



MINUTES

SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

SMC Board Room
1900 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, California

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SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	February 4, 2025

MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Monica Community College District was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 in Business Building Room 117 (Board Room), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica. The meeting was also be conducted via Zoom Webinar to allow for remote participation.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTIONS

- CALL TO ORDER – 4:30 p.m.
Dr. Nancy Greenstein, Chair - Present
Dr. Sion Roy, Vice-Chair - Present
Anastasia Foster - Present
Dr. Margaret Quiñones-Perez - Present
Dr. Tom Peters - Present
Rob Rader - Present

II. CLOSED SESSION

- PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54957.6): Two Cases
- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Sherri Lee-Lewis, Vice-President, Human Resources
Robert Myers, Campus Counsel
Employee Organizations: SMC Faculty Association
CSEA Chapter 36
SMC Police Officers Association
- EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)

III. PUBLIC SESSION –ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTIONS – 6:02 p.m.

- LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
We respectfully recognize that the land on which Santa Monica College currently stands is the ancestral unceded territory of the Tongva, Chumash or Gabrielino peoples. We honor the indigenous caretakers of these lands and their elders, past, present, and future.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Shari Davis, Project Manager, Special Assignments
- CLOSED SESSION REPORT - None
- REVISIONS/SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF REPORTS: A two-thirds vote of the members present is required to include revisions and/or supplemental staff reports in the agenda as submitted. These are items received after posting of the agenda and require action before the next regular meeting. (Government Code Section 54954.b.2)
MOTION MADE BY: Rob Rader
SECONDED BY: Tom Peters
AYES: 6
NOES: 0

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VIII.	REPORT ON STUDENT SUCCESS Update: Equity-Minded Professional Innovation Center (EpiCenter) Presenters: EpiCenter Leads: Jessica Krug, Lea Hald, Kiersten Elliott, Erin O’Neil Summary: The EpiCenter is Santa Monica College's Equity-minded Professional Innovation Center and the Professional Development hub for all employees. It is named for its dynamic role as a force with transformative effects that radiate outward. By advancing professional skills, staff not only enrich themselves but also create a ripple effect that positively impacts the entire community. Link to: EpiCenter Update	
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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 6 p.m. (5 p.m. if there is a closed session) in the Santa Monica College Board Room (Business Building Room 117), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California. This meeting will be held in-person and via Zoom Webinar to allow for remote participation.

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IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Back to School, Spring 2025: The Back-to-School Committee has met and has determined activities for the beginning of the Spring 2025 semester.

- 22,113 postcards have been mailed to the college community and neighbors about the start of classes.
- The library has been renovated with new carpeting and furniture
- Partial opening of New Math and Science Building
- Director of Safety and Campus Police will be conducting a safety walk on campus to identify safety hazards
- There are over 100 new bike racks on campus
- Websites will be updated with campus hours for programs and services
- Student ambassadors and greeters will be located around the campus welcoming new students and visitors
- The SMC GO App and LiveSafe App have been updated for students and staff

Enrollment Update

- Winter enrollment as of February 4, 2025: Total headcount is up 4.79 percent from last winter; Credit FTES are up 8.98% percent from last winter; Non-resident FTES are up 0.91 percent from last winter.
- Spring 2025 enrollment as of February 4, 2025: Total spring headcount is up 3.14 percent from last spring; credit FTES are up 9.30% percent from last spring; Non-resident FTEs are down 3.79% percent from last spring.
- Spring Outreach and Recruitment activities include SMC events; NACAC Fairs in the United States; and international recruitments in Mexico, Columbia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brazil, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, United Arab Emirates, and India.

Link to: [Enrollment Update](#)

- Recap of Activities Related to Palisades Fire, Acknowledgement of Volunteers and Supporters
Presenters Lizzy Moore, Kiersten Elliott, Tracie Hunter, and Genevieve Riutort provided an overview of the purpose, people, partners, and support in response to the January 7th Palisades Wildfire Devastation.

Link to: [Presentation](#)

CCLC Annual Legislative Conference and Lobby Day in Sacramento, January 26-27, 2025

Attendees for SMC included Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn Jeffery; Board Chair Dr. Nancy Greenstein; Trustee Anastasia Foster; Trustee Tom Peters; Don Girard, Senior Director, Government Relations/Institutional Communications; Shari Davis, Public Policy Institute and Project Manager, Special Assignments; Dagmar Gorman, Administrative Assistant; and David Neben, Capital Advisors/ SMC Lobbyist. In person meetings were held with Chris Ferguson and David Obrien; Senator Ben Allen's Chief of Staff Tina Adolina; Assemblymember Tina KcKinnor's Office Chief of Staff Malik Gover; Assembly Sub 3 Principal Consultant Mark Martin; Department of Finance; Assemblymember Rick Zbur, Salina Valencia and Susan Meza; and Brandon Bjeke, Legislative Director and Olivia Butler, Legislative Assistant in Assemblymember Jacqui Irwins' Office. Talking points included:

- Student Centered Funding Formula/Budget
- Extension of Hold Harmless
- Student Housing/SMC zoning legislation, block grant
- Fire Relief Support
- Cloud Computing and Baccalaureate Degree

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IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Any recommendation pulled from the Consent Agenda will be held and discussed in Section X, Consent Agenda – Pulled Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Trustees take the action requested on Consent Agenda Recommendations #1-#14.

Recommendations pulled for separate action and discussed in
Section VIII, Consent Agenda – Pulled Recommendations: #2-B, #4

MOTION MADE BY: Rob Rader
SECONDED BY: Tom Peters
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT 1 (Quiñones-Perez)

X. CONSENT AGENDA – Pulled Recommendations

Recommendation No. 2 – Approval of Contracts and Consultants

MOTION MADE BY: Rob Rader
SECONDED BY: Sion Roy
AYES: 6
NOES: 0

Recommendation No. 4 -Classified Personnel, Regular

MOTION MADE BY: Rob Rader
SECONDED BY: Margaret Quiñones-Perez
AYES: 6
NOES: 0

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the following meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees:

[January 21, 2025 \(Regular Meeting\)](#)

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CONSENT AGENDA: CONTRACTS AND CONSULTANTS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 **CONTRACTS AND CONSULTANTS**

2-A **RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS AND CONSULTANTS**

The following contracts are less than the amount specified in Public Contract Code Section 20651, have been entered into by the Superintendent/President and are presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification.

Authorization: Board Policy Section 6340, Bids and Contracts

Approved by Board of Trustees: 9/8/2008; revised 12/4/2018

Reference Education Code Sections 71028, 81641 et seq, 81655, 81656; Public Contract Code Sections 201650 et seq, and 10115

➤ **NEW CONTRACTS**

Provider/Contract		Term/Amount	Service	Funding Source
1	Ruben Canedo	February 13, 2025 \$7,000	<p>Ruben Canedo is the Director, Strategic Equity Initiatives at University of California, Berkeley. He will conduct a full-day retreat for all SMC managers and administrators.</p> <p>This retreat will focus on creating an opportunity for healing and dialog within the SMC management community. The Management Association wants to help managers develop more tools to emotionally support themselves, students and staff. They will focus on continued trust-building, communication, and team-building.</p> <p>This retreat will be held in the PAC Campus East Wing and will be part of a series of communication and community building workshops that are being planned through a partnership with the Management Association, the EpiCenter and the PDC/Flex Day planning committee.</p> <p>Ruben Canedo was the keynote speaker and facilitated larger workshops for fall 2022 and spring 2023 flex days, and he conducted a series of workshops for the college community between those two larger speaking events. The PDC is asking him to be the keynote once again for Spring 2025.</p>	EEO Grant Funding
<p><i>Requested by: Kiersten Elliott, Dean, Community and Academic Relations</i></p> <p><i>Approved by: Sherri Lee-Lewis, Vice President, Human Resources</i></p>				

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RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 **CONTRACTS AND CONSULTANTS** *(continued)*

2-A **RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS AND CONSULTANTS** *(continued)*

➤ **NEW CONTRACTS** *(continued)*

Provider/Contract		Term/Amount	Service	Funding Source
2	Cedars-Sinai Medical Center	<p>The employer/ internship agreement is effective June 23, 2025 to June 22, 2027</p> <p>Compensation Amount: The rate of compensation for interns shall be the higher of Institution's minimum hourly rate (\$17.27 per hour effective July 1, 2024) or the applicable minimum wage in the jurisdiction where the student is employed (currently \$23.00 per hour, increasing to \$24.00 per hour on July 1, 2025, and \$25.00 per hour on July 1, 2026)</p>	The employer/internship agreement with Cedars-Sinai will provide laboratory and research internships to Biotechnology Program students while enrolled in an internship credit course, Biology 90B (2 units) to gain industry experience and earn college credit.	Restricted General Funds: W.M. Keck Foundation grant (00392), NSF ATE grant (00342) awarded to the Biotechnology Program
<p><i>Requested by: Karol Lu, Project Manager, Aquaculture & Biotechnology</i></p> <p><i>Approved by: Jason Beardsley, Vice-President, Academic Affairs</i></p>				

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RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 **CONTRACTS AND CONSULTANTS**

2-B **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AND CONSULTANTS**

The following contracts are greater than the amount specified in Public Contract Code Section 20651 and are presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

➤ AMENDMENT TO EXISTING CONTRACT

Provider/Contract		Term/Amount	Service	Funding Source
1	Cengage/Ed to Go for the SJDV Program	<p>2024-2025</p> <p>The original purchase order/ annual contract in the amount of \$500,000 was approved at the Board of Trustees meeting in June 2024.</p> <p>This is an Increase of the existing purchase order of \$1,000,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.</p>	The Supplemental Job Displacement Voucher (SJDV) program funds community members to enroll in CommEd programs to upskill or transition into a new career. Cengage/Ed to Go works with Vocational Resource Counselors to refer these individuals to SMC Community Education.	Each enrollment represents a revenue share to Community Education's Contract operation. Approximately 10-15% of the enrollment fee for each Ed2Go course/program is retained by SMC Community Education.
<p><i>Requested by: Scott Silverman, Dean, Noncredit and External Programs</i></p> <p><i>Approved by: Jason Beardsley, Vice-President, Academic Affairs</i></p>				

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CONSENT AGENDA: HUMAN RESOURCES

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3 **ACADEMIC PERSONNEL**

Requested Action: *Approval/Ratification*

Reviewed by: *Tre'Shawn Hall-Baker, Dean, Human Resources*

Approved by: *Sherri Lee- Lewis, Vice President, Human Resources*

ELECTIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUE

Schmidt, Einhard, Full-time Faculty, Physical Sciences

02/18/2025 – 06/17/2025

ADJUNCT FACULTY

Approval/ratification of the hiring of adjunct faculty (List on file in the Office of Human Resources).

Adjunct/Part-time faculty are hired as temporary employees and do not have reasonable assurance of employment.

SEPARATION

Johnson, Eartha, Project Manager, Guided Pathways/SEAP

01/27/2025

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CONSENT AGENDA: HUMAN RESOURCES

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL - REGULAR

Requested Action: Approval/Ratification

Reviewed by: Tre'Shawn Hall-Baker, Dean, Human Resources

Approved by: Sherri Lee- Lewis, Vice President, Human Resources

All personnel assigned into authorized positions will be elected to employment (merit system) in accordance with district policies and salary schedules.

SALARY REALLOCATION

EFFECTIVE DATE

Student Services Assistant

02/01/2025

From: Classified Employee Salary Schedule, Range 25

To: Classified Employee Salary Schedule, Range 27

Student Services Clerk

02/01/2025

From: Classified Employee Salary Schedule, Range 21

To: Classified Employee Salary Schedule, Range 23

ELECTIONS

PROBATIONARY/ADVANCE STEP PLACEMENT

Ismaily, Siamanto, (Step C)

01/22/2025

From: Theater Technical Director, Campus Events

To: Production Manager, Campus Events

Rodriguez, Demi (Step D)

02/03/2025

From: Human Resources Specialist, Human Resources

To: Human Resources Technician, Human Resources

PROMOTION

DiGregorio, Anisha

02/03/2025

From: Human Resources Specialist, Human Resources

To: Human Resources Technician, Human Resources

Hernandez, Sandra

02/03/2025

From: Administrative Assistant II, Financial Aid & Scholarships

To: Financial Aid & Scholarships Specialist, Financial Aid & Scholarships

Willoughby, Debra

02/03/2025

From: Human Resources Specialist, Human Resources

To: Human Resources Technician, Human Resources

TRANSFER

Fujita, Diana Lui

02/03/2025

From: Student Services Assistant, Financial Aid & Scholarships

To: Student Services Assistant, Admissions & Records

INTERNAL LIMITED TERM ASSIGNMENT

Noguera, Dawn 12/05/2024 to 12/23/2024*
From: Human Resources Specialist, Human Resources
To: Human Resources Technician, Human Resources
*Extended Assignment/Date Correction from 1/22/2025

Johnson, Adrienne 11/18/2024 to 01/09/2025
From: Student Services Assistant, Outreach & Onboarding
To: Student Services Specialist, Counseling
Date Correction from 12/12/2024

WORKING OUT OF CLASSIFICATION (LIMITED TEM)- SUBSTITUTE

Landa, Jennifer 09/01/2024 to 12/20/2024
From: Workforce and Economic Development Project Specialist 12/21/2024 to 01/04/2025*
To: Program Coordinator, Workforce and Economic Development 01/05/2025 to 06/30/2025*
*Extended Assignment

Samano, Mario 08/26/2024 to 10/21/2024
From: HVAC Mechanic, Maintenance 10/22/2024 to 06/30/2025*
To: Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, Maintenance
*Extended Assignment

Stevenson, James 08/06/2024 to 11/30/2024
From: Academic Records Evaluator, Admissions & Records 12/01/2024 to 12/23/2024*
To: EOPS Specialist, EOP&S 01/02/2025 to 01/08/2025*
Extended Assignment 010/9/2025 to 03/01/2025

WORKING OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENT- PROVISIONAL

Arenas, Leyla 08/05/2024 to 11/29/2024
From: Student Services Assistant, Center for Health & Wellbeing 11/30/2024 to 01/04/2025*
To: Student Judicial Affairs Specialist, Student Judicial Affairs
*Extended Assignment

Bruce-Johnson, Pier 11/01/2024 to 02/13/2025
From: Mail Services Worker II 02/14/2025 to 03/06/2025*
To: Shuttle Driver
*Extended Assignment

Ismaily, Siamanto 09/16/2024 to 01/17/2025
From: Theater Technical Director, Campus Events 01/18/2025 to 01/22/2025*
To: Production Manager, Campus Events
*Extended Assignment

Chin, Vina 02/05/2025 to 05/14/2025
From: Human Resources Analyst, Employee and Labor Relations (Confidential)
TO: Director of Human Resources

SEPARATIONS

RETIREMENT

Pedersen, Evelyne, Administrative Assistant III, Enrollment Development (24 years) 04/30/2025
Peterson, Lee, Information Technology Support Specialist,
Instructional Computing (29 years) 01/31/2025

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RECOMMENDATION NO. 5 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – LIMITED DURATION

Requested Action: Approval/Ratification

Reviewed by: Tre'Shawn Hall-Baker, Dean, Human Resources

Approved by: Sherri Lee- Lewis, Vice President, Human Resources

All personnel assigned to limited term employment (Merit System) will be elected in accordance with District policies and salary schedules.

ELECTIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE

PROVISIONAL: Temporary personnel who meet minimum qualifications and are assigned to work 90 working days; who have not come from an eligibility list.

Berney, Andrew, Laboratory Technician - Art	01/01/2025-06/30/2025
Frale, Darren, Laboratory Technician - Art	01/01/2025-06/30/2025
Freedman, Myles, Laboratory Technician - Art	01/01/2025-06/30/2025
Haskll, Susan, Laboratory Technician - Art	01/01/2025-06/30/2025
Kobashi, Todd, Laboratory Technician - Art	01/01/2025-06/30/2025
Schallert, Jennifer, Costume Designer, Theatre Arts	
From:	07/01/2024-12/31/2024
To:	07/01/2024-06/30/2025

LIMITED TERM: Positions established to perform duties not expected to exceed 6 months in one fiscal year or positions established to replace temporarily absent employees; all appointments are made from eligibility lists or former employees in good standing.

Gary, Jon O., Student Services Assistant, Outreach	01/13/2025-01/13/2025
Wilson, Lindsay J., Administrative Assistant II, Emeritus	
From:	07/01/2024-11/08/2024
To:	07/01/2024-03/12/2025

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CONSENT AGENDA: HUMAN RESOURCES

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – NON MERIT

Requested Action: Approval/Ratification

Reviewed by: Tre'Shawn Hall-Baker, Dean, Human Resources

Approved by: Sherri Lee- Lewis, Vice President, Human Resources

All personnel assigned will be elected on a temporary basis to be used as needed in accordance with District policies and salary schedules.

STUDENT EMPLOYEES

College Student Assistant, \$17.27/hour (STHP)	2
College Work-Study Student Assistant, \$17.27/hour (FWS)	12

SPECIAL SERVICE

Community Services Specialist II, \$50.00/hour	16
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CONSENT AGENDA: FACILITIES AND FISCAL

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7 BUDGET TRANSFERS

Requested Action: Approval/Ratification

Reviewed and approved by: Christopher M. Bonvenuto, Vice President, Business and Administration

7-A FUND 01.0 – GENERAL FUND - UNRESTRICTED

Period: December 1-31, 2024

Object Code	Description	Net Amount of Transfer
1000	Academic Salaries	0
2000	Classified/Student Salaries	23,005
3000	Benefits	0
4000	Supplies	583
5000	Contract Services/Operating Exp	2,158
6000	Sites/Buildings/Equipment	2,000
7100-7699	Other Outgo/Student Payments	0
7900	Contingency Reserve	-27,746
Net Total:		0

7-B FUND 01.3 – Restricted Fund

Period: December 1-31, 2024

Object Code	Description	Net Amount of Transfer
1000	Academic Salaries	5,341
2000	Classified/Student Salaries	156
3000	Benefits	-5,507
4000	Supplies	10,161
5000	Contract Services/Operating Exp	-12,504
6000	Sites/Buildings/Equipment	2,353
7100/7699	Other Outgo/Student Payments	0
7900	Contingency Reserve	0
Net Total:		0

7-C FUND 40.0 – Capital Projects Fund
Period: December 1-31, 2024

Object Code	Description	Net Amount of Transfer
1000	Academic Salaries	0
2000	Classified/Student Salaries	0
3000	Benefits	0
4000	Supplies	5,317
5000	Contract Services/Operating Exp	21,283
6000	Sites/Buildings/Equipment	-26,600
7100/7699	Other Outgo/Student Payments	0
7900	Contingency Reserve	0
Net Total:		0

7-D FUND 42.5 – Revenue Bond Construction Fund (Measure V)
Period: December 1-31, 2024

Object Code	Description	Net Amount of Transfer
1000	Academic Salaries	0
2000	Classified/Student Salaries	0
3000	Benefits	0
4000	Supplies	9,146
5000	Contract Services/Operating Exp	9,198
6000	Sites/Buildings/Equipment	-18,344
7100/7699	Other Outgo/Student Payments	0
7900	Contingency Reserve	0
Net Total:		0

Comment: The Adopted Budget needs to be amended to reflect the totals of the departmental budgets. The current system of the Los Angeles County Office of Education requires Board approvals each month for budget adjustments. Only the net amount of the transfers in or out of the object codes is shown. In addition to the budget adjustments, transfers result from requests by managers to adjust budgets to meet changing needs during the course of the year.

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CONSENT AGENDA: FACILITIES AND FISCAL

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8 PAYROLL WARRANT REGISTER

Requested Action: Approval/Ratification

Requested by: Ian Fraser, Payroll Manager

Approved by: Christopher M. Bonvenuto, Vice-President, Business/Administration

Payroll Warrant Register

December 2024 C1E– C2F \$12,047,095.16

Comment: The detailed payroll register documents are on file in the Accounting Department.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9 REISSUE COMMERCIAL WARRANTS

Requested Action: Approval/Ratification

Requested by: Mitchell Heskell, Dean, Education Enterprise

Approved by: Christopher M. Bonvenuto, Vice-President, Business/Administration

Warrants not presented to the County Treasurer within six months are void; therefore, it is requested that LACOE draw a new warrant to replace the following list of expired warrants.

<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cherry, Dennis R.	0859741638	05/19/2022	\$128.00
Hyman, Ariel M.	0849839435	03/18/2022	\$782.00
Joyce, Liam M.	20211149	07/16/2021	\$128.00
Patel, Jemin B.	20335834	11/15/2021	\$128.00
Tuli, Maani A.	26265676	03/19/2021	\$174.00

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CONSENT AGENDA: FACILITIES AND FISCAL

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10 AUXILIARY PAYMENTS AND PURCHASE ORDERS

Requested Action: Approval/Ratification

Requested by: Mitch Heskel, Dean, Educational Enterprise

Approved by: Christopher M. Bonvenuto, Vice-President, Business/Administration

Auxiliary Operations Payments and Purchase Orders

December 2024 Covered by check & voucher numbers: 038710-038915 & 04028-04090

Bookstore Fund Payments	\$ 236,769.76
Other Auxiliary Fund Payments	\$ 156,834.50
Trust and Fiduciary Fund Payments	<u>\$ 812,292.50</u>
	\$ 1,205,896.76

Purchase Orders issued

December 2024	\$10,484.86
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Comment: All purchases and payments were made in accordance with Education Code requirements and allocated to approved budgets in the Bookstore, Trust and Auxiliary Funds. Detailed list on file in the Auxiliary Office.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 11 ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Requested Action: Approval/Ratification

Reviewed and approved by: Christopher M. Bonvenuto, Vice President, Business and Administration

<u>Organizational Memberships</u>	<u>Number of Memberships</u>	<u>Amount</u>
February 2025	1	\$550.00

Funding Sources: General Fund, Fund 01.0

<u>Organizational Memberships</u>	<u>Number of Memberships</u>	<u>Amount</u>
February 2025	1	\$300.00

Funding Sources: Restricted Fund, Fund 01.3

Comment: The list of organizational memberships is on file in the Offices of the Superintendent/President and Fiscal Services. The Los Angeles County Office of Education requires monthly approval of the list on file.

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CONSENT AGENDA: FACILITIES AND FISCAL

RECOMMENDATION NO. 12 AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES TO APPROVE INVOICES, 2024-2025

Requested Action: Approval/Ratification

Reviewed and approved by: Christopher M. Bonvenuto, Vice President, Business and Administration

Authorization of signatures for the following staff members to approve invoices for 2024-2025:

Name/Title
Siamanto Ismaily Production Manager, Campus Events

Comment: To comply with Education Code Sections 85232 and 85233 and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), the Board of Trustees is required to authorize signatures of those persons who approve invoices. The auditing system at LACOE reviews each phase of the payment process including the authorized signatures approved by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 13 PROVIDERS FOR COMMUNITY AND CONTRACT EDUCATION

Requested Action: Approval/Ratification

Requested by: Scott Silverman, Dean, Noncredit and External Programs

Patricia Ramos, Dean, Academic Affairs

Approved by: Jason Beardsley, Interim Vice-President, Academic Affairs

Authorization of payment for delivery of seminars and courses for SMC Community and Contract Education. The list of providers is on file in the office of Community and Contract Education. Payment per class is authorized as stated on the list on file.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 14 PURCHASING

Requested Action: Approval/Ratification

Requested by: Nyla Cotton, Director of Procurement, Contracts and Logistics

Approved by: Christopher M. Bonvenuto, Vice-President, Business/Administration

14-A AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Establish purchase orders and authorize payments to all vendors upon delivery and acceptance of services or goods ordered. The amount includes payments related to bond construction projects. All purchases and payments are made in accordance with Education Code requirements and allocated to approved budgets. Lists of vendors on file in the Purchasing Department.

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\$1,540,557.38

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MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 15-A

SUBJECT: SELECTION AND PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

SUBMITTED BY: Chair, Board of Trustees

REQUESTED ACTION: Nominations will be considered by Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy on the Board. The successful candidate will serve until the next regularly scheduled election (November 2026). Seven applications were received.

The Board Ad Hoc Committee recommends consideration of the following four candidates:

- Dr. Luis Barrera Castañón
- Kera Blades
- Dr. Karen S. Gunn
- Patricia Nakao

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ericka Lesley
Tyler Jackson-Zeno

MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS

MOTION MADE BY:	Margaret Quiñones-Perez
SECONDED BY:	Tom Peters
AYES:	6
NOES:	0

NOMINATIONS:

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Anastasia Foster	Kera Blades
Nancy Greenstein	Dr. Luis Barrera Castañón
Tom Peters	Patricia Nakao
Margaret Quiñones-Perez	Dr. Luis Barrera Castañón
Rob Rader	Kera Blades
Sion Roy	Kera Blades

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS

MOTION MADE BY:	Margaret Quiñones-Perez
SECONDED BY:	Rob Rader
AYES:	6
NOES:	0

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR NOMINEES

Kera Blades

MOTION MADE BY: Rob Rader
SECONDED BY: Sion Roy
AYES: 3 (Foster, Rader, Roy)
NOES: 3 (Greenstein, Peters, Quiñones-Perez)

Dr. Luis Barrera Castañón

MOTION MADE BY: Margaret Quiñones-Perez
SECONDED BY: Tom Peters
AYES: 4 (Foster, Greenstein, Peters, Quiñones-Perez)
NOES: 2 (Rader, Roy)

MOTION TO APPOINT DR. LUIS BARRERA CASTAÑÓN BY ACCLAMATION

MOTION MADE BY: Rob Rader
SECONDED BY: Margaret Quiñones-Perez
AYES: 6
NOES: 0

COMMENT:

A majority vote (four votes not including the student trustee advisory vote) is required to approve an appointment. In the event no nominee receives sufficient votes, the process can begin again with a new round of nominations.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 15-B

SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OF NEWLY-APPOINTED TRUSTEE

SUBMITTED BY: Chair, Board of Trustees

REQUESTED ACTION: The Chair of the Board of Trustees administered the Oath of Office for Public Officers and installed Dr. Luis Barrera Castañón as the newly-appointed member of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees, to serve a term until the next regularly scheduled Board election in November 2026.

MOTION MADE BY: Rob Rader
SECONDED BY: Anastasia Foster
AYES: 6
NOES: 0

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MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 16

SUBJECT: 2023-2024 AUDIT REPORTS

SUBMITTED BY: Superintendent/President

REQUESTED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees acknowledge receipt of the 2023-2024 Audit Report of the Financial and Related Statements of the Santa Monica Community College District and the Proposition 39 Financial and Performance Audits prepared by the District's contracted independent auditor EideBailly.

COMMENT: The Auditor's opinion is that the basic financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Santa Monica Community College District as of June 30, 2024. The Board's Audit Subcommittee reviewed and discussed the reports with the auditors and fiscal staff to prepare for the presentation of the audit to the Board.

Links to:

- [SMCCD Final Governance Letter](#)
- [SMCCD Final Financial Statements](#)
- [SMCCD Measure AA and V Final Financial Statement and Performance Report](#)
- [SMCCD Measure AA and V Final Governance Letter](#)

MOTION MADE BY: Tom Peters

SECONDED BY: Rob Rader

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Quiñones-Perez)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES	ACTION
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RECOMMENDATION NO. 17

SUBJECT: **2025-2026 NONRESIDENT TUITION RATE**

SUBMITTED BY: Vice-President, Enrollment Development

REQUESTED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the nonresident tuition rate of \$398 per unit and the nonresident capital outlay surcharge of \$24 per unit for 2025-2026.

The options available for the 2025-2026 non-resident tuition include the statewide average of \$400; contiguous district of \$400; highest statewide average of \$414; district average of \$434; and the comparable states average of \$442.

SMC is proposing the use of the provision outlined in California Education code that increases should be “gradual, moderate, and predictable” to set the non-resident tuition rate at \$398 per unit for the 2025-2026 academic year. This keeps the total cost of tuition and fees to an increase of approximately 5%.

	Current	Proposed	Change
Nonresident Tuition	\$374	\$398	+ \$24
Capital Outlay Surcharge	\$24	\$24	--0-
State Enrollment Fee for Resident and Nonresident Students	\$46	\$46	-0-
Total	\$444	\$468	+ \$24

Below is a brief comparison of the 2024-2025 rates of other community colleges in the area and/or enrolling significant numbers of international students. They have not yet posted their 2025-2026 rates.

2024-2025 Comparison	NR Tuition	Capital Outlay	Enrollment Fee	Total Per Unit	Annual Total (24 semester units or 36 quarter units)	
SMC Proposed 2025-2026	\$ 398.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 11,232.00	
Irvine Valley College	\$ 376.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 492.00	\$ 11,808.00	
Orange Coast College	\$ 388.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 11,640.00	
Pasadena City College	\$ 406.00		\$ 46.00	\$ 452.00	\$ 10,848.00	
Glendale CC	\$ 406.00		\$ 46.00	\$ 452.00	\$ 10,848.00	
Santa Monica College	\$ 374.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 444.00	\$ 10,656.00	
Santa Barbara City College	\$ 361.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 429.00	\$ 10,296.00	
Mt. San Antonio	\$ 351.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 417.00	\$ 10,008.00	
Foothill-DeAnza	\$ 245.00		\$ 31.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 9,936.00	Quarter Units
East Los Angeles	\$ 359.00		\$ 46.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 9,720.00	
El Camino College	\$ 300.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 366.00	\$ 8,784.00	

MOTION MADE BY: Rob Rader
 SECONDED BY: Tom Peters
 AYES: 6
 NOES: 0
 ABSENT: 1 (Quiñones-Perez)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES	ACTION
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MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 18

SUBJECT: 2024-2025 QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND 311Q REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: Superintendent/President

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees acknowledge receipt of the 2024-2025 Quarterly Report and the 311Q report, as of December 31, 2024.

COMMENT: The Board of Trustees is presented a quarterly budget report with the 311Q report required by the Chancellor's Office. This report summarizes the financial statements of the District's Unrestricted General Fund for review by the Chancellor's Office.

Link to: [2024-2025 Quarterly Budget Report](#)

Link to: [2024-2025 Budget Presentation](#)

MOTION MADE BY: Rob Rader

SECONDED BY: Tom Peters

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Quiñones-Perez)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES	ADJOURNMENT
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XII. BOARD COMMENTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – 10:36 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of **Susan Ijames**, SMC Cosmetology instructor.

The next regular meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 6 p.m. (5 p.m. if there is a closed session) in the Santa Monica College Board Room (Business Building Room 117), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California. This meeting will be held in-person and via Zoom Webinar to allow for remote participation.