

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXl.p4bnzeILH19zjGyVl14ZblLead.1>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Official meeting of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association (BCSGA)
Department of Legislative Affairs held October 7, 2025. 4:22pm

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

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

Senator West

Senator Ramirez

3/3 Roll call confirmed, meeting called to order and quorum met.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Body 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 Body 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 received.

4. 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. Director of Legislative Affairs

Reviewed the Civic Engagement and Voter Empowerment Plan with advisor Nikki; updated and approved plan. •SSCCC Region 5 delegate participation and committee activities including Advocacy Conference and DEIAA town hall on diversity and inclusion.

b. Senator(s)

No reports

c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins)

No Report from advisors

5. NEW BUSINESS

Items listed have not already been discussed and thus are considered for approval by the Body.

a. DISCUSSION: Events for the department and showcase our charge for the instructional year

b. Ongoing digital campaigns: Canvas, website, social media, online calendar with voter deadlines and event info.

•Highlights:

•National Voter Registration Day (Sept 1, 2025): In-person registration drive.

•Constitution Day (Sept 17, 2025): Hybrid informational event and student fair.

•Secretary of State and Elections webinar (Oct 7, 2025): Student viewing and info dissemination.

c. DISCUSSION: Annual Ballot Bowl competition registration and impact to the campus

Overview: Statewide intercollegiate voter registration competition.

•Next Ballot Bowl: August 12 – November 5, 2026. Action plan due October 1, 2026.

•Website development in progress, direct registration links to be added.

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- Categories for winning: number and percent of students registered, action plan score, plan submission.
- Previous BC performance: Second place in prior competition.
- d. DISCUSSION: Every Voice Matters event hosting the student organization election information fair
 - Third event required by AB 963 for election outreach.
 - Planned as an election information fair; must be nonpartisan.
 - Student orgs, faculty (History, Pre-Law, Umoja, Political Science, etc.), encouraged to table and provide neutral information.
 - Event logistics (location, date, final plans) to be coordinated and finalized by next meeting.
 - Emphasis on including diverse clubs and programs; critical thinking and engagement incentivized (ideas: bingo/game, swag, food).
 - Event to occur before November 4, 2025.
- Proposition 50 Overview
 - Special election ballot measure resulting from issues with redistricting in Alabama; will control drawing of new Congressional maps.
 - Event designed to inform students about Prop 50, with resources, flyers, and nonpartisan explanations.
- e. DISCUSSION: Hosting the Secretary of State's webinar on information on the 2025 election ballot
 - Webinar held with Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber and election staff focused on voting information for November 4, 2025 election.
 - Resources for accessible voting: large-print affidavits for disabilities, Safe at Home program info for survivors of violence.
 - Students encouraged to refer to online guides for detailed agenda and proposition info.
- f. DISCUSSION: Review of the [2025 Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan.docx](#)
 - Review of AB 963 requirements:
 - Civic/voter empowerment coordinator (Dr. Nikki Damania designated).
 - Campus emails with election information, reviewed by Secretary of State.
 - Three outreach events per academic year (Every Voice Matters fulfills requirement).
 - Direct student voter registration link on college website; draft web page in preparation.
 - Proposal to link Citizens Leadership Center (Professor Bowler) to voting resources—promoting student leadership and engagement beyond voting.
- g. APPOINTMENT: Confirming members to the 2025 Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan Committee
 - Committee members and roles:
 - BCSGA President: Kalfani Mackey
 - BCSGA Vice President: Hunter Moore
 - Director of Legislative Affairs: Lisa Brown
 - Director of Public Relations: Sarah Pogue
 - Senators: Jackson West, Aaron Ramirez
 - Faculty: Laura Lewis (Librarian)
 - Event coordinators: Leah Brendes, Patricia Delgadillo
 - Student Life: Dr. Nikki Damania, Wendy Cordova, Juliana Mullen

- Housing, Media, Web: Daisy Castaneda, Melissa Friend, Aracia Layton
- Additional members/updates to be finalized (potentially adding new web developer, Senator Elijah's interest)
- Committee meets biweekly for planning and review.
- h. ACTION ITEM: Allocation for the expenditure of \$250.00 from TA200-Student Rep Fee for Secretary of State's webinar event
 - Motion and approval to reallocate \$250 of student rep fee to 'Every Voice Matters' event (unused Secretary of State webinar funds).
- i. ACTION ITEM: Allocation for the expenditure of \$125.00 from TA200-Student Rep Fee for Every Voice Matters event
 - \$375 are now allocated to "Every Voice Matters" event
- j. ACTION ITEM: Allocation for the expenditure of \$125.00 from TA200-Student Rep Fee for supplies for various items for GOTV and Ballot Bowl events
- k. •Additional \$125 approved for supplies for 'get the vote out' events; to be used for tabling, poll worker lunch/supplies, giveaway items.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

No further announcements from officers or senators.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.