



*Santa Monica Community College District*

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

MEETING MINUTES – November 5, 2025

A Meeting of the Budget Planning Subcommittee will be held Wednesday, November 5, 2025 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 2:05 pm

#### Members:

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

Interested Parties in attendance: Rob Rudolph, Scott Silverman, Sasha King, Chante DeLoach, Yasmin Alpay, Ismail Siamanto, John Linke, Elaine Roque, Ferris Kawar, Alex Becket, Stacy Neal

### II. Public Comments

III. **Approval of Minutes:** September 17, 2025 Motion: Dagmar Gorman Seconded: Mitch Heskel  
Minutes were approved unanimously

### IV. Reports/Discussion

#### 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Update

Chris Bonvenuto presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget. The presentation can be found:

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

The current 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter deficit is \$10,428,585 and the projected 2025-26 deficit is projected to be \$16,730,322, requiring budget actions to balance the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

#### 2. Revenue Generating/Savings Ideas Discussion

The constituencies acknowledged the importance of continuing collaborative discussions to develop innovative strategies aimed at increasing revenue or reducing expenses.

#### 3. Fiscal Services Update

A Budget Forum will be held to present information to the college community - including faculty, staff, and students - and to discuss the district's budget situation.

### V. Adjournment: 3:15 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.