



*Santa Monica Community College District*  
**Budget Planning Subcommittee of the District  
Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC)**  
**MEETING MINUTES – January 28, 2026**

A Meeting of the Budget Planning Subcommittee will be held Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 4:00 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** 4:05 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 Representative
- Matt Hotsinpillar, FA Representative, Co-Chair
- Peter Morse, Faculty Association Representative
- Martha Romano, CSEA Representative
- Kennisha Green, CSEA Representative
- 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: 111 Guests on zoom

**II. Public Comments**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**IV. Reports/Discussion**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Update

Chris Bonvenuto presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Update.

The presentation can be found:

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

Per the second quarter projections the district needs to close the \$17,753,666 deficit for fiscal year 2026-27 to balance the budget.

Dagmar Gorman attended the Community College League of California's Annual Legislative Conference (CCLC). She shared "Rethinking the Student-Centered Funding Formula."

The document can be found:

[CCLC 2025 StudentCenteredFundingFormulaReport\\_Interactive.pdf](#)

**V. Adjournment:** 5:15 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.