



*Santa Monica Community College District*  
**Budget Planning Subcommittee of the District  
Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC)**  
**MEETING MINUTES – January 21, 2026**

A Meeting of the Budget Planning Subcommittee will be held Wednesday, January 21, 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** 2:15 pm

**Members:**

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

Interested Parties in attendance: Sergio Velez, Rob Rudolph, Janet Kleinman, Yasmin Alpay, Carla Brown, Stacy Neal, Dr. Chante De Loach, Ofelia Meza, Diana Askew, Fariba Owlya, Jamar London, Scott Silverman

**II. Public Comments**

**III. Approval of Minutes:** November 19, 2025 AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1 – JR Stevenson  
**Minutes were approved**

**IV. Reports/Discussion**

1. Governor's Proposed 2026-2027 Budget Update

Chris Bonvenuto presented the Governor's Proposed 2026-27 Budget Update.

The presentation can be found:

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

The Committee requested Academic Affairs to provide an update on the Credit for Prior Learning program. Jason Beardsley, Vice President, Academic Affairs will be invited to attend a future meeting.

**V. Adjournment:** 3:25 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.