

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, September 10th, 2025

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Cen

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXlN4bnZlLH9zL0YyVjI4ZlZlZGZkdz09>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm on 9/10/25

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

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

Vice President Moore: present

Senator West: present

Senator Ramirez: present

Senator Velasco: present

Senator Hernandez: present

Senator Perez: present

Senator Garcia: present

Senator Jawad: present

Quorum established 8/8 members present, bonafide meeting may be held

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, August 27, 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)

5. RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE

The Senate will present received communications. No action will be taken on communications, other than referring to committee.

- a. Resignation of Angel Perez from the position of BCSGA Student Organizations Funding Manager.
- b. BCSGA Committee Changes

The Senate may make changes to committee or department assignments.

- Senator Hernandez removed from the committee on Academic Affairs and Department of Student Organizations/ICC
- Senator Jawad added to the committee on Academic Affairs
- Senator Perez added to the Department of Student Organizations/ICC

6. 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.

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.

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- a. Vice President: **tabled for Suicide Awareness Month; tabled at Student Involvement Festival for different clubs; Karaoke Night during Welcome Week**
- b. Senators
 - Senator Velasco: **helped at Student Involvement Festival**
 - Senator Perez: **staff meeting last week; Participatory Committee meeting; finalizing set time for Advancement meeting, 4:00pm, 2nd Monday of each month**
 - Senator Ramirez: **finance meeting today, discussed Student Services Sticker, updating website**
 - Senator Jawad: **Student Involvement Festival; staff meeting**
 - Senator West: **Student Involvement Festival; finance meeting today, proposals for Hispanic Heritage Month and DSPS**
 - Senator Garcia: **Student Involvement Festival; ICC meeting, could not meet quorum and pass allocation of funds, working on resolution for student orgs on not being able to fundraise on campus**
 - Senator Hernandez: **Kern County College Night; architecture club**
- c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)
 - Advisor Cordova: **homecoming week (October 6th-11th) plan of events; Constitution Awareness Day, Wednesday 17th**
 - Advisor Damania: **HSI funding; working with Senator West on GovOps meeting agenda**

7. **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: **resignations of former officers due to academics; recognition of candidates for open BCSGA positions; overview of departments; discussion of new Student Services Sticker program**
- b. Department of Student Organizations: **Student Involvement Festival; Kern College Night; Constitution Day; new ICC meeting times; participatory committee**
- c. Department of Finance: **N/A**
- d. Department of Public Relations: **producing video for Student Services Sticker; hiring process of a new Ronnie**
- e. Department of Secretary: **Student Involvement Festival; Kern College Night**
- f. KCCD Student Trustee: **meeting with Chancellor about registration issue; will be attending the next meeting for Enrollment Committee**

8. **REPORTS FROM THE PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES**

The Chair shall recognize the officer of each participatory committee to report for no longer than three minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting.

- a. Academic Senate: **new interim president; development of a stricter AI policy; ASCCC- list of legislation that potentially affects campus**
- b. Accreditation & Institutional Quality Committee: **skipped**
- c. Assessment Committee: **skipped**
- d. Budget Committee: **skipped**
- e. College Council: **getting new data from surveys; Student Equity Plan**
- f. Curriculum Committee: **CalGETC; getting rid of elumen catalog**
- g. Equal Opportunity & Diversity Advisory Council (EODAC): **new meeting time**
- h. Enrollment Committee: **skipped**

- i. Facilities & Sustainability Committee: 40% completion of Agriculture Science building, horticulture building; student housing opening fall 2026; Delano campuses adding drainage; Arvin adding EV parking stations; external cameras being added to some parts of campus; mass notification system
- j. Information Services & Instructional Technology (ISIT): no information given on meeting times
- k. Program Review Committee: skipped
- l. Safety Advisory Committee: skipped

9. 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. Lisa Brown to the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs.
 - Review of LOI and Resume
 - Questions from the Senate floor:
 - o Senator Ramirez: How do you plan to balance advocating for student's immediate needs and long-term systemic needs?
 - Brown: See what has dire need
 - Senator Ramirez: What do you know about the position?
 - Brown: being a voice for the student body; meeting with the Chancellor and to push bills for the betterment of the student body
 - o Senator Jawad: What skills from the past will help you with this position?
 - Brown: leadership skills with communication and research; has experience as a BC student and seen it through many paths
 - o Senator Garcia: Will you have enough time to fulfill the duties of this role?
 - Brown: is only taking a few classes; good with time management and organizing, was able to handle a large courseload
 - o President Mackey: Will you have time restrictions as also being the vice president of a club?
 - Brown: no
 - o Senator Ramirez: Do you feel you have the necessary qualities to read and understand information from meetings?
 - Brown: yes; has experience doing campaigns for ministry work and working with different organizations; has held multiple positions within one job
 - Pros and Cons Debate from the Senate:
 - o Senator Velasco, pro: well-spoken
 - o Senator Perez, pro: well-spoken; believes will have time for role as legislative affairs director

- Senator Jawad, pro: great resume and displayed skills
 - Roll call vote:
 - 7/7 ayes from the Senate, motion carries for the election of Lisa Brown to the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs.
- b. Appointment of Mr. Baljinder Aulakh to the position of BCSGA Justice.
 - Review of LOI and Resume
 - Questions from Senate floor:
 - Senator Ramirez: what is fairness to you?
 - Aulakh: does not believe there should be favoritism
 - Senator Ramirez: Why should student government have a judicial review board? How to make an impact in this role?
 - Aulakh: checks and balances, hold each branch accountable; uphold role to its fullest extent
 - Senator Jawad: What skills will you bring to the position?
 - Aulakh: neutralism and being unbiased
 - Senator Jawad: What are the rules of being a justice?
 - Aulakh: possible impeachments; charges of students
 - Senator Ramirez: Would you be okay with making unfavorable decisions?
 - Aulakh: yes, is comfortable with making unfavorable positions
 - Senator Perez: How many courses are you taking?
 - Aulakh: 16.5 units
 - Senator Perez: internship with councilman gonzalez, what was your most significant challenge?
 - Aulakh: maintaining composure and point of order
 - Senator Perez: Will you have enough time to commit as a judge?
 - Aulakh: yes, believes will fulfill time requirement as stated by the COBRA
 - Pros and Cons Debate from the Senate:
 - Senator Velasco, pro: believes has a good idea of what fairness means
 - Senator Perez, pro: well spoken, aware of required hours for position
 - Senator Jawad, pro: knows rules of justice position; volunteering experience
 - Roll call vote:
 - 6/6 ayes from the Senate, motion carries of the election to Baljinder Aulakh to the position of BCSGA Justice.

10. 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 Lisa Brown for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs
- Oath taken by Baljinder Aulakh for the position of BCSGA Justice

11. 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: **meetings on Fridays at 9am**
- b. Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, Senator Perez: **meetings on 2nd Monday of each month at 4pm**
- c. Committee on Government Operations, Senator West: **next meeting September 18th at 4pm**

12. NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. DISCUSSION: Recap of the Student Involvement Festival that was held on September 4th
 - **Vice President Moore: recognition of Director Griepsma and her hard work**
 - **Director Griepsma: goal of having the Forge at other campuses; become a club in a day**
 - **Secretary Galindo: having activity in the forge area, creating a second day for SIF**
 - **Senator Velasco: look to expanding the event by one more hour**
 - **Gabby (Student): having multiple days for the event; adding activities to the event**

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm on 9/10/25