



*Santa Monica Community College District*  
**Budget Planning Subcommittee of the District  
Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC)**  
**MEETING MINUTES – June 3, 2026**

A Meeting of the Budget Planning Subcommittee will be held Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 2:00 pm at Santa Monica College's Student Services Center (SSC 396), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

The public may join the meeting via zoom with the following link: <https://smc-edu.zoom.us/j/85009325229>

**I. Call to Order** 2:07 pm

**Members:**

- Mitch Heskel, District Representative (Absent)
- Chris Bonvenuto, District Representative, Co-Chair
- Tania Acosta, District Representative
- Tracie Hunter, District Representative
- Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate Representative
- Elisa Meyer, Academic Senate Representative
- Matt Hotsinpillier, FA Rep, (Proxy-Elaine Roque)
- Peter Morse, Faculty Association Representative
- Martha Romano, CSEA Rep (Absent)
- Kennisha Green, CSEA Rep (Proxy-JR Stevenson)
- Dagmar Gorman, CSEA Representative
- Cindy Ordaz, CSEA Representative
- Emilia Albegova, Associated Student Rep (Absent)
- Paula Hernandez, Associated Student Rep (Absent)
- Leila Kashani, Associated Student Representative
- Sheng Wen Loh, Associated Student Rep (Absent)

Interested Parties in attendance: 51 Guests - zoom

**II. Public Comments**

- III. Approval of Minutes:** May 20, 2026 Motion: Dagmar Gorman Second: Cindy Ordaz  
Minutes were approved unanimously

**IV. Reports/Discussion**

1. Tentative Budget Update  
Chris Bonvenuto presented the Tentative Budget.

The presentation can be found:

<https://admin.smc.edu/administration/business-services/budget/reports-documents.php>

**Highlights**

- The Governor's May Revision is more favorable than initially anticipated; however, it does not provide sufficient new funding to resolve the District's structural fiscal challenges.
- Based on the Tentative Budget, the District projects ending fiscal year 2026–27 with a deficit of approximately \$1.99 million and an unrestricted fund balance of 6.30%, significantly below the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recommended reserve level of 16.67%.
- Long-term financial projections identify the need for approximately \$8.86 million in additional budget solutions to eliminate the projected deficit in fiscal year 2027–28.
- The State Budget will not be finalized until September 2026. Accordingly, revenue projections and budget assumptions may be updated as additional information becomes available.
- Dagmar Gorman (CSEA) requested that the Personnel and Budget Augmentation Request (PBAR) process be placed on the agenda for discussion at a future committee meeting.

**V. Adjournment:** 4:01 pm

For all documents, visit [www.smc.edu/administration/governance/district-planning-policies/budget-planning-subcommittee.php](http://www.smc.edu/administration/governance/district-planning-policies/budget-planning-subcommittee.php)

**Future Budget Planning Committee Meetings:** Meetings will be on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, except as noted, and will begin at 2:00 pm.