

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, September 24th, 2025

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Cen

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXlN4bnZlLH9zL0YVJlAZbLea>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:09pm on 9/24/2025.

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

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

Vice President Moore: present

Senator West: present

Senator Ramirez: absent

Senator Hernandez: absent

Senator Perez: present

Senator Garcia: present

Senator Jawad: present

5/7 Members present, quorum has been 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, September 10th, 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 Luis Velasco from the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
- b. Committee Changes

The Senate may make changes to committee or department assignments.

Senator Hernandez added to Committee on Advancement

Senator West added to Department of Student Organizations

Senator Perez removed from Department of Student Organizations

- i. Department of Legislative Affairs

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 agenda 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: **involved with clubs on campus and connecting with students to listen to their needs**
- b. Senators
 - Senator West: **first Government Operations meeting, approved allocations for Hispanic Heritage Month, unable to begin appeals for Student Services Sticker**
 - Senator Perez: **EODAC meeting; ICC meeting last Friday, SOF grants passed**
 - Senator Jawad: **working with Senator Garcia on a resolution**
 - Senator Garcia: **worked Lavendar event and Constitution Day event; found potential candidate for SOF Grant Manager**
- c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)
 - Advisor Damania: **asking all officers if they are scheduling a meeting to use the link for Dr. D and Wendy; Make sure student orgs posters to be posted at designated areas; Angel Perez has officially resigned from SOF Manager**

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: **nothing to report**
- b. Department of Student Organizations: **passed grants for multiple organizations at last ICC meeting**
- c. Department of Legislative Affairs: **conducting an interview with someone for the Manager of Legislative Affairs within the next two weeks; working on a recruitment campaign to fill positions within SGA; SSCC meeting tomorrow regarding elections; NASSSP travel event**
- d. Department of Finance: **skipped**
- e. Department of Public Relations: **skipped**
- f. Department of Secretary: **working on website updates for BCSGA**
- g. KCCD Student Trustee: **skipped**

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: **Regular and Substantive Interaction; accreditation; postponed Student Equity Plan presentation; Banner 9 issues; senate budget and program review; Online classes did not meet federal threshold; AIQ Committee working with Senate**
- b. Accreditation & Institutional Quality Committee: **skipped**
- c. Assessment Committee: **skipped**
- d. Budget Committee: **skipped**
- e. College Council: **nothing to report**
- f. Curriculum Committee: **nothing to report**
- g. Equal Opportunity & Diversity Advisory Council (EODAC): **committee needs to resubmit goals for the year; discussed RSI and qualifications for online courses; trying to implement a common hour where all instructors and students to have no classes or instruction**
- h. Enrollment Committee: **skipped**
- i. Facilities & Sustainability Committee: **next meeting October 1st**
- j. Information Services & Instructional Technology (ISIT): **first meeting will be next week**
- k. Program Review Committee: **skipped**
- l. Safety Advisory Committee: **skipped**

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

The Senate may elect a Senate Pro-Tempore, pursuant to the BCSGA Constitution Article VI, section 6, and Chairperson of each Senate Standing Committee. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible, of certain individuals during consideration of this position. 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 Senate may not close the meeting.

a. Election for Senate Pro-Tempore

Senator Jawad nominates herself to the position of Senate Pro-Tempore

Senator West motions to move the discussion to the floor

Senator West: believes in moving BC towards progress and providing students with facilities they can receive through the college

Senate Pros and Cons:

- Senator West: believes Senator Jawad will be getting valuable experience with the role
- Senator Perez: sees candidate as passionate for the role and BCSGA

b. Election of Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

4/4 members of the Senate vote in favor for the election of Senator Jawad to Senate Pro-Tempore

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 Advancement of Bakersfield College, Senator Perez: working on agenda, first meeting Monday, October 13th, 4-5pm

b. Committee on Government Operations, Senator West: first meeting last Thursday; elected a Vice Chair; reviewed changes to the COBRA, writing a resolution to validate those changes

11. NEW BUSINESS

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

a. DISCUSSION: Potential Tabling Opportunity for Performing Arts on November 20th through 22nd.

Vice President Moore: approached by a faculty member to table at performing arts event; 4 performances in total; professor would appreciate if our resources were shared at this event

Director Griepsma: would like information forwarded regarding event

Director Brown: available to provide outside resources; glow-in the dark bracelets that have encouragement on them

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Director Griepsma: ICC meetings will now be at satellite locations, interview process for a new Student Organizations Funding Manager; Deaf community event this Saturday at Laurelgen Bible Church for those wanting information about resources

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:17pm on 9/24/2025.