

## District Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2025 | 1:30–3:30 p.m. | Zoom Meeting

**Roll Call**    X Indicates Present

<b>Academic Senate</b>		<b>L.A. Faculty Guild</b>	
Leticia Barajas	X	Ruby C. 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
<b>Unions/Associations</b>		<b>College Presidents</b>	
Ramiro De Leon-B&T	X	Aracely Aguiar	X
Andrea Edwards- 1521a		Anthony Culpepper	X
Dan Friedman-Local 721	X	Luis Dorado	X
Kimberly Manner - Local 911		Amanuel Gebru	X
Emiliano Paniagua- Local 99		Barry C. Gribbons*	
Harry Ziogas- CMA	X	James M. Limbaugh	
		Alfred McQuarters	
		Amida Ornelas	
		Perez Monte**	X
Student Trustee Rep			
* DBC CO-chairs			
** Interim			

Also present:

<b>Resources</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Nicole Albo-Lopez	Aaron Benitz	Anna Le	Stuart Souki
Deborah L. Berry	Ruth Blandon	Vicky Nesia	Biran Stokes
Greg Mazzarella	Shannon Carter	Nghi Nghiem	Christina Tafoya
Maury Pearl	Carmen Dones	Asha Omar	Hao Xie
Alberto J Roman	Miguel Duenas	Melissa Quiroz	Karen Yao
	Amanda Gong	Laura Ramirez	Jason Zhu
	Tamara Haliburton	Rolf Schleicher	

Call to Order – Angela Echeverri called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the June 4, 2025, meeting were approved.

**Chancellor's Remarks/Updates**

- The California State Budget was signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 27, 2025, and includes significant investments in the California Community Colleges (CCC.) Budget highlights for CCCs include:
  - \$260 million returned to CCCs beginning in 2025-26 through a revised split of Proposition 98 funding for transitional kindergarten.
  - \$20 million (one-time) for flexible emergency financial aid to help students facing unexpected hardships.
  - \$100 million (one-time) to support FY 2024-25 enrollment growth.
  - \$60 million (one-time) for a new Student Support Block Grant to expand wraparound services.
  - \$15 million (one-time) to expand Dream Resources Liaisons, supporting undocumented students.
  - \$5 million (one-time) for Career Technical Education (CTE) grants, supporting regions impacted by the L.A. wildfires.
  - \$15 million (one-time) and \$5 million (ongoing) to expand Credit for Prior Learning, helping students earn credit for skills and knowledge gained outside the classroom.
  - The cost of living adjustment (COLA) is 2.3%.
- A supplementary retirement program (SRP) will be offered to assist colleges in reducing personnel costs, as well as create opportunities for reorganization, so we are more responsive to students.
  - To qualify, an employee must be 55 years of age and have completed at least 5 years of District service in a full-time assignment.
  - Provides 70% of final pay as retirement benefit.
  - Dates to resign are December 31, 2025, and June 30, 2026.
  - August 6, 2025 the Board will consider for approval, and if approved, will make a final decision on November 5, 2025 on whether the program proceeds.
  - The program may be cancelled if there is insufficient participation by October 22, 2025 deadline.

**ECDBC Reports and Recommendations**

- No updates were provided.

**Enrollment Update & Reporting (Pearl)**

- A report titled *LACCD Enrollment Update* was presented and discussed in detail.
- Comparing Summer 2025 to Summer 2024 as of Day 35 of the semester, headcount is up by 27%, enrollment is up by 32%, and enrollment divided by section is up by 29%.
- Comparing Fall 2025 to Fall 2024 as of Day 42 of the semester, headcount is up by 11%, enrollment is up by 8%, and enrollment divided by section is up by 11%.
- The district reported 91,428 for the final 2024-2025 annual state report, which was 2% higher than P2 estimate (89,746).

**FON update (Mazzarella)**

- There were no significant changes from the report presented at the last DBC meeting; it shows the District is projecting to have 186.8 above the compliance number.
- Projecting districtwide 20 critical hires for Spring 2025.

**2025-26 Budget Update (Berry).**

- The Joint Analysis of the Enacted 2025–26 Budget was distributed and discussed.
- A document titled *2025-26 Enacted State Budget – Summary of Changes* was distributed and discussed.

**3-Year Financial Projections (Berry).**

- The 3-Year financial forecast with college projections was distributed and discussed in detail.

**2025-26 Districtwide Accounts Final Budget (Berry)**

- A document titled *Los Angeles Community College District 2025-26 Proposed Final Budget Districtwide Accounts* was presented and discussed. This report will be part of the Final Budget Document.

**Federal Funding Updates (Albo-Lopez)**

- No attachments were provided; updates on the Federal Funding were discussed.
- The college Presidents are currently reviewing compiled data for each campus.

**DBC Recommendations to the Chancellor**

- Presentation on FON
- Presentation on Insurance and Legal expenses.
- Report of total percent of personnel to overall expenditure for the unrestricted general fund and overall.

**Items to Be Addressed by ECDBC**

- Charge of ECDBC – Role and Responsibilities of DBC vs. ECDBC.
- College and District Budget Strategies (continued from prior meeting).

**Items to Be Addressed at Future DBC Meetings**

- None

**Other Business**

- None

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.