



Santa Monica Community College District

Budget Planning Subcommittee of the District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC)

MEETING MINUTES – July 1, 2026

A Meeting of the Budget Planning Subcommittee will be held Wednesday, July 1, 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 2:03 pm

Members:

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

Interested Parties in attendance: Rob Rudolph, Matthew Williamson, Diana Askew, Alex Becket, Scott Silverman

II. Public Comments

- III. **Approval of Minutes:** June 3, 2026 Motion: Dagmar Gorman Second: Cindy Ordaz
Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Abstention: 1 – Mitch Heskel **Minutes were approved.**

IV. Reports

1. Chris Bonvenuto gave an update on the 2026-2027 State Adopted Budget.
The presentation can be found:
<https://admin.smc.edu/administration/business-services/budget/reports-documents.php>
2. The District is projected to emerge from Hold Harmless in fiscal year 2026–2027 and transition fully to the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF), provided all required metrics are achieved.
3. The State Adopted Budget revised the SCFF calculation for Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES). Beginning in 2026–2027, FTES will be calculated using either the current-year FTES or the three-year average FTES, whichever is higher.
4. Under the previous methodology, enrollment growth funding was calculated by multiplying the prior year's FTES by the annual statewide enrollment growth factor. Under the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF), enrollment growth funding is determined through a more complex, multifaceted calculation. As a result, some districts—including SMC—receive a guaranteed growth rate that is significantly lower than the statewide enrollment growth percentage adopted in the State Budget.
5. The District's Adopted Budget will be presented in September 2026.

The Budget Committee will reconvene on August 5, 2026, to review the State's enacted trailer bills and discuss updated district funding allocations released by the Chancellor's Office during the summer.

V. Adjournment: 2:36 pm

For all documents, visit 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.