



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING – JUNE 24, 2026
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. 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 - 2:14 p.m.
- II. Members
Jason Beardsley Administration, Chair Designee
Sasha King, Administration Representative
Christopher Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative
Jose Hernandez, Management Association Representative
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA President
Eva Palafox, Associated Students Representative (*participated remotely under the Just Cause Provision of Government Code Section 54953.8.3*)
- III. Public Comments - None
- IV. Review of Minutes: Motion was made by Elaine Roque and seconded by Sasha King to approve the minutes of the DPAC meeting on June 10, 2026. *Unanimously approved.*
- V. Reports - None
- VI. Agenda
 1. Election of DPAC Vice-Chair, 2026-2027
Motion was made by Peter Morse and seconded by Cindy Ordaz to elect Vicenta Arrizon as DPAC Vice-Chair, 2026-2027. *Unanimously approved*
 2. Report on proposed District-wide Code of Civility
Vina Chin, Director of Human Resources, presented a comprehensive report from the DPAC Human Resources Subcommittee on a proposed civility code. The subcommittee's research found that most community colleges do not have standalone civility policies, with values and principles typically incorporated into existing SMC Board Policies such as Board District 1200 and Board Policy 3050 (Institutional Code of Ethics).

The subcommittee recommended that creating a new standalone policy is not necessary, since current policies already address civility expectations and misconduct through collective bargaining agreements, merit rules, and other existing frameworks. Concerns were expressed about the need for better training and education across different employee groups, including managers, faculty, and classified staff, regarding civil conduct and public meeting protocols. Members debated whether current policies like BP 3050 are sufficient versus needing more operational frameworks, with some members suggesting the need for gap analysis and enhanced training rather than just creating new policies. It was agreed that a draft recommendation to the Superintendent/President be developed for the next meeting regarding how the college should address the OIR report's recommendation for a civility code.

3. Continue Discussion on Strategic Planning. *It was agreed to defer this discussion to the next DPAC meeting.*

VII. Adjournment – 3:22 p.m.

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