and funding for a state-wide common cloud data platform has been cut from \$150.5 million to about \$12 million.
- Credit for prior learning was cut from \$50 to \$15 million, and rising scholars was cut from \$30 to \$10 million.

ECDBC Reports and Recommendations

- A summary was provided of the discussion at ECDBC regarding recommendation to address the budget shortfall, the approach to college debt forgiveness, and the 3-yr college projections. No specific recommendations were brought forward.

Enrollment Update & Reporting (Pearl)

- A report titled *LACCD Enrollment Update* was presented and discussed in detail. Comparing Spring 2025 to Spring 2024 as of Day 91 of the semester, headcount is up by 5%, enrollment is up by 7%, and enrollment divided by section is up by 7%.
- The district reported about 90,000 FTES at P2, which was a 5% increase from last year.

FON Update (Williams)

- There were no significant changes from the report presented at the last DBC meeting; it shows the District is projecting to have 180.8 above the compliance number.
- Projecting districtwide fourteen critical hires for the Spring 2025.
- No additional hires required to meet projected Fall 2025 FON.

5-year Financial Projections (Gordon)

- A document titled *Los Angeles Community College District General Fund Unrestricted 5-Year Financial Forecast – Summary* was distributed and discussed in detail. This document will be presented at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on May 21, 2025.

2024-25 Year End Balance projection – 3rd Qtr. 311 Report (Gordon)

- A document titled *2024-25 Projected Ending Balance Detail* was presented, showing a projected ending balance of \$141.6 million which is 14.8% of unrestricted revenues.

2025-26 Tentative Budget (Gordon).

- The 2025-26 Proposed Tentative Budget was presented and approved to move forward to the Budget and Finance Committee on May 21, 2025, and BOT approval on June 11, 2025.

Federal Funding Update – Continued Discussion from Prior Meeting (Gordon).

- This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

New Fee Payment Policy – Continued Discussion from Prior Meeting (Gordon)

- This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

DBC Recommendations to the Chancellor

- None at this time.

Items to Be Addressed by ECDBC

- None

Other Business

- A special appreciation and thanks to the Chair and Co-Chair of the DBC committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm