

Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD)

**BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Hybrid)**

2323 North Broadway  
Santa Ana, California

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

1.1 Call to Order

The hybrid meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Mr. Zeke Hernandez. Other members present: Ms. Cecilia Iglesias. Mr. Hanna was not present at this committee meeting.

Staff present: Ms. Debra Gerard, Ms. Iris Ingram, Mr. Marvin Martinez, Mr. Enrique Perez, Mr. Christopher Sweeten (via Zoom), Mr. David Waters and Ms. Maria Vicencio as record keeper.

Guest present via Zoom: Mr. Casey Elliott (Townsend Public Affairs, Sacramento) and Mr. Jordan Bernstein (Cassidy & Associates)

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Marvin Martinez, RSCCD Chancellor.

1.3 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

1.4 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Iglesias and seconded by Mr. Hernandez to approve the minutes of February 27, 2025. The motion carried with the following vote: Aye –Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Iglesias

**2.0 GENERAL**

2.1 State and Federal Legislation Updates

Mr. Casey Elliott and Mr. Jordan Bernstein presented on state and federal legislation updated. Committee members received clarification on data related to the information presented by Mr. Elliott and Mr. Bernstein.

2.2 RSCCD Bill Position Matrix

Mr. Casey Elliott presented on the district's legislative matrix. The committee reviewed priority legislation.

2.3 Budget Advocacy Letter

It was moved by Ms. Iglesias and second by Mr. Hernandez to recommend support for the Budget Advocacy Letter from the California Community College Chancellor's Office. Discussion ensued. The motion carried with the following vote: Aye – Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Iglesias.

2.4 Assembly Bill 335 (Gipson): The Designation of California Black -Serving Institutions Grant Program

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez and second by Ms. Iglesias for the committee to recommend to the full board a support position for AB 335 (Gipson): The Designation of California Black -Serving Institutions Grant Program. Discussion ensued. The motion carried with the following vote: Aye – Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Iglesias.

2.5 Assembly Bill 345 (Jackson): Apprenticeship Programs: Approval Process

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez and second by Ms. Iglesias for the committee to recommend to the full board a support position for AB 345 (Jackson): Apprenticeship Programs: Approval Process. Discussion ensued. The motion carried with the following vote: Aye – Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Iglesias.

2.6 Assembly Bill 537 (Ahrens): Community Colleges: California College Promise

It was moved by Ms. Iglesias and second by Mr. Hernandez for the committee to recommend to the full board a support position for AB 537 (Ahrens): Community Colleges: California College Promise. Discussion ensued. The motion carried with the following vote: Aye – Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Iglesias.

2.7 Senate Bill 640 (Cabaldon): Public Postsecondary Education: Admission, Transfer, and Enrollment

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez and second by Ms. Iglesias for the committee to recommend to the full board a support position for SB 640 (Cabaldon): Public Postsecondary Education: Admission, Transfer, and Enrollment. Discussion ensued. The motion carried with the following vote: Aye – Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Iglesias.

2.8 Assembly Bill 695 (Fong): California Community Colleges Access and Continuity for Deported Students Act

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez and second by Ms. Iglesias for the committee to recommend to the full board a support position for AB 695 (Fong): California Community Colleges Access and Continuity for Deported Students Act. Discussion ensued. The motion carried with the following vote: Aye – Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Iglesias.

2.9 Senate Bill 744 (Cabaldon): Community Colleges Credit for Students with Prior Learning

It was moved by Ms. Iglesias and second by Mr. Hernandez for the committee to recommend to the full board a support position for SB 744 (Cabaldon): Community Colleges Credit for Students with Prior Learning. Discussion ensued. The motion carried with the following vote: Aye – Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Iglesias.

2.10 Proposal of Future Agenda Items / Committee Member Comments

Chancellor Martinez asked that at the next committee meeting, Casey Elliott provide an update on legislative bills that the board has approved to support.

**3.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes approved: April 17, 2025