

August 20, 2026, Consultation Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Chancellor Tomaneng called the Consultation Council meeting to order at 9:33 AM virtually with members participating via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

The following Council Members were present:

Mario Rodriguez, ACBO	Barbara Dunsheath, CCCT
Claudia Lourido-Habib, ACCCA	Pamela Ford, CCE/CFT
Brittany Grice, ACHRO/EEO	Larry Galizio, CCLC
LaTonya Parker, ASCCC	Char Perlas, CEOCCC
Robert L. Stewart, Jr., ASCCC	Angela Tos, CSSO
Jonathan Ausubel, CCA/CTA	Stephanie Goldman for Sarah Thompson, FACCC
Angela Cordell, CCCAOE	Davina Malbrough, SSSCC
Lorrie Ranck, CCCCIO	Carlo Flores-Olson, SSSCC
K. Frindell Teuscher, CCCI	

The following Council Members were absent:

Jim Mahler, CCC/CFT	Vacant, CSEA
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CONSULTATION COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

ACBO	Association of Chief Business Officers
ACCCA	Association of California Community College Administrators
ACHRO/EEO	Association of Chief Human Resources Officers/Equal Employment Officers
ASCCC	Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges
CCA/CTA	Community College Association/California Teachers Association
CCC/CFT	Community College Council/California Federation of Teachers
CCCAOE	California Community College Association for Occupational Education
CCCCIO	California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers
CCCI	California Community College Independents
CCCT	California Community College Trustees
CCE/CFT	Council of Classified Employees/California Federation of Teachers
CCLC	Community College League of California
CEOCCC	Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges
CSEA	California School Employees Association
CSSO	Chief Student Services Officers
FACCC	Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges
SSCC	Student Senate for California Community Colleges

MEETING DIGEST ITEMS

“Digest” means an item has been through internal review by the Chancellor’s Office and the review entities. The item now has form and substance and is officially “entered into Consultation.” The Consultation Council reviews the item and provides advice to the Chancellor.

Item 1: Chancellor's Office Update

Presenter: Sonya Christian, Chancellor

The Chancellor’s Office presented updates on relevant developments and time-sensitive changes since the previous Consultation Council meeting, as well as digest items previously presented that may require additional consultation.

Discussion Summary:

- No discussion.

Item 2: Student Senate Update

Presenters: Davina Malbrough, President, Student Senate for California Community Colleges; and
Carlo Flores-Olson, Vice President of Legislative Affairs (VPLA), Student Senate for California Community Colleges

This digest item presented updates on the SSSCC current initiatives, legislative stances, system participation, and the status of the SSSCC Board of Directors.

Discussion Summary:

- No discussion.

Item 3: Proposed Regulatory Action: Standardized Attendance Accounting Cleanup

Presenters: Chris Ferguson, Executive Vice Chancellor of Finance and Strategic Initiatives; and
James Todd, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

This digest item clarified the proposed amendments.

Discussion Summary:

- No discussion.

Item 4: Proposed Regulatory Action: MESA

Presenter: James Todd, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

This digest item clarified the proposed amendments.

Discussion Summary:

- SSCCC inquired about best practices and effective approaches for implementing the MESA program.

Item 5: Proposed Regulatory Action: Course Limitation for Dual Enrollment Courses

Presenter: James Todd, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

This digest item clarified the proposed amendments.

Discussion Summary:

- ASCCC requested clarification regarding the provision of designated course sections for dual enrollment students.

Item 6: Annual Fiscal Health and Resiliency Monitoring Update and Fiscal Forward Implementation and Participation

Presenter: Chris Ferguson, Executive Vice Chancellor, Finance and Strategic Initiatives

This digest item provided an update on fiscal health and resiliency of California's community college districts.

Discussion Summary:

- CCA/CTA, FACCC, CCCT, CCCCIO, ACHRO/EEO, and CCCI requested additional clarification regarding the criteria and process used to identify the four districts highlighted in the report, including the purpose of the designation, the indicators utilized, and whether naming specific districts is required.
- CCLC requested clarification regarding references to the Board of Governors' authority to intervene in community college district governance and the rationale for including that language.
- CCCT and CCCI emphasized the importance of notifying local governing boards regarding district designations and inquired about the notification process and recipients.
- CCCT requested clarification regarding whether the four districts identified in the report are being added to fiscal monitoring activities for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Item 7: CCCStart (Reimagine CCCApply Initiative) Status Update

Presenter: Jory Hadsell, Visiting Executive, Information Technology

This digest item provided an update on the Reimagine CCCApply initiative and the development and statewide implementation of CCCStart, the platform that will replace CCCApply and deliver a modern, student-centered admissions experience.

Discussion Summary:

- CCCAOE inquired whether small and rural colleges were represented among the pilot districts and noted that system changes can have a disproportionate impact on smaller institutions.
- The Chancellor's Office shared information regarding the Reimagine CCCApply initiative, including the [project website](http://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Information-Services-Technology-Innovation/reimagine-apply) and participating districts (www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Information-Services-Technology-Innovation/reimagine-apply).
- SSSCC inquired whether students had an opportunity to review CCCStart and provide feedback regarding usability and the overall student experience compared to the current application platform.

Item 8: State and Federal Update

Presenters: David O'Brien, Vice Chancellor, External Relations; and Linda Vazquez, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Government Relations

This digest item provided an update on State and Federal issues, and its annual Shared Advocacy Process.

Discussion Summary:

- ACHRO/EEO expressed interest in additional planning and analysis regarding potential implementation impacts should proposed legislation move forward, including a clearer understanding of associated fiscal implications and operational considerations.
- CCCCIO expressed disappointment regarding the status of AB 2236 and noted the significant efforts colleges have undertaken to prepare for the 2027 implementation timeline. CCCCIO also emphasized the importance of continued collaboration with system partners to support student success and transfer outcomes.
- CCA/CTA requested clarification regarding the Chancellor's Office position on AB 2021 and expressed concern about the bill's potential impact on the 50% Law, particularly in light of ongoing discussions regarding district fiscal health and resiliency.
- ASCCC stated that it does not currently oppose AB 2021 but has not taken a support position, noting that the bill may provide districts with additional flexibility.
- CSSO expressed support for the perspective shared by ASCCC regarding AB 2021.

- The Chancellor’s Office provided an overview of a proposed federal rule related to accreditation and its potential implications for accrediting agencies and institutions, and shared the [Federal Register website](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/08/20/2026-17001/accreditation-innovation-and-modernization-the-secretarys-recognition-of-accrediting-agencies) (www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/08/20/2026-17001/accreditation-innovation-and-modernization-the-secretarys-recognition-of-accrediting-agencies).

Item 9: Other

Presenter: Rowena Tomaneng, Deputy Chancellor

This digest item provided members of the Consultation Council with an opportunity to make announcements or seek collaborations that will help our system better serve students.

Discussion Summary:

- CCA/CTA requested discussion regarding the modality of future Consultation Council meetings.
- FACCC expressed support for revisiting the meeting modality and noted that Consultation Council meetings have historically been held on a consistent day and time each month. FACCC also requested consideration of scheduling practices to minimize conflicts with major system conferences and events.
- FACCC requested discussion regarding the financial reporting and oversight references included in the Chancellor’s Office reserves audit.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.