**LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**
**Board Meeting Minutes**
**Wednesday, September 9, 2026**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting was called to order by President Ortiz at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room at 1919 Spanos Court, Sacramento, CA 95825.

***Present**:*

Deborah Ortiz, President
Tami Nelson, Vice President
Colette Harris-Mathews
Dustin Johnson
Kelly Wilkerson
John Knight

Leonardo Torres Ruvalcaba, Student Trustee

Torence Powell, Chancellor

***Absent**:*

Robert Jones

## 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Eddie Unutoa addressed the Board of Trustees regarding a facility for American River College to consider utilizing as a satellite location.

Fabian Meneses, FLC Counseling Faculty addressed the Board of Trustees regarding counseling remote work.

## 3. CONSENT CONSIDERATIONS

*A motion was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Wilkerson, that the Board of Trustees approve Consent Consideration items A through M.*

*Roll Call Vote:*
*Aye: Harris-Mathews, Johnson, Knight, Nelson, Ortiz, Wilkerson*
*No: None*

*Absent: Jones*
*Student Trustee: Aye*
*Motion carried; 6:0*

A. *Board Meeting Minutes: August 12, 2026*

*That the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the board meeting held on August 12, 2026.*

B. *Curriculum Proposals: American River and Folsom Lake Colleges*

*That the Board of Trustees approve the curriculum proposals for American River and Folsom Lake Colleges.*

C. *Child Development Centers Program Self-Evaluation*

*That the Board of Trustees approve the program self-evaluations for CCTR-8183 and CSPP-8400 contracts for the fiscal year 2025-26.*

D. *2026-27 Education Protection Account Expenditure Plan*

*That the Board of Trustees adopt for the 2026-27 fiscal year the plan to designate compensation costs for classroom instruction as funded by EPA. Upon approval, the District will update its website to reflect the Board's action.*

E. *District Annual Investment Report*

*That the Board of Trustees accept the District's Annual Investment Report for fiscal year 2025-26.*

F. *Special Event Authorization*

*That the Board of Trustees approve or ratify the applications listed herein.*

| Date of Event | College | Location | Name of Event | Alcohol |
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| 10/3/2026 | FLC | Harris Center | Pops Chorale Gala | Beer and wine |
| 10/3/2026 | FLC | Harris Center | Pops Chorale Concert & Reception | Beer and wine |
| 10/9/2026 | FLC | Harris Center | STP: Rock With You | Beer and wine |
| 10/10/2026 | FLC | Harris Center | FLS: Fantastique | Beer and wine |
| 10/16/2026 | FLC | Harris Center | Starbright: Papas & Mamas | Beer and wine |
| 10/18/2026 | FLC | Harris Center | HCA: Shanghai Ballet | Beer and wine |

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| 10/27/2026 | FLC | Harris Center | HCA: Lyle Lovett | Beer and wine |

*G. Ratify: Grants and Contracts Awarded*

*That the Board of Trustees ratify and/or approve the grant and contract awards listed herein, pursuant to Board Policy 8315.*

| Title, Description, Term, Project Administrator | College/Unit | Amount | Source |
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| ARC Outreach Specialist Support for Highlands Community Charter and Technical Schools<br>• Funding will be used to provide outreach specialist support services for career and enrollment opportunities to Highlands Community Charter and Technical School student participants.<br>• Date: 2/1/2026 – 12/31/2026<br>• Responsible Administrator: David Miramontes Quinones, Vice President, Student Services | ARC | $139,370.99 | Highlands Community Charter and Technical Schools (HCCTS) |
| Puente Project<br>• Funding will be used to provide academic instruction, counselling and mentoring to Puente students to support their academic success and transfer to a four-year institution.<br>• Date: 7/1/2026 – 06/30/2029<br>• Responsible Administrator: Marwa Harps, Dean, Student Engagement and Completion | ARC | $50,000 | The Regents of the University of California |
| Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Block Grant<br>• Funding is being used to raise and preserve high-quality early childhood education programs and services through activities including maintaining low ratios, supporting quality teacher/child interactions, and providing release time, substitutes, pre-service days or professional development reimbursement.<br>• Date: 7/1/2026 – 06/30/2027<br>• Responsible Administrator: Narinedat Madramootoo, Dean, Health and Education | ARC | $15,270 | Sacramento County Office of Education |
| Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Block Grant<br>• Funding is being used to raise and preserve high-quality early childhood education programs and services through activities including maintaining low ratios, supporting quality teacher/child interactions, and providing release time, substitutes, pre-service days or professional development reimbursement.<br>• Date: 7/1/2026 – 06/30/2027<br>• Responsible Administrator: Theresa Tena, Vice President, Administrative Services | CRC | $10,180 | Sacramento County Office of Education |

*H. Disposition of Surplus Equipment*

*That the Board of Trustees approve the disposal of the items listed in the September board agenda packet.*

*I. Disposition of Surplus Equipment – Salvage Value Greater than $5,000*

*That the Board of Trustees approve the disposal of the outdated tablet chairs and furniture items in Davies Hall per Education Code section 81450-81452.*

*J. Purchase Orders, Warrants, Checks and Electronic Transfers*

*That the Board of Trustees approve the numbered purchase orders, warrants, checks and electronic transfers that are reflected on the attached schedule.*

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| **PURCHASE ORDERS** | | |
| General Fund | 0001148313– 0001149147<br>B270228-B270599 | $ 19,597,349.99 |
| Capital Outlay Fund | 0003021084-0003021230 | |
| Child Development Fund | 0006001343-0006001352<br>B691011-B691015 | |
| Self-Insurance Fund | 0009000601-0009000607 | |
| **WARRANTS** | | |
| General Fund | 900049-901148 | $ 21,179,416.83 |
| General Fund-ARC Instructional Related | 014828-014842 | |
| General Fund–CRC Instructional Related | 025319-025336 | |
| General Fund–FLC Instructional Related | 032673-032688 | |
| General Fund–SCC Instructional Related | 050536-050557 | |
| Capital Outlay Fund | 839765-839858 | |
| Student Financial Aid Fund | 902226-902234 | |
| Child Development Fund | 955760-955771 | |
| Self-Insurance Fund | 976961-976971 | |
| ODSFD | - | |
| Payroll Warrants | 630044- 631742 | $ 15,931,666.02 |
| Payroll Vendor Warrants | 75347-75461 | |
| June Leave Process | 630529-631720 | |
| **CHECKS** | | |
| Financial Aid Disbursements (PeopleSoft) | - | $ 1,608,038.49 |
| Clearing Checks | - | $ - |
| Parking Checks | - | $ - |
| Student Clubs Agency Fund – ARC | 8156-8168 | $ 103,591.09 |
| Student Clubs Agency Fund – CRC | 7358-7369 | |
| Student Clubs Agency Fund – FLC | 3869-3905 | |
| Student Clubs Agency Fund – SCC | 6177-6195 | |
| Foundation – ARC | 8582-8694 | $ 706,674.96 |
| Foundation – CRC | 3799-3883 | |
| Foundation – FLC | 3127-3181 | |
| Foundation – SCC | 8594-8975 | |
| Foundation – DO | 2968-3021 | |
| Associated Students Trust Fund – ARC | 1245-1246 | $ 976.76 |
| Associated Students Trust Fund – CRC | 1153-1153 | |
| Associated Students Trust Fund – FLC | 0786-0786 | |
| Associated Students Trust Fund – SCC | - | |
| Regional Performing Arts Center Fund | - | $ - |
| **ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS** | | |
| GENFD Financial Aid | - | $ 32,174.52 |
| Board of Equalization | - | $ - |
| PARS Wire | - | $ 28,680.17 |
| Retiree Health Trust | - | $ - |
| Envoy | - | $ 25,000.00 |

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| Grants Overpayment | - | $ - |
| Payroll Direct Deposit Advices | 1433978-1443727 | $ 29,631,733.99 |
| Other Payroll Transactions | - | $ - |
| Keenan Wire | - | $ 74,249.04 |
| PITCO Wire | - | $ - |
| SB85 Debt Relief | - | $ - |
| Self-Insurance Fund | - | $ 68,457.25 |
| PO Wire | - | $ 31,840.00 |
| International Wire | - | $ - |
| Fidelity Wire | - | $ 197,636.36 |
| RT Payment | - | $ - |
| Scholarships | - | $ 2,850.00 |

*K. LRCEA Salary Schedules Revision*

*That the Board of Trustees approve the revised 2025-26 and 2026-27 LRCEA Classified Salary Schedules to implement the modified salary for the Facilities Planning Specialist classification.*

*L. Interim Management Salary Schedule Revision*

*That the Board of Trustees approve the revised Interim 2026-27 Interim Management (Faculty to Manager) Salary Schedule with the changes reflected in the September board agenda packet.*

*M. Human Resources Transactions*

*That the Board of Trustees approve the Human Resources transactions listed in the September board agenda packet.*

## 4. ACTION

*A. Resolution 2026-19: Authorization of Sale, Minimum Terms, and Bid Process Related to Sale of Surplus Property at 1410 Ethan Way in Sacramento*

*A motion was made by Trustee Wilkerson, seconded by Trustee Johnson, that the Board of Trustees adopt and approve the Resolution Number 2026-19 authorizing the sale of the Ethan Way property and direct the Chancellor, or designee, to conduct a competitive bid process for the sale of the Ethan Way property.*

*Roll Call Vote:*
*Aye: Harris-Mathews, Johnson, Knight, Nelson, Ortiz, Wilkerson*
*No: None*
*Absent: Jones*
*Student Trustee: Aye*
*Motion carried; 6:0*

*B. Public Hearing: Adoption of 2026-27 Proposed Budgets*

President Ortiz opened a public hearing. Pearl Koven addressed the board of trustees with a question regarding the proposed budgets. Executive Vice Chancellor Rodriguez responded.

*A motion was made by Trustee Harris Mathews, seconded by Trustee Nelson, that the Board of Trustees adopt 2026-27 proposed budgets for the General Fund (Z budget), Instructionally-Related, Special Revenue, and Capital Projects, Debt Service, Enterprise, Internal Service, Fiduciary, Trust and Auxiliary Funds of the District for filing with the appropriate County/State agencies.*

*Roll Call Vote:*
*Aye: Harris-Mathews, Johnson, Knight, Nelson, Ortiz, Wilkerson*
*No: None*
*Absent: Jones*
*Student Trustee: Aye*
*Motion carried; 6:0*

## 5. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Harris Mathews acknowledged CRC faculty member Marybeth Beuchner's recent passing, and shared that a scholarship has been established in her honor. She also reported on several events she participated in this month, including:

- New faculty orientation and reception
- All district and college convocations
- First day of the semester on campus at Sacramento City College
- AACC advocacy update
- Sac State President's Fall Address
- New SCOE Superintendent Jackie White's Swearing In
- Sacramento Labor Council Labor Day picnic with LRCFT
- AGB Training

Trustee Johnson reported on the events he participated in, including:

- American River College's convocation
- New faculty reception
- Academic senate retreat

Trustee Ortiz reported that she participated in the district office and Sacramento City College, as well as the Labor Day picnic with LRCFT.

Trustee Ruvalcaba reported out from the California Community Colleges Student Trustee Workshop.

## 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Ortiz requested more frequent updates from staff and the District's lobbyists on legislative bills the Board should be aware.

## 7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

The following constituency representatives presented reports to the Board:

Tina Khuc, Student Advisory Committee
Lori Petite, District Academic Senate President
Jason Newman, LRCFT
Joselyn Guzman, Classified Senate President

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Powell provided an overview of his activities over the past month, including the district and college convocations, internal constituent meet and greet opportunities, The Harris Center 15th anniversary event, the academic senate retreat, and other key partnership meetings and events.

## 8. CLOSED SESSION

The following board members went into closed session at 7:00pm: Ms. Harris-Matthews, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Knight, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Ortiz, and Ms. Wilkerson.

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code section 54957.6). Agency designated representatives: Deputy Chancellor Jamey Nye and Executive Chancellor Mario Rodriguez. Employee organization: LRCFT

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)). Three Cases: PERB Case Nos. SA-CE-3220-E, SA-CE-3215-E, & SA-DEP-294-E

## 9. OPEN SESSION: REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF NECESSARY

No reportable action was taken in closed session.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

President Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.



**TORENCE POWELL**
Chancellor and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

*Minutes approved by the Board of Trustees: October 14, 2026*