



BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, August 25, 2025
Location: Board Room 154
1:30-2:30 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

ROLL CALL:

X	Becky McCall (Chair)	X	Jackie Parker (Co-Chair)	X	Stacey Bartlett	X	Elsa Gomez
X	Scott Gordon	X	Jim Harrell	X	Rob McCandless	X	Jennine Meier
X	Juanne Van Der Linde	X	Courtney Zimbaro		Student Rep (vacant)		

Guests: Will Breitbach, Destinee Ecklin, Jeremy Ecklin, Tim Johnston, Crystal Mair, Kris Marquez, Keri Mathews, Angela Nava

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Committee Chair, Becky McCall.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May 7, 2025. Motion to approve minutes by **Scott Gordon**, 2nd **Elsa Gomez**. All approved, except Jim Harrell abstained as he did not attend the 5/7/25 meeting. No objections, motion passed.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
4. **REPORTS:**
5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

A) Budget Updates from the State

Budget updates from the state are included in the Shasta College 2025-2026 Final Budget Presentation (Item B).

B) Shasta College 2025-2026 Final Budget Review

Becky presented the 2025-2026 Final Budget. In addition to the PowerPoint presentation, she shared the following:

- Slide 1 (State Budget Summary of Changes): Funding for the community colleges are leveling out. On a state level, the community colleges have been well-protected compared to the CSUs, UCs, and K-12.
- Slide 4 (24/25 Changes from Tentative to Final): The deficit is 0% because the rainy-day fund was depleted. The fund balance went down to 23.8% due to the ERTC payment to CWDL. Without that expense, the fund balance would have been at least 25%.

- Slide 6 (ERTC Board of Trustees Approved Transfer): The funds were transferred to support PARS and Fund 41, which will reduce the impact of higher inflation and rising construction costs on the budget.
- Slide 7 (2024-2025 Budget Update): The fund balance is higher than expected in the 2024-2025 adopted budget, but the ERTC payment skewed the percentage, resulting in a lower fund balance percentage.
- Slide 11 (CalPERS and CalSTRS Rates): STRS rates are locked in at 19.10% by legislation, but PERS are not. The projections are from School Services of California. In the graph, there is a slight decrease in PERS rates, but the projected rate for 2027-28 is higher than ever.
- Slide 14 (25/26 Changes from Tentative to Final): Prepare for the deficit to change. It is currently 0.2%, and we budgeted for 1.5%. The lottery estimated decrease is based on the amounts we received for 2024-2025. We won't have 2025-2026 amounts until this time next year. The projections included for salaries are not yet approved.
- Slide 16 (2025-2026 Tentative Budget – Summary): It is important to make sure the fund balance doesn't get too high or too low. It is okay to have a loss if the fund balance is high. The Chancellor's Office is looking at districts with too high or too low fund balances. 25% is a healthy fund balance.
- Slide 18 (Current factors at play): The final SCFF #s from 2024-2025 aren't available until February. Final lottery numbers for 2024-2025 are received in October.
- Slide 19 (Fiscal Goals and Outlooks): Becky would like to have a full energy assessment to determine how we can reduce utility bills. She would also like to dig into why supplies have gone up. It is important to be careful not to grow more than we can sustain.

Becky presented the 2025-2026 Final Budget Spreadsheet. In addition to what is on the spreadsheet, the following was discussed:

- We are unable to use scheduled maintenance funds to improve the parking lots because the parking lots generate revenue. We need to perform a full assessment of parking.

Scott Gordon made a motion for the Budget Committee to recommend the 2025-2026 Final Budget to College Council for approval. **Rob McCandless** seconded the motion. All approved no abstentions or objections, motion passed.

C) Fall 2025 & Spring 2026 Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule will continue to be Wednesdays, twice per month, from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

6. OTHER:

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Becky McCall at 2:35 p.m.

9. NEXT MEETING: TBD

Minutes Recorded By:
Destinee Ecklin