



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING –AUGUST 26, 2026
AGENDA

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the SMC Student Services Center Conference Room 222, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica. The meeting was also be conducted via Zoom to allow for remote attendance. Following is the link to join the DPAC meeting via Zoom:

<https://smc-edu.zoom.us/j/93886279276>

I. Call to Order

II. Members

Jason Beardsley Administration, Chair Designee
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair
Sasha King, Administration Representative
Chris Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative
Jose Hernandez, Management Association Representative
Chante DeLoach, Academic Senate Representative
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA President
Martha Romano, CSEA Representative
Brandon Garcia, Associated Students Primary Commissioner
Eva Palafox, Associated Students Representative

III. Public Comments

IV. Review of Minutes: [July 22, 2026](#)

V. Reports

VI. Agenda

1. Superintendent/President's Response to Recommendation approved by DPAC on July 8, 2026
2. Review and Approval: [DPAC 2025-2026 Annual Report](#)
3. Second Quarter Report on implementation of OIR Group Recommendations
4. Continue Discussion on Strategic Planning
 - Document to assist with discussion:
Link to: [DPAC Integrated Planning Recommendation](#)
 - A Notebook LM mini podcast summarizing the key concepts (21 minutes):
[SMC Integrated Planning Recommendation and Reference Guide](#)
 - A short Notebook LM presentation that walks through the recommendations at a high level (15 slides): [Slide Deck](#)

VII. Adjournment

Meeting schedule 2026-2027

2026

September 9, 23

October 14, 28

November 11

December 9

2027

January 13, 27

February 10, 24

March 10, 24

April 14, 28

May 12, 26

June 9, 23

Meeting of the Council of Presidents (COP)

The Council of Presidents will discuss the agenda for the DPAC meeting on September 9, 2026.

Public Comments

Members of the public may address the District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) by oral presentation concerning any subject that lies within the jurisdiction of DPAC. Each speaker may be allowed a maximum of three minutes per topic.

Exceptions: This time allotment does not apply to individuals who are making a presentation at the invitation or request of DPAC.

Instructions for Submitting a Request to Speak at In-Person Meeting

Individuals wishing to speak at a DPAC meeting during Public Comments or regarding item(s) on the agenda must submit a request to DPAC Coordinator ROSE_LISA@smc.edu with name, address, name of organization (if applicable) and the topic or item on which comment is to be made.

Instructions for Submitted Written Comments

Individuals wishing to submit written comments to be read at a DPAC meeting are requested to send an email to DPAC Coordinator ROSE_LISA@smc.edu by 2:30 p.m. for the meeting beginning at 3 p.m. The email should contain the subject line "DPAC Written Comments" and include the following information in the body of the email:

- Name
- Address
- Name of organization (if applicable)
- Topic or Item

Instructions for Speaking via Zoom

Individuals wishing to make public comments at a DPAC meeting via Zoom are requested to send an email to DPAC Coordinator ROSE_LISA@smc.edu by 2:30 p.m. for the meeting beginning at 3 p.m. The email should contain the subject line "DPAC Written Comments" and include the following information in the body of the email:

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Alternatively, during the meeting and before public comments have ended, individuals may use the Q&A feature of Zoom to request to speak.

DPAC Meeting Ground Rules

To facilitate constructive dialogue in DPAC meetings, it is crucial to maintain a set of ground rules that encourage open communication, mutual respect, and effective problem-solving. These guidelines will help create an environment where DPAC members feel comfortable sharing their ideas and opinions without fear of personal attacks or ridicule. Following are some essential ground rules for DPAC meetings:

- **Stay on topic:** Conversation should remain focused on the issue at hand, avoiding distractions and unrelated tangents.
- **Focus on the issue, not the person:** Discuss ideas and opinions, rather than focusing on personal issues or complaints.
- **Maintain a respectful tone:** Communicate your thoughts and ideas with courtesy and respect, avoiding aggressive or condescending language
- **Strive for balanced participation:** All DPAC members should have an opportunity to contribute their ideas and perspectives.
- **Active listening:** Active listening includes giving others your full attention, refraining from interrupting, and asking clarifying questions to ensure comprehension.
- **Be open-minded:** Remain open to new ideas and be willing to change opinions based on the information and insights shared during the debate. Acknowledge and respect the diversity of opinions and experiences within the team. Recognize that different perspectives can contribute to a richer understanding of the issue at hand and lead to more innovative solutions.
- **Seek common ground:** Identify areas of agreement and work collaboratively towards finding mutually beneficial solutions.

District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC)
(second and fourth Wednesdays each month at 2 p.m.)

2026-2027

Meeting Date	Topic/Related Reports	Invitees/Responsible Areas
July 8, 2026	Recommendation proposed District-wide Code of Civility	DPAC
	Continue Discussion on Strategic Planning	DPAC
July 22	Superintendent/President's response to recommendation approved by DPAC on July 8, 2026	
	Update: Services providing safety, emotional and psychological assistance to employees	Susan Fila
	Continue Discussion on Strategic Planning	DPAC
August 12	Cancelled	
August 26	Superintendent/President's Response to Recommendation approved by DPAC on July 8, 2026	DPAC
	DPAC 2025-2026 Annual Report	
	Second Quarter Report on Implementation of OIR Group Recommendations	Bob Myers
	Continue Discussion on Strategic Planning	DPAC
September 9	DPAC Orientation	Jason Beardsley
September 23	Report: Program Review	Jason Beardsley
October 14	Report: Institutional Effectiveness Committee	tbd
	Discussion: Annual Action Plans for 2027-2028	DPAC
October 28	Quarterly Update on OIR Recommendations	Bob Myers
	Reports from DPAC Subcommittees	DPAC Subcommittee Chairs
November 11	Holiday – Veteran's Day	
November 25	Cancel	
December 9	Discussion: Annual Action Plans for 2027-2028	DPAC
January 13, 2027	Quarterly Update on OIR Recommendations	Bob Myers
January 27	Discussion: Annual Action Plans for 2027-2028	DPAC
February 10	Finalize Annual Action Plans for 2027-2028 to forward to Senior Staff, Fiscal, and Budget Committee	DPAC
	Governor's Proposed Budget for 2027-2028	Chris Bonvenuto
February 24	Equal Employment Opportunity Plan	HR
March 10	Reports from DPAC Subcommittees	
March 24	Budget Update	Chris Bonvenuto
April 14	Quarterly Update on OIR Recommendations	Bob Myers
April 28		

May 12	2027-2028 Annual Action Plans with Budget Committee Input	Chris Bonvenuto
	2026-2027 Annual Action Plans Update	
May 26		
June 9	Review 2026-2027 Annual Actions Plans with Budget Committee input	Chris Bonvenuto
	Tentative Budget for 2027-2028	Chris Bonvenuto
June 23	Election of DPAC Vice-Chair, 2027-2028	DPAC
	Start process for report on 2026-2027 Action Plans	