



Budget Planning Subcommittee of the District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) MEETING MINUTES – February 18, 2026

A Meeting of the Budget Planning Subcommittee will be held Wednesday, February 18, 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 Rep, Co-Chair (Remote- Just Cause- Family Medical Emergency)
- Tania Acosta, District Representative
- Tracie Hunter, District Representative
- Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate Representative
- Elisa Meyer, Academic Senate Rep (Remote- Just Cause- Family Medical Emergency)
- Matt Hotsinpillier, FA Representative, Co-Chair
- Peter Morse, Faculty Association Representative
- Martha Romano, CSEA Rep (Absent)
- 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: Elaine Roque, Alex Becket, Diana Askew, Jamar London, Rob Rudolph, Sasha King, Scott Silverman, Stacy Neal

II. Public Comments

- III. **Approval of Minutes:** January 21, 2026 Motion: Dagmar Gorman Seconded: Peter Morse
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstentions: Tracie Hunter, Mitch Heskel Minutes were approved.
January 28, 2026 Motion: Dagmar Gorman Seconded: Mitch Heskel
Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstention: Tracie Hunter Minutes were approved.

IV. Reports/Discussion

1. Budget Update

Chris Bonvenuto presented the Department of Finance DOF February Bulletin:

<https://dof.ca.gov/media/docs/forecasting/economics/economic-and-revenue-updates/Finance-Bulletin-February-2026.pdf>

The DOF is showing \$6 billion more in additional revenue than expected, the Governor's May Revise may be more favorable with an influx of one-time monies.

Chris shared the multi-year projection, Unrestricted General Fund – Five Year Projections, Fiscal Years 2024-25 thru 2029-30. The district is projecting to continue experiencing structural budget deficits over the multi-year projections without further budgetary actions or changes.

CSEA representatives requested an update on the Annual Action Plan – Human Resources Staffing Plan from 2021. Chris will follow up with Human Resources and provide an update at a future meeting.

V. Adjournment: 2:40 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.