



🏠 Location: Zoom Conference

📅 Date: February 6, 2026

🕒 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT DISTRICT-WIDE
BUDGET COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Friday, February 6, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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**COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**

**District Office,
Non-Voting**

Melissa Thornsberry, Chair
Rian Medlin
Tanumeet Kaur
Heather Ostash
David Barnett
Alexandria Kemp

Bakersfield College

Queen King
Jessica Wojtysiak
Cesar Jimenez
Victor Crosthwaite
Rebecca Zepeda
Angela Williams
Kailani Henry

Porterville College

Griselda Aceves
Thad Russell
Erin Wingfield
Christopher Ebert
Elliot Vest
Kristi Covington
Elisa Queenan
Jacqueline Peters

Cerro Coso CC

Chad Houck
Corey Marvin
Katy Lajoie
Matthew Crow
Alex Gilewski
Jaime McClure
Andree Thomas
Kelly Potten

I. Call to Order: Melissa Thornsberry, Vice Chancellor, Finance & Administrative Services, called the meeting to order at 11: 07 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by the Committee following the incorporation of the noted revisions. The Committee member list has been updated as follows:

- Kelly Potten will serve as the Cerro Coso representative for the DWBC for FY26.
- Remove "Coma" from Jessica Wojtysiak's name.
- Add an additional "l" to Elliot Vest's name.

III. Budget Agenda Items:

- Governor's Budget-** The District-Wide Budget Committee reviewed Governor Newsom's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The budget appears to be relatively balanced and offers favorable conditions for K-14 education, even in light of a state deficit of \$18 billion. The total state budget is projected to be \$348.9 billion, which represents an 8.7% increase compared to the previous year. The Kern

Community College District is set to benefit from continued base funding, a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), enrollment growth, and targeted investments. An electronic copy of the 2026-2027 Budget Overview was provided to the committee for their review.

- b. **District Office Budget-** DWBC focused on reviewing the district budget and organizational changes. Melissa explained that the budget document is preliminary and subject to change, with several proposed position upgrades and new hires. Chad raised concerns about the math behind the budget increases, and Melissa agreed to provide a more detailed breakdown of how the numbers were calculated. The committee agreed to meet monthly during the budget development process, and Melissa offered to circulate a PowerPoint presentation on the budget development process to help members understand the complexities involved.

- c. **AUR, if available-** Did not discuss

IV. Adjournment: Melissa Thornsberry adjourned the meeting at 12:03pm

V. Next Meeting Date: March 6, 2026

