





# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
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Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	

**ISSUE:** This item presents the May 18-19, 2015, board meeting minutes for review and approval by the Board of Governors.

## May 18, 2015

### Call to Order

The Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Board of Governors President Geoffrey Baum.

### Roll Call

#### The following board members were present on Monday, May 18, 2015:

Arnoldo Avalos, Manuel Baca, Geoffrey L. Baum, Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr., Scott Budnick, Connie Conway, Thomas Epstein, Cecilia V. Estolano, Ravneet Kaur, Deborah Malumed, Gary Reed, Valerie Shaw, Colin van Loon

### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Board of Governors member Colin van Loon

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the May 18-19, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

## **President's Report**

*President Geoffrey Baum*

Noted Governor Brown's appointment of new members to the Board of Governors. Member Shaw was appointed before the last meeting and since that time, members Connie Conway and Jennifer Perry have joined us. Opened president's report by inviting members Conway and Shaw to say hello. Thanked Vice President Estolano who arranged for him to join her and Member Shaw for lunch a couple of weeks ago.

Pleased to be invited to participate in a Workforce Task Force townhall. Thanked Vice Chancellor Van Ton-Quinlivan for organizing the event. Nearly 100 employers and educators and labor leaders met in the Coachella Valley to talk about their workforce needs and how that can inform the Task Force's work. Looking forward to taking that up later in the agenda.

Had the opportunity to meet with the leadership of Campaign for College Opportunity, a group of leaders including former state senator Gary Hart, George Boggs and Eloy Oakley. They are very interested in the work of the Board of Governors and there was good dialogue about some of the priorities and ideas they are focusing on. They are focusing on remedial education, they brought up the issue of professional leadership and development within the system and preparing the next generation of presidents, vice presidents and chancellors.

Attended a meeting where BOG member Scott Budnick spoke to a group of jail managers in southern California. It was a powerful meeting and inspiring to see Member Budnick in action talking about providing educational opportunities to the incarcerated and to see the frontline work he is doing with young men who are facing all kinds of challenges. There's some good movement there and it led to a follow-up meeting organized by the Ford Foundation, we should hear more about their initiatives to work with community colleges to provide services and access to education so that when inmates are released, they have developed a set of skills and can go from jail, to college, to a job. Thanked the chancellors and vice chancellors who have been helpful in the last several weeks while we were grappling with a number of issues and he looked forward to a productive meeting.

## **Chancellor's Report**

*Chancellor Brice W. Harris*

Welcomed new board members and thanked Governor Brown for the new appointments. We are currently at 16 of 17 authorized positions, the largest membership we have had on the board in the last decade and it is wonderful to have a full complement of board members to lead this system.

Noted the situation with Corinthian Colleges and what the system is doing to prepare to handle in excess of 10,000 students statewide that could be impacted by this failure. Prior to the closure of the Corinthian colleges, we worked with the US Department of Education and others on the communications and development of a website that would be utilized to inform and support the students in the aftermath of Corinthian's closure. The week of the closure, we deployed our I Can Afford College financial aid staff across the state to communicate directly with former Corinthian students and a number of California community colleges adjacent to those affected colleges attended and worked with students on site. During the week of the closure, we participated in a webinar for students up and

down the state that included the state Attorney General's office, The California Student Aid Commission, and the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education. We have seen a modest influx of former Corinthian students. Many of them are saddled with tremendous debt and are soured on higher education so it may be some time before we see the full impact of the students. Vice Chancellor Vincent Stewart will give you more information about the pending state and federal legislation and activities and bills they are working on.

Noted that the board would hear detail on the May budget revision, but wanted to acknowledge that it is the best budget California community colleges have seen in last two decades. Governor proposes additional investment in access to our system allowing courses to be added back and serving more students. Proposal includes increased investment for student success and investment in full-time faculty, more basic skills education and increased funding for student equity activities. There is also a proposed investment in deferred maintenance and instructional equipment, which is vital to our colleges, and the governor has recommended a sizable investment in restoring the base operating expenses of our colleges. Even if the recommendations are approved, it's important to know that 2008 and 2009 was the high watermark and we are still trying to recover losses that resulted in us turning away a half-million students statewide and seeing colleges on the ropes financially. We certainly owe the governor a great deal of appreciation for his recommendations and we will be working in the legislature over the next month to ensure students in the state of California are served by California community colleges.

Acknowledged the continuing work of the Workforce on Job Creation and a Strong Economy Task Force that the board appointed. Detail will be heard on that by Vice Chancellor Van Ton-Quinlivan and there have been two additional meetings since the last Board of Governors meeting. Two more task force meetings are scheduled and we are on track with that activity to bring forward to the board at its meeting in September, recommendations for enhancing workforce development and economic development.

Thanked Alice Van Ommeren for agreeing to be the interim Vice Chancellor for Technology, Research and Information Services. Alice has been with the Chancellor's Office for 10 years, and is one of the organizations finest leaders.

Announced that BOG member Colin van Loon has been admitted to Yale, where he will enroll in the fall. Noted that unlike his current tuition of \$46 per unit, the annual tuition at Yale is about \$65,000 per year. Colin is working on financial aid opportunities and the office is doing its best to assist him. This is a challenge many students face when they transfer to institutions like Yale which have higher expenses, but when he graduates in a couple of years, he will have ended up paying only 60% of what it would have cost him to attend right out of high school and he will have at least as good an education.

Saw former Chancellor Jack Scott at a benefit that raised \$1 million in scholarships. Chancellor Scott extended his greetings and noted how pleased he was to see the progress being made on the Student Success Task Force recommendations that were launched during his leadership of the system. He hopes that we continue the momentum, and offered his gratitude.

## **Consent Calendar**

### **Item 1.1 Approval of the Minutes**

This item requested approval of the March 16-17, 2015, board meeting minutes.

### **Item 1.2 Approval of Contracts and Grants**

This item requested approval of the contracts and grants described in the May 2015 agenda.

Manuel Baca moved approval of the Consent Calendar, Gary Reed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in support of the motion.

## **Action Calendar**

### **Item 2.1 Apprenticeship Expenditure Plan**

*Presented by: Van Ton-Quinlivan*

This item requested approval of the expenditure plan for Apprenticeship programs at the higher amount being proposed in the Governor's 2015-16 budget.

Cecilia Estolano moved approval of the expenditure plan for Apprenticeship programs. Gary Reed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in support of the motion.

### **Board Comments**

Arnoldo Avalos, Manuel Baca, Geoffrey Baum, Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr., Cecilia Estolano, Deborah Malumed, Gary Reed

### **Item 2.2 Disabled Student Programs and Services Regulations Revisions**

*Presented by: Denise Noldon*

This item proposes adoption of amendments to the Disabled Student Program and Services regulations in California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 56000 et seq.

***Item 2.2 was deferred to the July 2015 meeting***

### **Item 2.3 2016-17 Capital Outlay Projects**

*Presented by: Dan Troy*

This item presented the proposed California Community Colleges 2016-17 Capital Outlay Spending Plan for consideration and action.

Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr. moved approval of the Educational Center in the Sequoias Community College District. Colin van Loon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in support of the motion.

### **Board Comments**

Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr., Tom Epstein

**Item 2.4 Request for Waiver of Property Use Requirements: Sale, Lease, Use, Gift and Exchange**

*Presented by: Dan Troy*

This item requested approval for the Waiver of Property Use Requirements: Sale, Lease, Use, Gift and Exchange pursuant to the requirements of all portions of Education Code sections 81363 *et seq.* (excluding section 81371.5, hereafter “sections 81363 *et seq.*”) as authorized by Education Code sections 81250 and 81252.

Gary Reed moved approval for the waiver. Scott Budnick seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in support of the motion.

**Board Comments**

Cecilia Estolano, Colin van Loon

**Item 2.5 Baccalaureate Degree Pilot College Application Recommendations**

*Presented by: Pamela Walker*

This item presented to the Board of Governors the recommended selection of California Community Colleges for the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

A request was made for a roll call vote. Member votes were the following: Aye: Arnaldo Avalos, Manuel Baca, Geoffrey Baum, Joseph Bielanski, Scott Budnick, Connie Conway, Thomas Epstein, Cecilia Estolano, Deborah Malumed, Gary Reed, Valerie Shaw, Nancy Sumner, Colin van Loon. Nay: None; Abstain: None. Aye votes in support of the motion were the majority.

**Public Comments**

Steven Filling, David Morse, Lynette Nyaggah

**Board Comments**

Manuel Baca, Geoffrey Baum, Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr., Scott Budnick, Deborah Malumed, Valerie Shaw

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. attended the meeting to hear this item and engaged the board and meeting attendees in conversation regarding the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

**Information and Reports Calendar**

**Item 3.1 Task Force on Workforce, Job Creation and a Strong Economy**

*Presented by: Van Ton Quinlivan*

This item presented the Board of Governors with an update on the Taskforce on Workforce, Job Creation and a Strong Economy.

**Board Comments**

Manuel Baca, Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr., Cecilia Estolano, Ravneet Kaur, Valerie Shaw, Colin van Loon

**Item 3.2 Prevention of Sexual Assault**

*Presentation by: Denise F. Noldon*

This item provided an update on recent efforts, initiatives, and legislation to support the prevention of sexual assaults at California community colleges.

**Public Comments**

David Morse, Omar Paz, Jr.

**Board Comments**

Manuel Baca, Geoffrey Baum, Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr., Thomas Epstein, Deborah Malumed

**Item 3.3 State and Federal Legislative Update**

*Presentation by: Vincent W. Stewart*

This item provided an update on recent state and federal legislative activities.

**Board Comments**

Manuel Baca, Scott Budnick, Connie Conway, Deborah Malumed

**Item 3.4 Foundation for California Community Colleges Air Quality Programs – Promoting Cleaner Air and Expanding Career Training Opportunities**

*Presentation by: Keetha Mills*

This item presented a presentation showcasing one of the Foundation’s key workforce development initiatives—partnerships with environmental agencies and air quality programs which benefit the California Community College system and facilitate valuable career training opportunities.

**Board Comments**

Arnoldo Avalos, Geoffrey Baum, Scott Budnick, Thomas Epstein

**Item 3.5 2015 Classified Employee of the Year Awards**

*Presentation by: Brice Harris & Keetha Mills*

This item announced the Classified Employee of the Year Award recipients for 2015, which represents the best of California’s community college classified employees.

**Item 3.6 Update on the Governor’s 2015-16 May Revision Budget Proposal**

*Presentation by: Dan Troy*

This item presented an overview of the Governor’s 2015-16 May revision budget proposal as it relates the California Community Colleges.

**Public Comments**

Fabio Gonzales, Jonathan Lightman, David Morse, Omar Paz, Jr., Morley Winograd

## **Board Comments**

Arnoldo Avalos, Geoffrey Baum, Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr., Thomas Epstein, Cecilia Estolano, Ravneet Kaur, Colin van Loon

### **Item 3.7 Update – Demonstration of Online Professional Development Clearinghouse**

*Presentation by: Paul Steenhausen*

This item presented an update on the clearinghouse's development, which included a demonstration of its features and functionalities to date.

## **Board Comments**

Arnoldo Avalos, Manuel Baca, Geoffrey Baum, Thomas Epstein, Ravneet Kaur

### **3.8 Board Member Reports**

Board members reported on their activities since the last board meeting.

#### **Arnoldo Avalos**

Made a joint site visit between Fresno Community College and Fresno State University. Visited Hartnell Community College and CSU Monterey Bay. Met with students that are part of a joint program (CSIT3) that has students spend 18 months at the community college, 18 months at CSU Monterey Bay and can complete a degree in computer science in three years. The program takes students from middle-class income homes and puts them through the process. The first cohort is in internships at CSU Monterey Bay with companies such as Sales Force, Uber, All State and other recognized companies. Met with the students and talked to them and believes in this program. The program was a recipient of an Innovation in Education award and Hartnell and CSU Monterey Bay received \$8 million of the \$50 million allocated in awards; the CSIT3 program received \$5 million. It is a highlight and a big deal and on a national scale and member Avalos believes the program has legs. Would love to see what we can do to foster this kind of innovation and get behind it statewide.

Met D.J. Patell, Chief Data Scientist for the White House. He went through community college to get his PhD and he said that if it were not for community college, he would not be the person he is today. This is just another example of community college making a huge difference in people's lives.

#### **Manuel Baca**

Congratulated and welcomed new members Shaw and Conway.

Joined the Chancellor and others at the Chancellor's Circle at Los Angeles City College, thanked President Martinez and Chancellor Rodriguez for their hospitality.

Met with Region 8 (Orange County) veterans counselors and staff. They are constantly working on issues related to veterans and will hold a summit in March 2016, for which they are currently looking for sponsors. It is always a great event because college staff come together to discuss current issues and best practices.

Followed up on member van Loon's discussion on voting. Will spend time with David Morse this summer discussing specific options for civic engagement. Getting students out to vote is very important.

Pleased that there is additional funding for the Academic Senate. For those who have not attended a plenary session, which member Baca attended last month, he strongly encouraged them to do so because it clarifies more directly the work the faculty and Senate have done with Career Technical Education (CTE) and how critically important the work is. Much of the work comes out of the Academic Senate, so whether it is transfer or student success, the value and input of the Senate is invaluable.

**Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr.**

Welcomed new members and congratulated Colin van Loon.

Attended the Articulation Officer's Conference this year in Berkeley. There's always an advantage to meeting people face-to-face. It is one thing to email articulation officers or to call them on the phone, it's a different experience to talk to people face-to-face and build good working relationships.

Attended one day of the CTE conferences in San Francisco and the amount of information was excellent.

Attended the State Academic Senate Spring Plenary. Enjoyed getting together with people from across the state in order to keep abreast of what is going on in the field.

Noted the re-election of David Morse and Julie Bruno as presidential and vice presidential leadership, respectively, to the Academic Senate for another year.

Attended the Chancellor's Circle.

Noted that Berkeley City College will hold its graduation on the UC Berkeley campus.

**Connie Conway**

Stated that it was an interesting and informative first meeting for her. Thanked the Chancellor for arranging the attendance of Governor Brown. Appreciates all of the work that goes into our community colleges and is looking forward to serving on the board.

**Thomas Epstein**

Wished Colin van Loon well at Yale; has been impressed with his thoughtful contributions to the board.

Attended a dinner put on by the Campaign for Free Community College Tuition which featured Undersecretary of Education, Ted Mitchell, Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom and Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones. We had a very robust conversation and it was an interesting opportunity to hear what others are trying to do to help make higher education more affordable for every community college student in California.



Helped to make contact with Jill Biden's office when Mrs. Biden was interested in visiting community colleges and she ended up touring De Anza College.

Welcomed the new board members. Looks forward to seeing Jennifer Perry, who is an old acquaintance. Tom recommended Jennifer to the Governor's office and believes she will be a great contribution.

### **Cecilia Estolano**

Reminded the group that Constitution Day is on September 17<sup>th</sup> and we may want to acknowledge it in some way.

Attended three events associated with the work of the board. One was the southern California Leadership Council. Had an opportunity to present and hopefully impress them with the depth of what we are doing at the community colleges in regards to CTE.

Had an opportunity to meet with Larry Frank at Los Angeles Trade Tech, and his three amazing vice presidents for Administration and Student Services. They operate a model program around workforce development and CTE.

Presented at California Forward in Los Angeles to speak to general issues of workforce development and the importance of integrating that into overall economic development strategy for our region.

Welcomed new board members Shaw and Conway and wished Colin van Loon well.

### **Ravneet Kaur**

Attended Governor Brown's leadership event. Discussed the importance of Career Technical Education programs and the impact they will have on the future generations. Enjoyed being able to get an insight into other systems. They believe in what we are doing and we believe in them and this is a great connection

Attended two Student Senate meetings and the spring General Assembly, where all 112 colleges are invited. The students propose issues they want to change and/or support, and some of the issues addressed were college pathways and basic skills innovation.

The student body from Las Positas College invited her to visit and discuss the responsibilities of the student representative on the Board of Governors; would like to see more student awareness and participation at board meetings. There is a communication officer who releases a board newsletter recapping with the board has done. This is a great resource for students to be able to find out what changes are being made and how they can contribute.

Glad to hear that the Baccalaureate Degrees Pilot program passed.

Would like to create a handbook for students serving on the Board of Governors; hopes to have an outline to present to the Chancellor's Office and board soon.

**Deborah Malumed**

Attended an event organized by Congressman John Lewis in Selma, Alabama for the anniversary of Bloody Sunday. Pilgrimage highlighted the need to encourage people to exercise their right to vote. The Higher Education Act of 1965 requires colleges and universities that get public money to provide registration information and access to individual voter registration forms. There was a California task force that recently concluded that schools need to do more to reach out to assist with civic engagement. Met with a group called the Campus Vote Project, which is affiliated with the Fair Elections Legal Network in Washington D.C. Two of our colleges are involved and they have created student voting website's as part of their official websites.

**Gary Reed**

Attended and enjoyed activities at both College of the Sequoias and Porterville College.

**Valerie Shaw**

Enjoyed her first meeting. Has had the opportunity to speak with two college presidents, as well as former colleague, Linda Wah, who is a part of the workforce development effort. Making efforts to talk with administrative staff and faculty in the Los Angeles area to get a better sense of the “big picture”, will continue to do so during the summer and will report out at the next meeting.

**Colin van Loon**

Attended the General assembly in Ontario, over 500 students were in attendance in one venue. Often when you are representing a large constituency, it is hard to get the proper perspective, so it is beneficial to have them articulate their platform as a whole.

In response to member Malumed’s remarks on voter participation, often student bylaws require student governments to hold a voter registration event once each election year. That is one solution, and there are mechanisms present, scattered throughout our system. It is imperative for us to expand the services.

Lastly, this will be my final meeting concluding my appointment. I'd like to thank the governor for the appointment an opportunity to serve on behalf of the students and it's been a privilege to serve alongside my fellow members. Being a part of a system that is revolutionizing the landscape of public higher education, not only in California but across the world, I can't emphasize enough the honor I feel to be a part of it, and I will take the experience along with me throughout the rest of my career, so thank you.

**Public Forum**

David Morse, Omar Paz, Jr., Morley Winograd

**New Business**

The Board of Governors did not discuss any new business.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.