



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2026
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 in the SMC Student Services Center Conference Room 222, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica. The meeting was also conducted via Zoom to allow for remote attendance.

I. Call to Order – 2:08 p.m.

II. Members Present

Jason Beardsley Administration, Chair Designee
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair
Sasha King, Administrative Representative
Chris Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative
Jose Hernandez, Management Association Representative
Stephanie Amerian, Academic Senate Representative
Matt Hotsiniller, Faculty Association Representative
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA President
Brandon Garcia, Associated Students Primary Commissioner

III. Public Comments - None

IV. Review of Minutes: Motion was made by Cindy Ordaz and seconded by Jose Hernandez to approve the minutes of the DPAC meeting on February 11, 2026. *Unanimously approved.*

V. Reports:

VI. Agenda

1. Discussion: Charge to the DPAC Human Resources Subcommittee to develop a campus-wide Code of Civility.

The discussion focused on the development of a campus-wide code of civility, with the DPAC Human Resources Subcommittee tasked to research and present exemplars of civility codes from other community colleges and analyze SMC's relevant board policies. The group discussed the scope and potential content of the civility code, considering it as a statement of values and guidelines, distinct from existing ethics codes. The deadline for the report was confirmed as the last DPAC meeting in Spring 2026 (June 24, 2026).

2. Discussion: Strategic Planning

DPAC's role in the development of a comprehensive strategic plan to align with the college's [Master Plan for Education 2025-2030](#) and resource allocation was discussed. It was proposed that DPAC should oversee the development of the strategic plan and define the structure and parameters of the strategic planning process. It was acknowledged that the plan development might involve a different body or task force. DPAC members were encouraged to review the [2017 Strategic Planning and Facilitation Report](#) to gain insights into planning recommendations for DPAC.

Other key points included:

- The importance of creating a staffing plan and addressing structural deficits
- The need for data and benchmarks to prioritize operations.
- The role of a strategic planning task force and the potential involvement of the new Superintendent/President.

VII. Adjournment – 3:20 p.m.

Meeting schedule through June 2026

March 11, 25

April 8, 22

May 13, 27

June 10, 24