



Santa Monica Community College District
District Planning and Advisory Council
MEETING –SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) was held on Wednesday, September 9, 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

Jason Beardsley Administration, DPAC Chair Designee
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate President, DPAC Vice-Chair
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
Cindy Ordaz, CSEA President
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 August 26, 2026. *Unanimously approved.*

V. Reports - None

VI. Agenda

1. Discussion on Strategic Planning

The discussion focused on proposed revisions to the DPAC Scope and Function, emphasizing DPAC's responsibility as the primary body guiding the college's five-year strategic planning cycle. The proposed changes would shift DPAC toward a stronger planning and oversight role while reducing meeting frequency to support more focused strategic work. The group discussed whether the Program Review Chair should be a voting member of DPAC. Members generally agreed that program review data and expertise are essential to planning, but there were differing opinions about governance structure and voting rights. The discussion also highlighted the need to better connect program review outcomes with strategic planning and annual action plans.

The structure and membership of the Strategic Planning Task Force was discussed, particularly focusing on how to ensure diverse representation and effective implementation. There were concerns about the large group size and lack of clear structure for getting work done, while others suggested the need for a steering committee to oversee the larger group's composition and ensure appropriate representation from different constituencies. The discussion highlighted the need for clearer guardrails and expectations around representative appointments, especially regarding classified staff representation. The group agreed to further develop language around the steering committee structure and representation requirements for consideration at the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment – 4:04 p.m.

Meeting schedule 2026-2027

2026

September 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