



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

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, August 26, 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 - 2:06 p.m.

II. Members

Jason Beardsley Administration, DPAC Chair Designee
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate President, DPAC Vice-Chair
Sasha King, Administration Representative
Chante DeLoach, Academic Senate Representative
Jose Hernandez, Management Association President
Chris Bonvenuto, Management Association Representative
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Representative
Martha Romano, CSEA 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 Vicenta Arrizon and seconded by Jose Hernandez to approve the minutes of the DPAC meeting on July 22, 2026. *Unanimously approved.*

V. Reports - None

VI. Agenda

1. Superintendent/President's Response to Recommendation approved by DPAC on July 8, 2026 regarding a civility policy and conducting a gap analysis of current training.

The Superintendent/President responded with a recommendation that DPAC consider feedback from the OIR group. DPAC discussed incorporating the feedback from the OIR group and requested additional background materials including civility training, flyers and information on the State Bar's civility training requirements. It was suggested that Michael Gennaco and Vina Chen be invited to attend a DPAC meeting after additional information is provided.

2. Review and Approval: [DPAC 2025-2026 Annual Report](#)
Motion was made by Chris Bonvenuto and seconded by Peter Morse to approve the DPAC 2025-2026 Annual Report. *Unanimously approved*
3. Second Quarter Report on Implementation of OIR Group Recommendations
Campus Counsel Robert Myers presented the second-quarter update on implementation of OIR recommendations. Following are key updates:
 - Police radio system is fully operational and mutual-aid communication capabilities have been implemented.
 - Work continues on a formal agreement with the Santa Monica Police Department.
 - A nepotism review of 2025 data found no reported family relationships.

- A 60-day emergency contact update notification process will begin and continue on a recurring schedule.
- An OIR implementation webpage was created to centralize reports and updates for the campus community
<https://admin.smc.edu/administration/campus-counsel/oir.php>

4. Discussion on Strategic Planning

DPAC engaged in a discussion about strategic planning, governance structures, committee effectiveness, and accountability.

Major themes included:

- Interest in modifying DPAC's charge from focusing on "strategic initiatives" to overseeing a broader institutional strategic plan.
- Consideration of reducing meeting frequency and increasing focus on accountability and outcomes.
- Concerns regarding staffing capacity, governance efficiency, and alignment between planning, institutional effectiveness, and program review processes.

Suggestions:

- Add the Dean of Institutional Research (or future institutional effectiveness lead) as a non-voting DPAC member.
- Include program review representation on the Strategic Planning Task Force.
- Refine Strategic Planning Task Force membership and reporting structure.
- Develop clearer accountability expectations, timelines, and progress-reporting requirements.

Draft revisions to the DPAC Scope and Functions and the related Administrative Regulation (AR 2515) will be prepared with refined Strategic Planning Task Force recommendations, membership proposals, and governance language revisions to be presented at the next DPAC meeting.

VII. Adjournment – 3:42 p.m.

Meeting schedule 2026-2027

2026

September 9, 23

October 14, 28

November 18 (*third Wednesday*)

December 9

2027

January 13, 27

February 10, 24

March 10, 24

April 14, 28

May 12, 26

June 9, 23