

**WEST KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

SPECIAL MEETING

September 13, 2023

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Kern Community College District was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Billy White. Secretary Kathy Orrin and trustees Dawn Cole, Jeremy Gregroy, and Michael Eveland were present. Interim Superintendent/President Brock McMurray and Executive Secretary Sarah Criss were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OPEN SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE 2023/24 PROPOSED BUDGET

There were no comments.

2023/24 BUDGET STUDY SESSION

Dr. Todd Hampton, Vice President of Administrative Services, began the study session by recognizing the efforts of his staff to prepare the budget and presentation materials. Dr. Hampton provided an overview of the state's \$225.9 billion budget. The funding is using some funds from the reserve and the state will decrease the deferred maintenance funding from 2022-23 in an effort to save funds.

Local budget figures include the state's 8.22% Cost of Living Allowance. There are also three unique one-time funded items on this budget: the Presidential Search, the consultant for the Earned Retention Tax Credit application, and the consultant for the Educational Master Plan. He noted that pandemic-related funding is now gone. Dr. Hampton also explained that the District is focused on enrollment outreach to prepare for full-time equivalent (FTE) counts to be unprotected in the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF). During the pandemic the local FTE count had be frozen to allow for enrollment stabilization and growth. There was discussion on the café revenue with the use of the new building and the return of more students and community members to campus.

Dr. Hampton reviewed the documentation of the budget and explained how budget tracking allows the District to review expenditures and revenues.

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:48 p.m., on a motion by Secretary Orrin, seconded by Trustee Gregory and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dr. Kathy Orrin, Secretary