

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87120624545>

1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting called to order on Wednesday 08/26/2026 by Speaker Pro-Temp, Senator Gilford as Vice President Jawad was admitted to the hospital.

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At this time, we invite those who wish to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance to please rise. Participation is voluntary. Anyone who prefers not to participate may remain seated. We recognize the Pledge of Allegiance as a unifying civic tradition and a practice commonly observed in governmental meetings across the country. Thank you for respecting the choices of others as we begin.

The pledge of Allegiance was not said.

3) **ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM**

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

Senator Daisy Alvarado- Present

Senator Gerardo Herrera- Not Present- Not excused

Senator Quinlan Ray- Present

Senator Jason Warren- Present

4/5 members present; quorum has been established

Other BCSGA members present:

4) **CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES**

The Senate will discuss and correct minutes from previous meetings.

A. The Senate will consider corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on August 12.

Minutes approved; no corrections put forth by the Senate.

5) **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)

Advisor Damania acknowledged that Ms. Cordova was not feeling well; the presentation that she was going to share will be postponed.

6) **RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE**

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and refer each to the appropriate committee. The senate may make Changes to committee assignments.

A. Resignation of Senator Alexander Ayala from the position of BCSGA senator-at-large

Resignation was received.

B. Committee Changes

- Appointment of Senator for BCSGA Committee on Advancement

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- Chair, Internal Committee for BCSGA Government Operations

Senator Warren self-nominated himself as Chair of BCSGA Government Operations. There are no other nominations. Senator Warren discussed his reasons for nomination. He expressed that he is inexperienced for this role, however, there is a need to fulfill this role without anyone else willing. He added that an unfilled role could hurt the campus and that he will step up to do whatever is needed to address his inexperience. Roll call vote: 4/4 members vote in favor of the election of Senator Warren for the position of Chair of BCSGA Government Operations.

7) APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO DEPARTMENTS

The Senate will recommend members to each of the BCSGA departments. Then, the Senate will appoint senators as members to the BCSGA department established by the BCSGA COBRA. The senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under the California Brown Act, of certain individuals during considerations of this item. Under the brown act, the senate may not close the meeting.

8) BCSGA Department on Finance

Sentar Gilmore move to sit on the Department of Finance, no objections.

9) BCSGA Department on Legislative Affairs

10) BCSGA Department on Student Organization

11) APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES

Pursuant to chapter 2, section 04(f) of the BCSGA COBRA, the BCSGA President shall appoint currently enrolled students and officers to serve on Bakersfield College participatory governance committees. Participatory governance committee representatives serve as the official student voice in college governance and are responsible for representing student interests, attending committee meetings, and providing both written and oral reports to the Senate in accordance with Chapter 2, Section 04(g) of the BCSGA COBRA. The senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under the California Brown Act, of certain individuals during considerations of this item. Under the brown act, the senate may not close the meeting.

12) Appointment of senators to Participatory Governance Committees

- President Mackey requested to reserve the appointment of senators to Participatory Governance Committees at the next Executive Board meeting. However, President Mackey requested the Senator's schedules so that he could make appointments.
- Senator Warren asked when does the Facilities Committee meet.
- President Mackey advised that the meeting times of the participatory Governance Committee will be revealed during the appointment of senators, as he still awaiting the details from some of the chairs of the committees.
- Senator Warren expressed his interest in sitting on the Facilities Committee if it aligns with his schedule.

13) 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 the Brown Act, the meeting may not be closed.

A. Appointment of Alexander Ayala for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian.

- Introduction of candidate by President Mackey
- Candidate introduced themselves
- Questions from the Senate floor: No questions were asked.

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- Roll call vote: 4/4 members vote in favor of the election of Alexander Ayala for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian.

14) 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 of office taken by Alexander Ayala for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian.

15) 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

- Senator Checklist

Vice President Jawad is not present.

B. Senators

- Senator Alvarado: talked to AB540 students during the New Student Convocation and will be planning a meeting to gain more knowledge about the struggles and areas AB540 students need help with.
- Senator Ray: Nothing to report.
- Senator Warren:
- Will explore options for extending the Student Success Lab hours beyond 3:00 p.m., including possible supervision by library staff or adjunct faculty.
- Confirmed with the TRIO Program Manager that TRIO students do not currently utilize the Student Success Lab.
- Identified the Student Success Lab as a potential additional student space without interfering with Tutoring Center operations.
- Will participate in the Leadership Conference Planning Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2026.
- Researching community leadership opportunities that could benefit BC students across various degree pathways.
- The Advancement Committee will explore additional campus study spaces in preparation for midterms and finals. Proposed utilizing larger classrooms for study-jam sessions, potentially including food. The committee will need to identify available classrooms and determine whether study-jam sessions should be recurring or limited to midterm and final examination periods.

C. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)

Nothing to report.

16) DIRECT REPORT OF THE SENATE INTERNAL 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. Report from Chairperson of Academic Affairs Committee, Senator Gilford

Senator Gilford reports that she is working on a resolution.

B. Report from Chairperson of Advancement Committee, Senator Alvarado

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Frist meeting was 8/25/26. Topic of discussion was parking and limited space students are given. The situation with the library and limited student space was also discussed. One more senator is need to sit on the Advancement Committee to hold a bonafide meeting.

17) 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

- President Mackey encouraged all BCSGA members to remain visible and actively engaged on campus.
- BCSGA will work to fill all remaining vacant positions.
- Senators will increase involvement within their respective departments and participatory governance committees.
- Administration members will ensure they understand and fulfill the responsibilities associated with their positions.
- President Mackey emphasized maintaining the momentum from the beginning of the semester and turning that energy into continued action.

B. Department of Legislative Affairs

- Continue working on the Ballot Bowl initiative.
- BCSGA members were asked to review Proposition 3 and its potential impact on long-term college funding.

C. Department of Finance

Agenda item skipped; director of Finance is not present.

D. Department of Student Organizations

- Director Camacho will begin onboarding and office hours upon completion of her background check clearance.
- The first informational ICC meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2026.
- Two senators have been appointed to serve on the Department of Student Organizations.
- The first Brown Act meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2026.

E. KCCD Student Trustee

- Student Trustee Mackey will prioritize regular communication with students to remain informed of student needs and concerns.
- Requested ongoing communication from BCSGA Senators regarding student concerns and issues.
- Senators will provide relevant student feedback and concerns to Student Trustee Mackey to support student representation at KCCD Board meetings.

18) NEW BUSINESS

Items listed have not already been discussed and thus are considered for senate consideration.

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A. Discussion: Recap of KCCD Retreat

- President Mackey: Went well. The SSCCC training will be in September, and that day will also be the executive meeting. The training will consist of 2–30-minute training sessions. Provided his experience where he was the only student representation at an event he attended over the summer and recognized the importance of student representation.
- Director of Legislative Affairs: Nice spending the time at Cero Coso Community College with Advisor Cordova. It was a great opportunity to meet students who are liked-minded.
- Parliamentarian: A zoom option would have been nice.

B. Discussion: Recap of Bridge to BC Open House & New Student Convocation

- Director of Legislative Affairs: New student Convocation went well. It was powerful to see students come in with their parents. All the programs came together well. Dr. D did great.
- Senator Warren: It was interesting. Tabled with VP Jawad. The cheerleaders helped out with passing out water.
- President Mackey: Very organized compared to last year. It was nice to see the Director of Student Organizations there at the New Student Convocation. The tires on the cart need to be aired up so that it can drive more effectively. We need more justices and senators.
- Parliamentarian: Needed more pizza and senator involvement.
- Advisor Damania: Bridge to BC Open house was open to all new incoming BC students.

C. Discussion: BCSGA Open House

No discussion on this topic.

19) ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Advisor Damania: Provided details about the future leadership event opportunities and the targeted audience for each event. No traveling outside of the state. Travel requests need at least 3 week's notice to process travel paperwork.
- Director of Finance: Editing a video for BCSGA social media and needs a 5-6 second clip of each member giving an introduction.
- Senator Alvarado: Won't be able to attend senate meeting in person, only on zoom. If needed to speak to her in person, she will be on campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning only.

20) ADJOURNMENT

- Senator Warren motions to adjourn meeting. Unclear who seconded.
- The BCSGA Senate meeting of Wednesday 8/26/26 adjourned at 5:32pm.