

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CLASSIFIED SENATE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CLASSIFIED SENATE (4CS)
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING HELD AT THE
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL, SACRAMENTO, GRAND BALLROOM
THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025
11:30AM-12:00PM

Members present (distinguished with an "X"):

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| ☒ Trisha Albertsen | ☒ Terra Lee |
| ☒ Carl Banks | ☒ Deborah Knowles |
| ☒ Virginia Criswell | ☒ Hope Lane |
| ☐ Kristal Dela Cruz | ☐ Amparo Medina |
| ☒ Hope Ell | ☒ Karen Peterson |
| ☒ John Feist | ☒ Linda Resendiz |
| ☐ LaTonyua Harden | ☒ Susan Rodriguez |
| ☒ Greg Harnage | ☒ Jamille Teer |

Guests:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Knowles at 11:39 a.m.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deborah Knowles read the following land acknowledgements:

California Community Colleges Classified Senate honors and acknowledges that our 116 campuses throughout the state of California are located in the unceded territories of the 109 federally recognized and unrecognized tribes, bands, and rancherias. We pledge to pursue continuous and reciprocal relationships with the Tribal Nations of California to mitigate the impacts of our institutional legacy upon the indigenous people, lands, and waters of this place, which are and always will be, inextricable.

Los Rios Community College Indigenous District Land Acknowledgement

In the spirit of community and social justice, we acknowledge the land on which our four colleges reside as the traditional homelands of the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok tribal nations. These sovereign people have been the caretakers of the health of the rivers, the wildlife, the plant life, and the overall eco-social balance in the greater Sacramento region since time immemorial.

Despite centuries of genocide and occupation, the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok continue as vibrant and resilient tribes and bands, both Federally recognized and unrecognized. Tribal citizens of these nations continue to be an active and important part of our Los Rios college community. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the land and our responsibility to the original peoples, the present-day Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok tribal nations.

Davis and West Sacramento Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land currently occupied by Sacramento City College as the traditional home of the Patwin people. These sovereign people have been caretakers of the area since time immemorial. Despite centuries of genocide and occupation, the Patwin people continue as vibrant and resilient federally recognized and unrecognized tribes, bands, and rancherias. Today, we honor and recognize our Patwin tribal neighbors for their contributions as the caretakers of the Sacramento Valley and honor their sustained existence. It is with their blessing and continued guidance that Sacramento City College seeks to provide an accessible, equitable, and supportive institution of learning and experience.

III. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Deborah Knowles welcomed everyone to the meeting. No introductions were made.

IV. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Deborah Knowles presented the meeting agenda for review and approval. The agenda was approved by acclamation.

V. **ROLL CALL – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

Hope Ell conducted a roll call of board members. She then conducted a roll call of the general membership. The following Senates had a delegate present:

American River College
Butte College
Cerro Coso Community College
Chabot College
Chaffey College
City College of San Francisco
Clovis Community College
College of Marin

Contra Costa College
Cosumnes River College
Crafton Hills College
Cuyamaca College
Cypress College
Diablo Valley College
Folsom Lake College
Foothill College

Fresno City College
 Fullerton College
 Grossmont College
 Irvine Valley College
 Laney College
 Las Positas College
 Long Beach City College
 Los Medanos College
 Mendocino College
 Merced College
 Merritt College
 MiraCosta College
 Mission College
 Modesto Junior College
 Moorpark College
 Mt. San Antonio College

Napa Valley College
 Orange Coast College
 Oxnard College
 Pasadena City College
 Sacramento City College
 Saddleback College
 San Bernardino Valley College
 San Diego Mesa College
 San Joaquin Delta College
 San Jose City College
 Santa Rosa Junior College
 Sierra College
 Ventura College
 Ventura Community College District
 West Valley College

The following non-member senates were present:

Bakersfield College
 Citrus College
 Peralta Community College District

Santiago Canyon College
 Shasta College
 West Valley Community College District

VI. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS**

a. President – General Overview of 4CS

Deborah Knowles provided a general overview of 4CS and presidential activities during the 2024-25 fiscal year. Deborah shared that the 4CS is the only entity that represents all classified professionals in the state, regardless of whether they have a senate. Nearly 60% of the workforce in California community colleges are classified professionals, and classified professionals most closely match the community colleges student demographics. This organization has existed for 34 years with an all-volunteer board and no dedicated funding stream. The goal is to get 4CS into law, and we are closer to that than we've ever been with the support of the state Student and Academic Senates.

b. Secretary – Statistics of Senate Memberships and Donors

Hope Ell provided statistics of Senate memberships and donors as of May 31, 2025:

- Number of Senates: 74
- College/Senate Memberships
 - Five (5) Level I Donors (\$100)
 - Three (3) Level II Donors (\$250) 3
 - Two (2) Level III Donors (\$500) 2

- Individual Sponsorships
 - Two (2) 4CS Sponsor Level (\$10+)
 - Three (3) Classified Level (\$50+)
 - Five (5) Governance Level (\$100+)
 - Five (5) Leadership Level (\$200+)

c. Treasurer – General

Trisha Albertsen provided a general overview of the financial health of 4CS as of May 31, 2025.

- Cash balance – \$78,429.36

VII. GOVERNANCE PROCESS

a. 2025-85 Acceptance of Election Results

The board formally accepted the election results.

b. 2025-86 Amparo Medina President Elect to President (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027)

The board formally accepted the promotion of Amparo Medina from President-Elect to President.

c. 2025-87 Approval of Trisha Albertsen to President Emeriti

On a motion duly made by Greg Harnage, seconded by Susan Rodriguez, agenda item 2025-87, Approval of Trisha Albertsen to President Emeriti, was unanimously approved.

d. 2025-88 Resolution Advocating for 4CS Inclusion in Title 5

On a motion duly made by Susan Rodriguez, seconded by Jamille Teer, agenda item 2025-88, Resolution Advocating for 4CS Inclusion in Title 5, was moved forward for a vote by the general membership. Voting begins at noon today and closes at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. The result of the vote will be announced at the closing general session.

VIII. OATH OF OFFICE

The following positions were sworn in to begin their term on July 1, 2025 by President Deborah Knowles:

- Vice President - Karen Peterson, Crafton Hills College
- Treasurer - Trisha Albertsen, Chaffey College
- Director, Professional Learning - Hope Lane, Laney College
- Director, Government Relations - Carl Banks, MiraCosta College
- Region 1 – Andrea Walters, Butte College
- Region 5 - Susan Rodriguez, San Joaquin Delta College
- Region 6 - Linda Resendiz, Moorpark College

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Hope Ell thanked outgoing President Deborah Knowles for her leadership of the board over the last two years.

Deborah Knowles shared that her legacy for 4CS is the spirit stick and twig. Her hope is that the momentum that 4CS has achieved continues, that all colleges engage in the work, and that everyone leads regardless of title.

X. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

Approved on:

President's Signature: Deborah Knowles