

KCCD District Consultation Council

NOTES

Date:	Tuesday, August 26, 2025 via Zoom	
Time:	1:00 p.m. – 2:04 p.m.	
Members:	Steven Bloomberg, Melissa Thornsberry, Gina Duran, Heather Ostash, Stacy Pfluger, Sean Hancock, Primavera Monarrez, Chad Houck, Cindy Ceja-Miranda, Garrett Wilkinson, Isaac Juarez, Khalfani Mackey, Matthew Crow, Sherie Burgess, Rebecka Zepeda, Yvonne Mills, Jaime McClure, Zach Wharton, Kristi Covington, Denise Allen Jennifer Serratt	
A.	Welcome and Review of the Agenda - There were no additions to the agenda.	Bloomberg
B.	2025-2026 Budget Update Thornsberry reviewed the posted documents and described details related to the additional SCFF revenue increase, the district office budget variance from the tentative to adopted budget, and the use of district reserves for 2025–2026. Bloomberg expanded on the presentation, noting that KCCD received more funding than originally anticipated and continues to compare favorably against projections. He also reported that while there is discussion at the federal level regarding potential reductions or elimination of HSI funding, Kern CCD’s financial standing remains strong, and the district will continue to monitor state and federal developments that may impact college funding.	Thornsberry
C.	Strategic Planning Oversight Committee https://www.kccd.edu/chancellors-office/strategic-plan.html Coston reminded the Council that the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan was completed and approved by the Board this past spring, and highlighted the plan’s call for an internal group to track and assess progress on its initiatives. Consultation Council was identified as the appropriate body to serve in this oversight role. Once the template and action steps are finalized, the group will meet to assess progress, provide feedback, and develop a scorecard. In response to a question, Ostash clarified that the oversight process will include a mechanism to recognize individual college outcomes and their alignment with districtwide goals.	Ostash / Coston

D.	Professional Development Update Coston referred Council members to the posted documents and provided an overview of the newly created districtwide professional development service, the <i>Center for Wellness and Success</i> . Coston stated that the Center will encompass the Management Institute, Leadership Academy, Faculty Professional Development, Mentor Program, and Master Classes. Classified representatives requested to be involved in the development of opportunities for classified employees. Coston added that a website for the Center is in development and will list opportunities for all employee groups.	Coston
E.	Wrap-up / Future Agenda Topics - Ongoing review of BPs/Aps (Ostash) - Employee Onboarding (Wharton)	Bloomberg
Next meeting scheduled for September 23, 2025		

Supporting documents may be accessed from the District Consultation Council website,
<https://committees.kccd.edu/committee/district-consultation-council>