

Board Meeting Highlights

Board Agenda - August 26, 2024

On Monday, August 26, 2024 the South Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees met for a regularly scheduled meeting. The following are highlights from the meeting held at 6:30 p.m. in the Ronald Reagan Board Room.

The meeting was presided by President Timothy Jemal (remotely), invocation led by Trustee Ryan Dack, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Clerk Carolyn Inmon.

Recognition



As part of the public session portion of the agenda, President Jemal and the Board of Trustees recognized the **Irvine Valley College Honors Program** for their continued success and impact since 2003. The Irvine Valley College Honors Program has an outstanding reputation for academic excellence and plays a key role in nurturing academic, professional, and personal growth in highly motivated students from all backgrounds. There is a list of accomplishments for the program, but to list a couple:

- In the last four years, the IVC Honors Program has doubled in membership, with 960 members currently; it is the largest Honors Program among all Orange County community colleges.
- The program currently offers 55 approved Honors courses, all of which feature a smaller class size and a range of enrichments including higher-level critical thinking and a heavy emphasis on research. Honors courses are open to all students.

Remarks were provided by IVC President John Hernandez, Emily Liu (English Instructor and Honors Program Coordinator), and by current students and alumni of the program. Please click the links to learn more about the <u>program accomplishments</u> as well as the <u>IVC Honors Program</u>.

Resolutions



One resolution was presented at the board meeting for Women's Equality Day to recognize Women's Equality Day as a national day celebrating the importance of the women's suffrage movement and the work to secure and expand equal rights today. The resolution was approved unanimously. To read the full resolution, please visit the link – Women's Equality Day Resolution.

Noteworthy Items

5.1/5.2 - Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Two public hearings were conducted for the Proposed Budget of the District for 2024-2025 and for the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25. A full presentation of the adopted budget was made by Connie Cavanaugh, Executive Director of Fiscal Services. To view the presentation, please click the link – <u>Adopted Budget 2024-2025 Presentation</u>.

Action: The Chancellor recommended to the Board of Trustees to approve the 2024-2025 adopted Budget as presented and the item was unanimously approved.

7.2 - California Proposition 2, Public Education Facilities Bond Measure 2024

Proposition 2, the Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities, Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024, would issue \$10 billion in bonds with \$8.5 billion dedicated to elementary and secondary educational facilities and \$1.5 billion for community college facilities. The bond measure would become operative only if approved by the voters in November.

Action: The Chancellor recommended that the Board of Trustees approve resolution #24-11 in support of Proposition 2: Kindergarten through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities, Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024 and the item was unanimously approved. Please click the link to review <u>Resolution24-11</u>.

10.2 - Application for Fiscal Accountability for Payroll Checks

During the initial phases of determining the necessity to become fiscally accountable for payroll checks, the District completed the Fiscally Accountable/Independent Risk Analysis checklist and submitted to OCDE for review (EXHIBIT A). After reviewing the completed risk analysis checklist, OCDE provided the District with the Community College District Fiscal Accountability Guidelines of Orange County (EXHIBIT B) that outlines the process for application for fiscal accountability. The first step is to submit a written application represented in the Board resolution (EXHIBIT C) to OCDE by September 1. The resolution along with the Fiscally Accountable for Payroll Implementation Plan (EXHIBIT D) prepared by Fiscal Services and reviewed by OCDE will be submitted for approval to OCDE.

Action: The Chancellor recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Fiscally Accountable for Payroll Checks Implementation Plan, approves Resolution No. 24-09 to apply to become fiscally accountable for payroll checks, and designates the Executive Director, Fiscal Services as the District Disbursing Officer for payroll checks. The item was unanimously approved. Please click on the link to view Exhibits A – D.

Note: The Board Meeting Highlights do not entail all the votes taken at the board meeting. The official board meeting minutes reflect each action taken and can be found on the <u>district website</u> or via <u>BoardDocs</u>. To learn more about the SOCCCD Board of Trustees, please visit, https://www.socccd.edu/board-trustees.