

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, December 10th, 2025

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Cen

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kcccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXLnr4bvzeILH9zjGyVJLAZbLea>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:10p.m. on December 10, 2025, by Vice President Moore

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

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

The following members are required for quorum and must be present: Vice President Moore, Senator West, Senator Perez, Senator Jawad, Senator Garcia, Senator Serna, Senator Hernandez (4:14pm)

7/7 members present, quorum established.

Other BCSGA members present: Advisor Cordova, Advisor Damania, President Mackey, Director Brown, Manager Dirden, Secretary Galindo

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, November 12th, 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)

No public comment was made

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

The Vice President shall administer the oath of office to the newly elected 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 Brown Act during consideration of this item. Under Brown Act, the meeting may not be closed.

- a. Election of Mr. Jimmy Lara for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large
 - Review of candidate's letter of intent and resume
 - Introduction of candidate
 - Questions from Senate floor:
 - Senator Jawad: more specific on how you would help out as a senator?
 - Lara: Would like to join a more inclusive role in BCSGA, hold office hours to meet with students; listen to student's needs.
 - Senator Hernandez: What specific strategies would you use to make long-term measurable improvements to student life at the college?

Notes:

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- Lara: not specific to one group, open to all students; keep things from being one-sided; focus on BC as a whole
- Senator Hernandez: Elaborate on wanting to improve financial decisions in BCSGA
- Lara: clubs having trouble to raise funds, make process easier and more effective; would like to collaborate and work on plan
- Senator Perez: Would you consider coming back to serve for a whole session for BCSGA?
- Lara: yes
- Senator Jawad: How would u handle speaking to a person who has a different opinion from yourself?
- Lara: treat the conversation with respect, is not opposed to hearing the other side
- Senator Jawad: How do u plan on managing your outside duties with this position?
- Lara: balance time and puts academics first
- Senator Garcia: Would you be interested in sitting on the student organizations committee to collaborate on ideas, with funding issues?
- Lara: yes
- Senator Serna: The main motivator within all your duties and how would you use this in the future?
- Lara: being a first gen college student, want to be a role model for people
- Pros and Cons debate from Senate:
 - Pro, Senator Hernandez: motivated to start working with student orgs funding solution
 - Pro, Senator Perez: willing to learn from SGA and the students
 - Pro, Senator Serna: seems to have strong foundation
- Roll call vote:
 - 6/6 ayes, motion carries for Election of Mr. Jimmy Lara for the position of **BCSGA Senator at-Large**
 - b. Election of Ms. Angelica Ramirez for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
Agenda item skipped, candidate not present

6. APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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- a. Appointment of Ms. Arline Pineda for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian
- Review of letter of intent and resume
- Introduction of candidate
- Questions
 - Senator West: Where does SGA rank among your priorities?
 - Pineda: SGA would rank right below academics
 - Senator Jawad: Why did u choose this specific position?
 - Pineda: never had a role where they could use to have student voices heard
 - President Mackey: believes candidate has potential to go far in SGA

- Senator Perez: Would u consider seeking another role in SGA in the upcoming term?
- Pineda: yes, and is open to considering another position
- Pros and Cons debate:
 - Pro, Senator West: well qualified
 - Con, Senator West, overqualified
 - Pro, Senator Perez: sees candidate as being cautious in role before exploring other roles
- Roll call vote
 - 6/6 ayes, motion carries

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.

Oaths taken by Jimmy Lara and Arline Pineda for their respective positions

8. 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 Aaron Ramirez from the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
- b. Committee Changes

The Senate may make changes to committee or department assignments.

Jimmy Lara added to Department of Legislative Affairs

January 7th meet hours before OSL training 9am (special meeting) to clarify meeting times

Agenda item tabled until next meeting motioned by Senator West, Seconded by Senator Jawad

9. 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: attended Campus Life Programming Board meeting; Fall Advocacy Academy;
- b. Senators
 - Senator West: worked at Lavender Initiative events; working on resolutions; Fall Advocacy Conference
 - Senator Perez: participatory committees, events on campus
 - Senator Jawad: tabling, was told of issue with homeless in men's restroom; students like having food vendors on campus
 - Senator Garcia: AIQ committee, Student Orgs, Facilities and Sustainability; revising resolution for Student Organizations
 - Senator Serna: reviewing Bylaws for ICC at last meeting; Cocoa and Cram and Kards for Kids event for Psychology club
- c. BCSGA Advisors (80 mins.)
- Advisor Cordova: KCCD SGA input form; retreat is Wednesday, January 14, 2025, 10am-3pm
 - January 7 OSL all staff training 10am-5pm
 - Campus Life programming board meeting times: Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm
 - Survey in Pulse Newsletter for events input
 - Week of Welcome theme: retro style
 - Spring Fling March 23rd

- Deadline December 17th for Department of Student Orgs and Legislative Affairs to submit even requests through OSL
- Employee emails now have access to Microsoft Forms
- Advisor Damania: tour of new housing on campus; Fall Advocacy Academy

10. 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: Advocacy Academy,
- b. Department of Student Organizations: **skipped, not present**
- c. Department of Legislative Affairs: event, Advocacy Academy
- d. Department of Finance: **skipped, not present**
- e. Department of Secretary: **last meeting; working on revamping senator and officer binders, will likely be a digital version but physical binders could be made upon request; working on making a folder that includes helpful tips and resources for BCSGA**
- f. KCCD Student Trustee: **skipped, not present**

11. 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.

Vice President Moore: selecting external faculty to sit on screening committees for hiring new faculty, ISIT rebranded into Technology Committee

Senator Jawad: discussing handbook for online instruction

- b. Accreditation & Institutional Quality Committee

President Mackey: meeting of AIQ went over the student tracking tool and review and the 85% assessments lens but it was suggested to lower the percentage to by 10% moving it to 75% and it will be discussed next meeting

- c. Assessment Committee

President Mackey: could not attend the meeting due to other meeting time conflicts but brought the notes from the meeting to briefly overview with senate

- d. Budget Committee

Skipped

President Mackey: Spoke about the Student Equity Plan, went over dates to note ex. Financial Aid workshops etc.

- e. College Council

Discussion of events on campus

Skipped

- f. Curriculum Committee

Skipped

Motion by Senator West to extend the meeting time to 6:20pm, seconded by Senator Perez

- g. Equal Opportunity & Diversity Advisory Council (EODAC)

Did not meet quorum at meeting; informational session; President Fluger announced screening committee for police chief

- h. Enrollment Committee

Skipped

- i. Facilities & Sustainability Committee

Ag-science June 2026; horticulture lab almost finished; working to raise solar output from solar panels; housing expected to open in fall of 2026; Delano agriculture growing items under solar panels;

j. Information Services & Instructional Technology (ISIT)

Agenda item changed to Tech Communications Committee

Senator West: name change

k. Program Review Committee

skipped

l. Safety Advisory Committee

skipped

12. 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.

Committee on Academic Affairs, Senator Jawad: final meeting December 15th at 11am

Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, Senator Perez: reestablishing new meeting time for next semester

Committee on Government Operations, Senator West: nothing new to report

13. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

The Senate shall read the legislation for the first time and then may choose to refer to committee.

a. DISCUSSION: S.B. Changes to the Codes of the Bakersfield Renegade Association (COBRA)

- Motion sought by Vice President Moore, motion by Senator Jawad, second by Senator Perez
- Roll call vote: 5/5 ayes, 1 abstained

14. NEW BUSINESS

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

a. DISCUSSION: Presentation on CalFresh Assistance & Resources for Students

Presentation by Basic Needs Liaison Alexis Moran

Vice President Moore: resources for undocumented students?

Alexis: meal vouchers and pantry on campus, AB-540 program, referrals to other places

b. DISCUSSION: Recap of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Fall Advocacy Academy, which was held from December 5th to December 7th.

Motion to table agenda item until next meeting

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Secretary Galindo and Advisor Cordova: Holiday party 8-ish am-11am in the Renegade Event Center, white elephant of \$0 or comfortable budget; bingo

Vice President Moore: new

President Mackey: leg affairs meeting 1pm Thursday

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.