

**Minutes of Strategic Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Held
on April 10, 2025**

Zoom: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/89715478630>

Chairs Present: Joe Morello, Jessica Truglio, Ingrid Vargas

Members Present: Kadae Aung, Kevin Corsiglia, Lorraine DeMello, Chris Gibson, Nancy Kaplan-Biegel, Roger Perez-Vaughn, Gavin Townsley, Kenyatta Weathersby, Rika Yonemura-Fabian, Hellen Zhang

Members Absent: Jose Cartegena, Chris Collins, Lauren Ford, Eric Imahara, Elizabeth Llamas, Roderick Magbual, Vivian Paw, Eric Torres, Chris Watters, Phillip Williams

Resource Persons Present: Paul Cassidy, Becky Threewit

1. SPARCKle Minutes: There were no SPARCKle minutes.

2. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

2.1. Call to Order

Committee Tri-chair Joe Morello called the regular meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

3. ACTION ITEM(S)

3.1. Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Joe Morello and seconded by Jessica Truglio to approve the April 10, 2025 meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

3.2 Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Will Minnich and seconded by Jessica Truglio to approve the March 13, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried with one abstention.

4. DISCUSSION/REPORT

4.1. District Strategic Plan (DSP) Draft Presentation

Vice Chancellor Aaron McVean provided an update on the district-wide strategic planning process, including upcoming opportunities for feedback on the draft goals and initiatives. The draft will be posted on the district strategic planning website while the district seeks community feedback.

The draft plan will be presented to the Board at its April meeting, followed by a first full draft discussion in May. The plan is targeted for formal adoption by the Board in June 2025.

Aaron addressed questions related to capital improvement needs and the long-term

financial planning required to maintain district facilities. Potential future projects like an athletic center at Skyline could cost upwards of \$100 million. While another public bond campaign is likely, the district is also exploring a self-funded capital improvement plan to supplement bond funds.

The need for transparency and trust with the community was emphasized, especially as future funding will depend on public support. Initiatives like Free College serve as a visible return on community investment and are key to maintaining that trust.

Aaron offered to present to additional groups or engage in individual discussions as needed. He will give his next presentation at District Academic Senate and encourage any interested groups, including Skyline Academic Senate, to reach out to schedule a session.

[Aaron's presentation slides](#) can be found on the SPARC website.

4.2. Student Equity Plan (SEP) Update

Committee member Roger Perez-Vaughan provided an update on the development of the 2025–28 Student Equity Plan (SEP). The plan is currently in the writing phase and aims to include diverse voices and perspectives. The introductory section covers institutional assurances, equity reflections, and lessons learned, as well as an evaluation of current efforts. The plan emphasizes a race-conscious framework and commitment to equity throughout the process.

The SEP includes five key metrics: Successful Enrollment, Transfer-Level Math and English Completion, Persistence, Completion, and Transfer. Designated writing groups will address each metric and identify at least three key strategies to close equity gaps and support disproportionately impacted populations.

The timeline for completion includes outreach to constituency groups, with a final submission deadline of November 30, 2025. Given limited availability during summer months, committee members were encouraged to remain actively engaged in the process. Feedback and questions are welcomed. [Roger's presentation slides](#) can be found on the SPARC website.

4.3. SMCCCD – Skyline College Tentative Budget Update

Committee Tri-chair Joe Morello provided an update on the college and district budgets.

Federal: Joe briefly touched on the federal budget, noting that there have been no

significant changes. There is a lot of contradictory information circulating, and for now, the approach is to remain in a "wait and see" mode as developments unfold.

State: The Governor's proposal is currently in the Senate. The committee is waiting to see how revenues unfold, particularly as the Los Angeles fires will impact the revenue timeline. The May Revise is expected to provide a clearer picture of the state's revenue situation moving forward.

Local: Joe discussed recent adjustments to the site allocation. The negative adjustment reflects the shift of study abroad programs from Skyline College to the district, transferring associated positions and revenue/expenses, resulting in a net zero impact. The positive adjustments include technology and Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases, as well as a Step 7 adjustment. The Step 7 adjustment is tied to the board's decision to redirect 3% of employee benefits contributions, which were previously going into retiree benefits, to help fund a capital improvement program (CIP). While the adjustment shows a negative impact for Skyline, the overall financial effect is expected to be neutral.

Joe discussed the assessed value (AV) of local property taxes, which showed a slight decrease in growth compared to last year. In addition, projections for the current year's COLA (cost-of-living adjustment) are slightly lower than expected but remain relatively close.

The district-wide budget continues to grow, with adjustments affecting the site allocations, and the committee emphasized the importance of managing spending. The budget outlook is status quo, with no significant growth projected at this time. The next steps involve finalizing the position control for the upcoming year, and a tentative budget will be recommended at the May meeting. The final adopted budget is expected in September. Details of Joe's presentation can be found on the [SPARC website](#).

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting will take place on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional agenda items, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.