

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, August 13th,
2025

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXIw4bnZqLH9z/GyVjL4ZbLead.1>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

4:10 pm 8/13/2025

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

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

Vice President Moore: present

Senator Perez: present

Senator Jawad: present

Senator West: present

Senator Velasco: present

Senator Ramirez: present

Senator Hernandez: excused absent (came in later)

Senator Garcia: excused absence (came in later)

5/8 members present quorum established

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 23, 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. RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and refer each to the appropriate committee.

- a. BCSGA Committee Changes

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments.

Senator Velasco: removed from Student Activities committee

Senator Ramirez: removed from Student Organizations/ICC, added to Government Operations committee

Senator Jawad: added to Student Activities committee

6. APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Notes:

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenzized items are action items upon which the Senate may act. Action items may be taken out of the order to be presented at the discretion of the Chair. BCSGA supports providing equal access to all programs for people with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide accommodation for people with disabilities to attend the meeting. Please call the Office of Student Life at (661) 395-4355 as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodation.

Agendas are posted 72 hours before the meetings commence in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. Agendas are posted at the BCSGA bulletin board located in the Bakersfield College Campus Center and online at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/bcsga

If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact the Office of Student Life at 661-395-4355 or studentlife@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

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. Harkamal Randhawa for the position of BCSGA Student Activities Manager
 - Introduction of nominee by Director Baker
 - Review of Letter of Intent and Resume
 - Questions from Senate:
 - o Senator Velasco: What can you bring to the Department of Student Activities?
 - Randhawa: inclusivity, giving recognition to all students and creating a safer environment
 - o Senator Jawad: What activity would you like to install at BC?
 - Randhawa: events for people to feel recognized and welcome, Festival of Lights
 - o Senator West: What about this position called out to you?
 - Randhawa: does not believe is able to fulfill the time as Director of Legislative Affairs; sees fit for role of Manager of Student Activities
 - o Senator Hernandez: How do you plan to manage student activities?
 - Unsure about official process; When worked with Mothers against drunk driving, was able to coordinate and plan out events, make the flow of events easier
 - o Senator Ramirez: How would you stay current with student practices amongst the diverse age group at BC, and including faculty and staff for campus life?
 - Randhawa: creating flyers to get more students at events, emailing professors and going to their office hours
 - o Senator Jawad: Will you have time for events?
 - Randhawa: is willing to dedicate time to putting on events for student activities
 - Pros and Cons from Senate:
 - o Pro, Senator Velasco: well organized, motivated, has good ideas
 - o Pro, Senator Jawad: has experience, knows what she's doing, has ideas
 - o Pro, Senator Perez: is willing to back up the director as needed
 - o Pro, Senator Ramirez: nice background in community service
 - o Con, Senator Perez: sees fit in role for Director of Legislative Affairs
 - o Con, Senator Jawad: also sees fit for Director of Legislative Affairs
 - Role call vote:
 - o 6/6 Ayes for the election of Harkamal Randhawa for the position of BCSGA Student Activities Manager

7. 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 Harkamal Randhawa

8. 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: **KCCD Retreat**
- b. Senators:
 - Senator West: **working on resolution**
 - Senator Velasco: **staff training last week**
 - Senator Ramirez: **making TikTok's with Director of Public Relations**
 - Senator Perez: **staff training**
 - Senator Jawad: **KCCD Retreat**
- c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.): Advisor Cordova: **office extended hours 5:30pm-7:30pm-- BCSGA welcome to stay late during these hours**
 - **New Student Convocation: look out for shift on Humanity so that you can help out with event, bring own snacks and food, 2k+ people RSVPed**
 - **Final campus committee meeting is tomorrow 8/14 for NSC**
 - **Week of Welcome: Monday-Thursday Aug 25th-28th**
 - **Debrief of events on September 6th**

9. 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: **Potluck event last week; budget approved; KCCD Retreat; launch of student services program**
- b. Department of Student Organizations: **last summer ICC meeting August 21st, meetings will begin on Fridays on September 6th; working on having ICC meetings at satellite campuses; approval for The Forge: pitching new club ideas at NSC; become a club in a day; staff training last week; SOF Grants; KCCD Retreat; workshop for satellite campuses on how to create student organizations**
- c. Department of Student Activities: **KCCD Retreat; feelings wheel; volunteers for Welcome Week and other events**
- d. Department of Finance: **N/A**
- e. Department of Public Relations: **rolling out request form for Social Media videos; Graphic Design request form ensures flyers and promotional things get posted online; using WhatsApp for communication outside of SGA meetings**
- f. Department of Secretary:
 - **meeting recordings available through SharePoint: Secretary Office > Meeting Recordings > 2025-2026**
 - **working on how to make Agendas presentation for next Executive meeting**
 - **Inform of needed binders for SGA positions**
- g. KCCD Student Trustee: **N/A**

10. 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: **waiting to hear back from senators for what day works for meeting**
- b. Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, Senator Perez: **working on agenda for next meeting**

- c. Committee on Government Operations, Senator West: **working on scheduling meeting**

11. NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. DISCUSSION: Upcoming events such as the New Student Convocation on August 19, Welcome Week from August 25-28, and the Student Involvement Festival on September 4.
- **Go through OSL Staff or Director Baker to volunteer for events**
 - **Link for morning tabling sign-ups**
 - **Art submissions due the Monday before**
 - o **Game On! Monday, August 25, 2025 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Renegade Event Center**
 - o **Art Gallery Tuesday, August 26, 2025 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Campus Center, Room 231 & Patio Area**
 - o **A Magic Show by The Mentalist Wednesday, August 27, 2025 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM BC Dining Commons**
 - o **Karaoke Knights Thursday, August 28, 2025 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Renegade Event Center**
 - o **Sign-in sheet for StudOrgs that are volunteering at events**
- b. DISCUSSION: Recap of the Kern Community College District (KCCD) SGA Retreat at Porterville College on August 11.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Director Griepsma: 3 positions to be filed at SSCCC board Region 5 at State Level, contact Director Griepsma if interested in these positions**
bcsgastudorgs@bakersfieldcollege.edu

13. ADJOURNMENT

5:37pm on 8/13/2025