

TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

California State University
Office of the Chancellor
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, CA 90802

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Presiding: Jack B. Clarke, Jr., Chair

12:00 p.m.* **Board of Trustees** **Dumke Auditorium**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Consent

Action 1. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of September 24, 2024 and September 25, 2024

Action 2. Approval of Committee Resolutions as follows:

Joint Committee on Educational Policy and Finance

2. Integration of California State University Maritime Academy and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Committee on University and Faculty Personnel

2. Annual Report on Outside Employment for Senior Management Employees

Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds

2. California State University San Marcos Integrated Science and Engineering Building Schematic Design Approval

Committee on Finance

2. Approval to Issue Debt for an Affordable Student Housing Project at California State University, Long Beach
3. Approval to Issue Debt for an Affordable Student Housing Project at California State University, Fresno

Committee on Institutional Advancement

2. Naming of the San Francisco Federal Credit Union Gymnasium at San Francisco State University

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Trustees of the California State University
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September 24, 2024

Trustees Present

Jack B. Clarke, Jr., Chair
Diego Arambula, Vice Chair
Larry L. Adamson
Raji Kaur Brar
Douglas Faigin
Jean Picker Firstenberg
Wenda Fong
Mark Ghilarducci
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie
Jazmin Guajardo
Lillian Kimbell
Julia I. Lopez
Jack McGrory
Jonathan Molina Mancio
Sam Nejabat
Anna Ortiz-Morfit
Yammilette Rodriguez
Christopher Steinhauser
Jose Antonio Vargas
Darlene Yee-Melichar
Mildred García, Chancellor

Chair Clarke called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order.

Public Comment

In an effort to provide accessibility and flexibility for the public, all public comments took place at the beginning of the open session prior to all committees.

The board heard from the following individuals who provided public comment in person: Dagoberto Argueta; Oliva Munoz; Alyssa Davis, CSULB; Luis Ortiz, CSULB; Lysette Melendez; Andrea Skinner; Amanda Dominguez.

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The board also heard from the following individuals who provided public comment virtually: Chris Chiego, Cal Maritime; Cynthis Torres, SDSU; Dawn McCulley; Don Moreno; Tessy Reese; Taiyo Inoue, Cal Maritime; Jessica Westbay; Ian Wallace, Cal Maritime; Jennifer Mott, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Ahlam Muhtaseb, CSUSB; Kathryn Edgerton-Tarpley, SDSU; Charles Toombs, SDSU; Frances Mercer, CPP; Sang Kil, SJSU; Elizabeth McNie, Cal Maritime; Debra Sherburn, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Danelle Bishop, CPP; Faye Wachs, CPP; Silvia Marijuan, CPP; Michelle Ramos Pellicia, CSUSM; William Walters, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Jeff Newcomb, CSUEB; Michael Lee-Change, Sacramento State; Sharon Elise, CSUSM; Aparna Sinha, Cal Maritime; Claire Valderama-Wallace, CSUEB; Dave Colnic, Stanislaus State; Lisa Kawamura, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Mary Magubat, Cal Poly Humboldt; Rachel Abeyta, SJSU; Solina Lindahl, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Dorhean Gaffney, CSUDH; Melissa Bravo, Cal Maritime; Mikala Purugganan, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Josie Alexander, SSU; Jorge Paz, CSUSB; G. Chris Brown, CSUF; Rachel Whalen; Adin White, Chico State; Faith Chinnapong; Kevin Wehr; Heather Hutchinson, Cal Maritime; Rebecca Campbell, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Jasmine Kimbrough, SFSU; Jesus Medrano, CSUSB; Riley Kovacev, Cal Maritime; Justice Spears, Sacramento State; Carol Shubin, CSUN; Jerusha Greenwood; Miracle Majason; Jayden Jones; Christine Isakson, Cal Maritime; Ameil Ramirez, Sacramento State; Nathan Stevens, Sacramento State.

Chair's Report

Chair Clarke's report is available online at the following link:

<https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/reports-of-the-chair/Pages/september-2024.aspx>

Report of the Academic Senate CSU

CSU Academic Senate Chair Elizabeth Boyd's report is available online at the following link:

<https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/faculty-staff/academic-senate/Pages/ASCSU-Chairs-Report.aspx>

Report of the California State Student Association

CSSA President Iese Esera's report is available online at the following link:

<https://www.calstatestudents.org/public-documents/#president>

Report of the California State University Alumni Council

Alumni Council report from President-Elect Adrian Harrell on behalf of Alumni President John Poli is available online at the following link: <https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/alumni/council/board-of-trustee-reports/Pages/default.aspx>

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Mildred García's report is available online at the following link:

<https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/chancellor-reports/Pages/September-24-2024.aspx>

Special Presentation: SOVA

As a special presentation and part of the Chancellor's Report, Alison Kadlec, co-founder and senior partner of SOVA Solutions, a renowned higher education consulting firm, presented an overview to the board of the proposed strategic planning process they will conduct as part of the chancellor's goal to develop a three-year systemwide strategic plan. Dr. Kadlec underscored the importance of engaging in long-term strategic planning as an effective and critical governance strategy to create a comprehensive roadmap for the system's vision for the future. Trustees remarked that the presentation provided helpful and insightful recommendations to strengthen the CSU both across the system and within the broader public higher education structure of the California Master Plan. The strategic planning process is anticipated to last approximately one year, and regular updates will be provided to the board.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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September 25, 2024

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Larry L. Adamson
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Sam Nejabat
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Christopher Steinhauser
Jose Antonio Vargas
Darlene Yee-Melichar
Mildred García, Chancellor
Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis

Chair Clarke called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order.

Consent Agenda

Prior to the vote on the consent agenda, Chair Clarke introduced new Trustee, Sam Nejabat, who provided brief introductory remarks. Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis requested that item 3 – San Diego State University Approval of the Fenton Parkway Bridge Project and EIR Certification from the Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings, and Grounds be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion. There was a motion and a second on the remaining items. Chair Clarke called for a roll call vote. The consent agenda – including the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2024 and September 25, 2024 and item 2 Amendments to Board of Trustees’ Standing Committee Assignments for 2024-2025 – was unanimously approved.

The Board of Trustees approved the following resolutions:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Approval to Issue Debt for an Auxiliary Acquisition of a Housing Project (RFIN 09-24-08)

In coordination with CSU's Office of General Counsel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, as outside bond counsel, prepared a resolution that was distributed to the Board prior to the September 22-25, 2024 meeting that authorized interim and permanent financing for the Project described in this agenda. The proposed resolutions achieve the following:

1. Authorize the sale and issuance of the Trustees of the California State University Systemwide Revenue Bonds, and/or the sale and issuance of related Systemwide Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, and/or the issuance of related debt instruments, including shorter term debt, variable rate debt, floating rate loans placed directly with banks, or fixed rate loans placed directly with banks, in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$46,190,000 and certain actions relating thereto.
2. Provide a delegation to the chancellor; the executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer; the assistant vice chancellor, Financial Services; and the assistant vice chancellor, Financing, Treasury, and Risk Management; and their designees to take any and all necessary actions to execute documents for the sale and issuance of the bond anticipation notes and the revenue bonds.

Approval of the financing resolutions for this project as described in this Agenda Item 2 of the Committee on Finance at the September 22-25, 2024, meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees is recommended for:

California Polytechnic State University - Cal Poly Corporation Harvest Lofts Faculty and Staff Housing Acquisition

**Approval of the 2025-2026 Operating Budget Request
(RFIN 09-24-09)**

RESOLVED, that the future of California rests on the California State University's ability to provide a high-quality, affordable, and accessible education to over 450,000 students each year; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University that the 2025-2026 Operating Budget Request is approved as submitted by the chancellor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the chancellor is authorized to adjust and amend this budget to reflect changes in the assumptions upon which this budget is based, and that the chancellor promptly communicate any changes to the trustees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the chancellor transmit copies of this resolution and the 2025-2026 CSU Operating Budget Request publication as soon as practical to the governor, to the director of the Department of Finance, and to the legislature.

COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY PERSONNEL

**Executive Compensation: President – California State University, Bakersfield
(RUF 09-24-15)**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that Dr. Vernon B. Harper, Jr. shall receive a salary set at the annual rate of \$429,981 effective September 25, 2024, the date of appointment as president of California State University, Bakersfield; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Dr. Vernon B. Harper, Jr. shall receive a \$4,166.67 monthly housing allowance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Dr. Vernon B. Harper, Jr. shall receive additional benefits as cited in Agenda Item 2 of the Committee on University and Faculty Personnel at the September 22-25, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Executive Compensation: Interim President – California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt
(RUF 09-24-16)**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that Dr. Michael E. Spagna shall receive a salary set at the annual rate of \$396,156 effective September 25, 2024, the date of appointment as interim president of California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Dr. Michael E. Spagna shall receive a \$4,166.67 monthly housing allowance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Dr. Michael E. Spagna shall receive additional benefits as cited in Agenda Item 3 of the Committee on University and Faculty Personnel at the September 22-25, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

**Academic Planning: Summer Projects and Updates
(REP 09-24-04)**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that the amended academic degree program projections to the Academic Plans for the California State University campuses (as identified in Agenda Item 2 of the September 22-25, 2024 meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy) be approved and accepted for addition to the CSU Academic Master Plan and as the basis for necessary facility planning; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the projected academic degree programs proposed to be included in the Ten-Year Overview of Planned Programs be authorized for implementation, at approximately the date indicated on Attachment B, subject in each instance to the chancellor's review, approval, and confirmation that there exists sufficient societal need, student demand, feasibility, financial support, qualified faculty, facilities and information resources sufficient to establish and maintain the programs.

COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS PLANNING, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

**Approval of the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan
(RCPBG 09-24-07)**

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that:

1. The 2025-2026 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan Priority List is approved.
2. The chancellor is authorized to proceed with design and construction to fast-track projects in the 2025-2026 through 2029-2030 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan subject to available funds.
3. The chancellor is requested to explore all reasonable funding methods available and communicate to the Board of Trustees, the governor, and the legislature the need to provide funds to develop the facilities necessary to serve the academic program and all eligible students.
4. The chancellor is authorized to adjust the scope, phase, project cost, total budget, priority sequence, and funding source for the capital plan and report budget adjustments in the subsequent Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan.
5. The chancellor is authorized to adjust the scope and budget of projects to be financed as necessary to maximize use of the limited financing resources and in consideration of the CSU's priorities for funding capital outlay projects.

**California State University, Fullerton Engineering and Computer Science Innovation
Hub Schematic Design Approval
(RCPBG 09-24-09)**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that:

1. The California State University, Fullerton Engineering and Computer Science Innovation Hub project will benefit the California State University.
2. The project before the Board of Trustees is consistent with the project description as set forth in the previously certified Master Plan Update Final EIR.

3. Applicable mitigation measures adopted in conjunction with Campus Master Plan Update approval and EIR certification in 2020 shall be implemented, monitored, and reported in accordance with the requirements of CEQA (Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 21081.6).
4. The schematic plans for the California State University, Fullerton Engineering and Computer Science Innovation Hub project are approved at a project cost of \$68,022,000 at CCCI 8287.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Amendments to the Board of Trustees' Standing Committee Assignments for 2024-2025 (RBOT 09-24-09)

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of The California State University, on recommendation by the Committee on Committees that the following amendments be made to the Standing Committees for 2024-2025:

AUDIT

Lillian Kimbell, Chair
Anna Ortiz-Morfit, Vice Chair
Jean Picker Firstenberg
Jazmin Guajardo
Yammilette Rodriguez
Christopher Steinhauser
Darlene Yee-Melichar

CAMPUS PLANNING, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Jack McGrory, Chair
Mark Ghilarducci, Vice Chair
Larry L. Adamson
Raji Kaur Brar
Douglas Faigin
Jazmin Guajardo
Anna Ortiz-Morfit
Sam Nejabat
Jose Antonio Vargas

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Larry L. Adamson, Chair
Chris Steinhauser, Vice Chair
Wenda Fong
Julia I. Lopez
Jack McGrory

EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Diego Arambula, Chair
Darlene Yee-Melichar, Vice Chair
Raji Kaur Brar
Douglas Faigin
Wenda Fong
Mark Ghilarducci
Lillian Kimbell
Jonathan Molina Mancio
Sam Nejabat
Yammilette Rodriguez
Christopher Steinhauser

FINANCE

Julia I. Lopez, Chair
Jonathan Molina Mancio, Vice Chair
Larry L. Adamson
Douglas Faigin
Mark Ghilarducci
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie
Jack McGrory
Anna Ortiz-Morfit
Christopher Steinhauser
Darlene Yee-Melichar

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Yammilette Rodriguez, Chair
Raji Kaur Brar, Vice Chair
Douglas Faigin
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie
Jazmin Guajardo
Lillian Kimbell
Julia I. Lopez
Jonathan Molina Mancio
Sam Nejabat
Jose Antonio Vargas
Darlene Yee-Melichar

**INSTITUTIONAL
ADVANCEMENT**

Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, Chair
Jean Picker Firstenberg, Vice Chair
Mark Ghilarducci
Jazmin Guajardo
Jonathan Molina Mancio
Yammilette Rodriguez
Jose Antonio Vargas

ORGANIZATION AND RULES

Jean Picker Firstenberg, Chair
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, Vice Chair
Diego Arambula
Wenda Fong
Jack McGrory
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**UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY
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Prior to the vote on the consent agenda, Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis requested that item 3 – San Diego State University Approval of the Fenton Parkway Bridge Project and EIR Certification from the Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings, and Grounds be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Item 3 - San Diego State University Approval of the Fenton Parkway Bridge Project and EIR Certification from the Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings, and Grounds was removed from the committee consent agenda. Chair Clarke called for a motion and second for approval and the floor was open for discussion. Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis spoke regarding the costs of the bridge and finding more resources for other priorities on campus. She noted that she will be voting no on the item. Trustee Faigin commented on debt service for new construction. Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Steve Relyea clarified that there is no state funding involved in this project and does not add to the annual debt service. Trustee McGrory and President de la Torre noted the obligation and importance from a safety perspective to build this bridge as part of the Mission Valley project. Chair Clarke called for a roll call vote. The following resolution was approved with one no vote (Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis).

**San Diego State University Approval of the Fenton Parkway Bridge Project and EIR Certification
(RCPBG 09-24-08)**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that:

1. The Board of Trustees finds that the Fenton Parkway Bridge Project EIR has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. The EIR addresses the proposed Fenton Parkway Bridge Project and all related discretionary actions.
3. Prior to the certification of the EIR, the Board of Trustees reviewed and considered the EIR and found it to reflect the independent judgment of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees hereby certifies the EIR as complete and adequate and finds that it addresses all potentially significant environmental impacts of the project and fully complies with the requirements of CEQA. For purposes of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, the administrative record includes the following:
 - a. The Draft EIR for the Fenton Parkway Bridge Project;
 - b. The Final EIR, including comments received on the Draft EIR, responses to comments, and revisions to the Draft EIR in response to comments received;

- c. The proceedings before the Board of Trustees relating to the Fenton Parkway Bridge Project, including testimony and documentary evidence introduced at such proceedings; and
 - d. All attachments, documents incorporated by reference, and references cited in the documents specified in items (a) through (c) above.
 4. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the requirements of Section 21081 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which require the Board of Trustees to make findings prior to the approval of the project.
 5. The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Statement of Overriding Considerations stating that project benefits outweigh the remaining significant and unavoidable impacts related to biological resources and noise.
 6. The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the CEQA Findings of Fact and Mitigation and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The required mitigation measures shall be monitored and reported in accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, which meets the requirements of CEQA (Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 21081.6; Guidelines § 15097).
 7. The project will benefit the California State University.
 8. The Fenton Parkway Bridge project dated September 2024 is approved.
 9. The chancellor or her designee is requested under Delegation of Authority granted by the Board of Trustees to file the Notice of Determination for the EIR for the Fenton Parkway Bridge Project.
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Discussion Agenda

The board had two action items on the discussion agenda.

Conferral of Title of Student Trustee Emerita – Diana Aguilar-Cruz, and Conferral of Title of President Emeritus – Tom Jackson Jr.,

Chair Clarke presented the items and introduced the honorees and Chancellor Garcia for their respective remarks. There was a motion and a second to approve the respective conferrals. The following resolutions were unanimously approved.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Conferral of Title of Student Trustee Emerita – Diana Aguilar-Cruz
(RBOT 09-24-10)**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of Student Trustee Emerita on Diana Aguilar-Cruz, with all the rights and privileges thereto.

**Conferral of Title of President Emeritus – Tom Jackson Jr.
(RBOT 09-24-11)**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of President Emeritus on Tom Jackson Jr., with all the rights and privileges thereto.