



Santa Monica Community College District  
District Planning and Advisory Council  
MEETING –APRIL 22 , 2026  
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, April 22, 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.

- I. Call to Order - 2:05 p.m.
- II. Members  
Jason Beardsley Administration, Chair Designee  
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate President, Vice-Chair  
Sasha King, Administration Representative (*participated remotely under the Just Cause Provision of Government Code Section 54953.8.3, related to a physical disability that prevents attendance in person*)  
Chris Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative  
Mitch Heskell, Management Association Representative  
Stephanie Amerian, Academic Senate Representative  
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President  
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative  
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA President  
Eva Palafox, Associated Students Representative
- III. Public Comments - None
- IV. Review of Minutes: Motion was made by Cindy Ordaz and seconded by Elaine Roque to approve the minutes of the DPAC meeting on March 25, 2026. *Unanimously approved*
- V. Reports - None
- VI. Agenda
  1. [2026 First Quarter Report on Implementation of OIR Group Recommendations](#)  
The first quarter report on the implementation of OIR group recommendations was presented to DPAC for review and discussion. Key updates included progress on training initiatives, with \$125,000 in funding received for training programs including incident command and crime prevention through environmental design. It was reported that computer terminals have been installed at some satellite campuses, though others still need setup. The group discussed the need for a more inclusive process in developing the civility code and addressing campus-wide issues.  
  
There was also discussion about the importance of transparent communication about safety improvements and the need to make the quarterly report publicly available to the entire college community. The importance of maintaining open communication and building trust with the campus community regarding implementation progress was emphasized. The discussion included the role of DPAC in making recommendations to the Superintendent/ President, particularly regarding healing and trauma-related initiatives, while acknowledging that specific healing processes might be outside DPAC's direct purview.

2. Mid-Year Update: 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan #2 – Campus Safety Plan. The update addressed the initiatives in the *Methods to Accomplish* section in the Annual Action Plan.
- Targeted Safety Training:
    - Hazard-specific safety training tailored to job duties is now part of onboarding.
    - Monthly safety trainings expanded beyond M&O to other relevant departments.
  - Emergency Communications:
    - New radios integrated with LA-RICS to improve interoperability with regional law enforcement and emergency agencies.
    - Old radios will be repurposed for campus emergency and special event channels.
  - Emergency Preparedness & Equipment:
    - Grant funding used to purchase emergency equipment for satellite campuses, including lighting, generators, survival kits, and trauma kits.
    - CERT training capacity being developed internally, with plans to expand campus-wide.
  - Exercises and Training:
    - Tabletop emergency exercises planned, beginning in summer.
    - Participation in state and federal emergency management training programs (Cal OES and FEMA).
  - Safety Culture and Accountability:
    - Emphasis on shared responsibility and daily safety management.
    - Department-level inspections and corrective action tracking implemented.
    - Ongoing surveys and data analysis to inform improvements.
  - Continuous Improvement:
    - Commitment to post-incident debriefs involving all affected groups.
    - Annual campus safety walks to identify and mitigate hazards proactively.

VII. Adjournment – 3:39 p.m.

Meeting schedule through June 2026

May 13, 27

June 10, 24