

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXLw4bVZlLH9zL0YyVjI4ZbLead.1>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

4:04pm 7/23/2025

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

A majority quorum must be established to hold a bona fide meeting

Vice President Moore: present

Senator West: present

Senator Garcia: present

Senator Hernandez: present

Senator Perez: present

Senator Velasco: present

Senator Ramirez: absent

Quorum met: 6/7 members present

3. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

The Senate will discuss and correct minutes from previous meetings.

- a. The Senate will consider any corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

Minutes approved no corrections put forth

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Senate on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and fifteen (15) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The Senate may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed; however, for further information, please contact the BCSGA Vice President for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.3)

None

5. APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

The Senate will consider the following nominations for an Association Office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination. The Senate will consider the names nominated to the Association Office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under the Brown Act during consideration of this item. Then, the Senate will consider a binding resolution to appoint a Senator as the Senate Officer established by the BCSGA COBRA. Under the Brown Act, the meeting may not be closed.

- a. Appointment of Ms. Zaina Jawad for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
 - Review of resume and letter of intent, and self-introduction
 - Questions from Senate floor:
 - Senator Hernandez: Do you have any resolutions or ideas you would like to incorporate?
 - o Jawad: more tutoring hours, free meals in pantry, separate room from library for studying purposes, extension of therapy sessions given by Student Health and Wellness Center
 - Senator West: Can you build on wanting cultural representation on campus?

Notes:

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- Jawad: building awareness of different cultures, using activities to do so
- Senator Perez: Willing to pick up older resolutions and possibly holding off on other ideas?
 - Jawad: yes, willing to hear ideas from other senators
- Pros and Cons from Senate:
 - Senator Hernandez, Pro: motivated
 - Senator Perez, Pro: level of commitment and confidence and coming back to apply for senate position
 - Senator Velasco, Pro: organized letter of intent and resume, good ideas, motivated and eager
- Roll-call vote:
 - 5/5 ayes, motion carries for the election of Zaina Jawad for BCSGA Senator-at-Large

6. ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE

The Parliamentarian (or Vice President, if absent) shall administer the oath of office for all newly appointed positions or elected officers.

Oath taken by Zaina Jawad for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large

7. REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The chair shall recognize any officer of the association, including the BCSGA Advisor, to offer a report on official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements deemed necessary for no longer than three minutes, save the advisor, who has infinite time.

- a. Vice President: **mural painting of campus-wide buildings; productive executive meeting last week**
- b. Senators:
 - Senator West: **sat in on student orgs meeting; working on two resolutions**
 - Senator Velasco: **researching for two resolutions**
 - Senator Hernandez: **working on early college subcommittee**
 - Senator Perez: **working on two resolutions; staff meeting last week**
 - Senator Garcia: **educational staff meeting; researching and developing ideas for making student orgs more streamlined**
- c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.):
 - Advisor Cordova: **Advisor Alvarez transferred over to District Office, Advisor Cordova now working with Director Griepsma and Director Pogue for club approvals and social media approvals; and Advisor Mullen working with graphics team for approvals**
 - **KCCD Student Government Retreat: August 13th (Now the 11th), 7:30am-5pm**

8. REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Chair shall recognize the Executive Officers and Departments to report for no longer than three minutes on the activities since the previous meeting.

- a. Office of the President: **reviewing candidates for Director of Legislative Affairs, KVC sticker has been funded and implementation plan includes launch during welcome week**
- b. Department of Student Organizations: **New Student Convocation; Student Involvement Fair, FORGE area for students who want to start a new club and recruit officers; Constitutions for Student Orgs**
- c. Department of Student Activities: **committee meetings will be Tuesdays at 2pm**

- d. Department of Finance: **nothing to report; budget committee meeting will be this Monday**
- e. Department of Public Relations: **skipped**
- f. Department of Secretary: **agenda templates for each committee department; Senator binder templates have been made**
- g. KCCD Student Trustee: **skipped**

9. DIRECT REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES*

The Chair shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee and then each special committee to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting.

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs, Senator Velasco: **next meeting TBD**
- b. Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, Senator Perez: **working on agenda for next meeting**
- c. Committee on Government Operations, Senator West: **would like to meet prior to the beginning of the fall semester**

10. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

Legislation listed has already been read once on the Senate floor or approved for fast-track, and thus are considered for approval by the Senate.

- a. ACTION ITEM: S.B. Appropriations Bill for the BCSGA Annual Budget (FY26)
 - **Roll call vote: 6/6 Ayes motion carries for S.B. Appropriations Bill for the BCSGA Annual Budget**

11. NEW BUSINESS

Items listed here have not already been discussed once and are considered for approval by the Senate.

- a. DISCUSSION: Email setup for BCSGA officers
 - **Update email with signature line, template will be sent out in an Email**

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair shall recognize, in turn, BCSGA Officers requesting the floor for a period not to exceed one minute.

- **President Mackey: pot-luck bonding retreat, where and when, what times**

13. ADJOURNMENT

5:05pm 07/23/2025