

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, January 21st, 2026

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Cen

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXIw4brzeILH9zjGyVjI4ZblEa>

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

2. **ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM**

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

VP Moore- Present

Senator Serena- Absent

Senator West - Present

Senator Perez - Present

Senator Jawad - Present

Senator Garcia - Present

Senator Hernandez- Absent

Senator Lara - Absent

5/8 quorum has been met

A bona fide meeting can 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, December 10th, 2025.

Minutes have been approved

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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No public comment

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. Bryan Melchor for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large

Senator Pros- Perez, jawed time management is a good quality,

Senator cons- None

Senator West - aye

Senator Perez- aye

Senator Jawad- aye

Senator Garcia-aye

4/4 vote is unanimous in favor.

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Notes:

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6. 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. Under the Brown Act, the meeting may not be closed.

- a. Appointment of Ms. Frankie Dirden for the position of BCSGA Director of Finance

President Mackey has sponsored the candidate for the role based on previous work in BCSGA in the Manager of Funding.

Director Griepsma- questioning process of appointing the candidate, was the COBRA followed for this nomination? Using the COBRA by laws as proof.

President Mackey: the process has been Fast-tracked and the proper documents will be presented after this meeting.

Senator West –Vote: aye

Senator Perez- Vote: aye

Senator Jawad- Q: what made you think you can take on the role? Pro- the candidate knows Finance and knows their hours Vote: aye

Senator Garcia – Pros: Dedicated and the position needs to be filled. Vote: Aye

4/4 vote is unanimous in favor

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.

Frankie Dirden & Bryan Melchior have been sworn in.

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. Committee Changes

The Senate may make changes to committee or department assignments.

**Curriculum Committee: Director Griepsma is stepping down so the seat is empty.
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- b. Resignation of Ms. Frankie Dirden from the position of BCSGA Student Organization Funding Manager

Manager Darden is resigning their position in order to fill in the position of Director of Finance

Previous director has been stripped of title due to Abandonment of the role.

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

- b. Senators

Senator Perez:KCCD was a success

Senator Jawad: KCCD highlights, students said map was confusing.

Senator Melchior: Nothing to report

Senator Garcia:Nothing to report

Senator West: passed out donuts at the welcome tents and went well

- c. Campus Life Pogramming Board

Karaoke night is tonight, all other events have been created during December and will not be adding events at the moment.

- d. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)

Advisor Cordova: thank you everyone that has been helping with the first week of school, keep on only being in the office during shift times, senators will be asked to help out with the front when needed.

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
Thank everyone for their work, motivations, Director Griepsma nominated to help choose the VP for students. Elections are coming up
- b. Department of Student Organizations
ICC has adopted the new ICC engagement agreements, how to start a club workshop across all campuses, campus rush moved to Feb 11th
- c. Department of Legislative Affairs
Planned out workshops for the spring semester, teaching students 9+1 rights will be the theme.
- d. Department of Finance
Nothing to report
- e. Department of Secretary
Nothing to report
- f. ~~Campus Life Programming Board~~
Typo section will be amended, motion has been made
- g. KCCD Student Trustee
Absent

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.

- a. Academic Senate
Nothing to report
Motion to skip to agenda item 12/ motion has carried
Motion to extend meeting to 6:20
Aye 4/5 extension has been approved
Motion carries
- b. Accreditation & Institutional Quality Committee
- c. Assessment Committee
- d. Budget Committee
- e. College Council
- f. Curriculum Committee
- g. Equal Opportunity & Diversity Advisory Council (EODAC)
- h. Enrollment Committee
- i. Facilities & Sustainability Committee
- j. Program Review Committee
- k. Safety Advisory Committee
- l. Technology Committee (TechCom)

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.

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs, Senator Jawad
Nothing to report
- b. Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, Senator Perez
Nothing to report

- c. Committee on Government Operations, Senator West

Nothing to report

13. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

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

- a. DISCUSSION: Implementing A New Inclusive Emergency Light System on All Bakersfield College Campuses

First read has been done

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14. NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. DISCUSSION: Recap of the Kern Community College District (KCCD) Student Government Retreat, which was held on January 14th, 2026.

Consensus is that the event went well, highlights to the events such as the ice breakers,

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Director Griepsma: intentions behind the questioning the process of we're coming from a place of caring and not to be harsh and to advocate Director Dirden

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm