



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

Friday, May 1, 2026, 10:30 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 called the meeting to order at 10:34am

II. Approval of the Agenda: Melissa motioned to approve the agenda for the May1, 2026 meeting. Matthew Crow motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Jessica Wojtysiak.

III. Budget Agenda Items:

- a. DO Budget** - Vice Chancellor Melissa Thornsberry presented the final tentative District Budget, noting several line items requiring further clarification and future recommendations to be elevated to the Chancellor’s Office and Finance Committee.

Identified that the Deputy Chancellor’s salary decrease was not reflected in the Chancellor’s Office budget. A proposal was introduced to extend the Deputy Chancellor contract through September 2026, funded by District Office reserves, with the position set to sunset and not be backfilled rather than being reabsorbed into the labor budget. DWBC Bakersfield College representatives unanimously opposed the extension and requested justification for continuing the position.

Corey Marvin called for a detailed review of the District Office budget, citing a 17% increase in non-labor expenditures (~\$2.3M) and seeking context relative to campus allocation fluctuations. Alex Gilewski recommended strengthening the committee's role in evaluating AUR requests and District Office spending to improve fiscal oversight.

Vice Chancellor Thornsberry reaffirmed her commitment to transparency and due diligence, emphasizing continued engagement with all constituent groups and aligning the budget with current institutional needs over historical allocations.

- b. AUR Discussion** – The Campus and District-level Administrative Unit Reviews (AURs) have been submitted to the Board for review and approval at the May 2026 General Board Meeting. The Interim Vice Chancellor of Educational Services emphasized the need to strengthen the AUR process by incorporating clearer input on how budget requests impact specific areas within each department. It was also proposed that updates be provided throughout the AUR timeline to ensure continuous engagement, allowing constituent groups to offer timely and meaningful feedback at each stage of the process. Vice Chancellor Thornsberry would like for the DWBC to review and be added to the added to question and answer review timeline.
- c. Carryover Calculation** – Vice Chancellor Thornsberry, provided an overview of the Carryover Calculation with focus on the SCFF for FY 2024-25. The document was shared with the committee via the Kern CCD Committees page.
- d. Reserve Accumulation** – Reserve Accumulation was shared with the committee via the Carryover Calculation document, posted to the Kern CCD Committees Page. Melissa presented an overview of the district's financial reserves and revenue changes. She explained that actual revenue received was \$265 million, which was \$36 million more than the anticipated \$228 million, leading to a reallocation of funds. The district office reserves increased to \$230 million, with \$48 million being allocated back to colleges this fiscal year to support various initiatives and critical needs. Melissa emphasized her ongoing efforts to reallocate funds to support college operations while adhering to restrictions on one-time use of additional revenue.
- e. 2026-27 Revenue Allocation P1** – Vice Chancellor Thornsberry provided a review of the Kern CCD college-level SCFF data. The document was distributed to the committee via email by the Director of Budget Operations, Tanumeet Kaur. Committee member Corey Marvin questioned why the District Office does not utilize its own reserves for District Office operations rather than the chargebacks and noted that the Committee had not made a recommendation to move forward with approval of the District Office tentative budget.

Agenda Action Item. Alexandria will schedule any additional meetings for the DWBC to discuss and provide their recommendation for the tentative budget.

Additional recommendation to meet bi-weekly for the FY27. (add to the next meeting agenda)

IV. Adjournment: Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administrative Services, Melissa Thornsberry, adjourned the meeting at 12:12pm. Rebecca Zepeda motioned to approve the adjournment of the meeting at 12:12pm, seconded by Chad Houck.

V. Next Meeting Date: FY27 TBD.