

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

1/26/2026

Attendance

Co-Chairs:

Faculty Co-Chair: Kailani Henry, Administrator Co-Chair: Dr. Queen E. King

Members Present:

Somaly Boles, Kimberly Nickell, Dr. Cesar Jimenez, Dr. Jessica Wojtysiak, Rebecka Zepeda (Academic Senate), Kyungjin Menjivar (Business Education), Nick Strobel (Physical Science), Frankie Dirden (student), Ayanna Tweedy (Athletics), Jessalyn Choate (classified), Angela Williams (classified), Cecilia Gabaldon (Classified).

Members Not Present:

Dr. Stacy Pfluger, LeAnn Riley (Agriculture), Tim Bohan (Education), Alex Lewis (Social Science), Victor Crosthwaite (Classified Co-Chair)

Called to Order

Dr. Queen E. King called the meeting to order at 4:02p.m.

Approval of Agenda

- *Motion/First Rebecka Zepeda/Approved. Second Kimberly Nickell /Approved.*

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Approval of the 11/24/2025 Meeting Minutes
- *Motion/First Angela Williams/Second Kailani Henry/Approved*

District-wide Budget meeting (update)– Dr. Kalani Henry

- Committee did not meet; last meeting was March 2025.

FY26-27 Budget timeline recap – Somaly Boles

- Review of BC Master Budget/Fiscal Calendar from Website, noting current and upcoming budget deadlines related to Labor, and review of FY27 funds.

Scheduled/Deferred Maintenance – Dr. Queen King

- Dr. King reviewed and reported

Student Housing financing and impacts on reserve – Dr. Queen King

- Dr. King presented and reviewed Student Housing – Bakersfield College Contributions, noting that in 22-23 the college received grant funds to begin this project and the grant was then converted to a loan by Governor Newsom. The Board is researching other funding options available. Completion date is slated for Fall of 2027. Relevant information is posted on the website.

Governor Newsom budget and Summary update – Dr. King

- Relevant information is posted on the website.

FY26-27 Budget Considerations – Dr. King

- Change in Fixed Assets guideline and impact on 50% rule (Somaly)
- College wide information technology infrastructure: IT Software/ Staff & Faculty refreshes/Classroom refresh/Computer Lab
- Impacts on FON (hiring faculty) on operations: offices/furnishing/instructional supplied
- Schedule maintenance needs
- College-wide events: Commencement/Convocations/Ribbon Cuttings
- Increase in salaries and benefits
- Ongoing operating deficits - Parking and Food Services
- Past deficit discussion - "The Wash"
- Grants ending - impact on programs

Adjournment

- 5:04 PM