Location: Zoom Conference
Date: October 23, 2026
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
DISTRICT-WIDE BUDGET COMMITTEE AGENDA
Friday, October 23, 2026, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/82455136990?pwd=P2PshYBGJuupARFbsuxhaXjwSmoKkv.1

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

District Office, *Non-Voting*
Bob Miller, Chair
Rian Medlin
Lisa Couch
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
Clementina Macias
Christopher Ebert
Elliot Vest
Kristi Covington
Elisa Queenan
Vacant

Cerro Coso CC
Chad Houck
Michael Chiang
Katy Lajoie
Matthew Crow
Felix Frost
Jaime McClure
Andree Thomas
Kelly Potten

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:35am

II. Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approved by large consensus of the DWBC Committee.

III. Budget Agenda Items:

a. **2026-27 Adopted Budget Presentation-** 2026-27 Adopted Budget Presentation given by Lisa Couch, Associate Vice Chancellor, Accounting. Budget is balanced with an increase of the allocation of 14.8 million compared to the 2025-26 adopted budget. Charge backs to the colleges decreased by 7.0 million compared to the 2025-26 adopted budget. Of the $35,920,815 in use of Districtwide Reserves, $18,955,802 represents a one-time use of reserves approved by the Board. The remaining $16,965,012 is to fund District Office operations that were not allocated as chargebacks to the colleges in July 2026. 2026-27 beginning balance of estimation of $155,825,835.00, with likelihood of increase after complete analysis is completed. The anticipated uses of District reserves of the $35.9M in FY 2026-27 includes commitments previously approved by the Board of Trustees, as well as additional projects incorporated onto the FY2026-27 budget.

b. District Office Budget Review – Associate Vice Chancellor, Accounting, Lisa Couch, presented the District Office Budget for 2026-27 Adopted Budget. A copy of the District Office Budget was provided to the committee via the Kern CCD DWBC page for review and analysis.

c. Comments from Bob Miller – The District is engaged in several projects with the campuses to improve business processes. The district is working to complete an analysis of reserve use and comply with the 50% law, with efforts underway to improve financial processes and data accuracy under new leadership led by Chancellor Hancock.

d. Action Items - The Committee discussed establishing a working group consisting of 6-8 members to review and discuss the 50% Law and faculty load adjustments. The following individuals expressed interest in participating: Queen King, Rebeca Zepeda, Kailani Henry, Griselda Aceves, Matthew Crow, Cesar Jimenez, Felix Frostr, and Heather Ostash.

IV. Future Agenda Items

a. **50% Law**
b. **FON Update**
c. **Use of Reserves**
d. **Budget Development Timeline**
e. **Annual Review Unit Process Improvements for 2027-28**
f. **Budget Development Crash Course**

V. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:34am by Bob Miller

VI. Next Meeting Date: November 20, 2026.