



Annual Workshop on the Governor's Proposed Budget for 2023-24

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Presented Virtually

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1:00 pm

Welcome/Opening Remarks: *Eric Ramones, Assoc. Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, West Valley Mission CCD and President, ACCCA Board of Directors*

1:15 pm

Budget Analysis Panel

Moderator: *Aaron Brown, Vice Chancellor, Business and Financial Services, Riverside CCD and President, of the ACBO Board of Directors*

Our moderator will lead a panel discussion to provide insight and analysis from each of the unique perspectives of state and system leaders about the proposed budget and the development and impact of the 2023-24 state budget proposal.

The panel will also address various scenarios and strategies for shaping the budget debate going forward. Time permitting, the panel will take your questions during the session.

Panelists:



Chris Ferguson
*Principal Program
Budget Analyst,
California Department
of Finance*



Paul Steenhausen
*Principal Fiscal Policy
Analyst, Office of the
Legislative Analyst for
California*



Lizette Navarette
*Interim Deputy
Chancellor, California
Community Colleges*



Kuldeep Kaur
*Vice Chancellor for
Fiscal Services, Yuba
CCD and Member,
ACCCA and ACBO
Boards*

2:30 pm

Convenience Break

2:40 pm

Conversation with a Legislator

Moderator: *Dan Troy, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services, Cuesta College*



Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee

Kevin McCarty was elected to the California State Assembly in 2014 to represent the 7th Assembly District, which includes Sacramento, West Sacramento and parts of unincorporated Sacramento County.

McCarty serves as Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance, which oversees the largest component of California’s multi-billion dollar budget. As Chair, McCarty made historic investments in public education including expanding access to preschool for low and middle income families, providing greater career technical education programs, and increasing student enrollment at our public colleges and universities.

Other legislative priorities for Assemblymember McCarty include addressing housing affordability, fighting climate change, championing criminal justice reform, curbing gun violence, tackling the opioid crisis and advocating for the middle class.

McCarty began his public service career as a Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commissioner and served on the Sacramento City Council from 2004 to 2014. As a Council Member, he created innovative youth programs and wrote common-sense gun laws, tackled substandard rental housing, and crafted clean air policies. He created Sacramento’s Little Saigon district, the City’s Whistleblower Hotline program, and the Independent Auditor department.

3:15 pm

Economic Impact Outlook

Speaker: *Mark Schniepp, Economist, California Forecast*

Dr. Schniepp will provide a comprehensive analysis of key statewide, national and global economic trends that are impacting community college budgets in 2023-24 and will be driving financial decision-making across sectors for the near term.



Dr. Schniepp is currently Director of the California Economic Forecast in Santa Barbara. The Company prepares forecasts and commentary on the regional economies of California.

Dr Schniepp prepares economic analysis and county level forecasts for CalTrans, Kaiser Permanente, The California State Auditor's Office, and other organizations throughout California. He presents the Orange County economic forecast at the UCLA Anderson Forecast as well as the Orange County Economic Outlook conference presented every year in April at UC Irvine and annually presents to a number of organizations including the California Community Colleges, Regional Banks, Human Resource groups, the Santa Barbara Association of Realtors and Taxpayer Association groups.

3:55 pm

Closing Remarks

4:00 pm

Adjournment

Note: *Attendees will receive a link to the 2023-24 Budget Planning workbook containing relative excerpts from the budget and related analysis.*

Our Moderators:



Eric Ramones has been with our California community college system for nearly 10 years and now serves as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources for West Valley-Mission Community College District. He previously served as Associate Vice President of Human Resources at Gavilan Joint Community College District.

His experience includes serving as the District's Chief Labor Negotiator, Discrimination and Harassment Complaints Investigator, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Officer, Title IX Coordinator, Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504/508 Officer. Prior to the community college system, he served as the Human Resources/Internal Affairs Manager for the San Jose Fire Department.

Eric has served as a member of the ACCCA Board of Directors since 2020 when he was elected by members to serve a 3-year term of office. In June, 2021 he was unanimously selected by the Board to serve in the President-Elect position, and in 2022 became the Association's leader as President.

Aaron S. Brown, CPA, is a life-long resident of Southern California and began his career in public accounting, spending the next 15 years primarily auditing non-profits, K-12 school districts, and community college districts, before transitioning to higher education in 1999.



Aaron has served in several business positions at Riverside Community College District over the past 23 years beginning with the Director of Accounting Services, then moving to the Associate Vice Chancellor of Finance, and finally promoting into his current position of Vice Chancellor of Business and Financial Services for the past nine years.

Aaron has been a board member of the California Community Colleges, Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO) since being elected as the Region 9 representative in 2013. He has served as the

ACBO representative on CCCC Consultation Council, Fiscal Advisory Workgroup, Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative, Affordable Student Housing Task Force, Basic Needs Task Force, Annual Budget Workshop, and has planned and hosted a semi-annual ACBO conference. Aaron was the ACBO Board President-Elect for two years until assuming the President position on July 1, 2022.



Dan Troy has served as the Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services at Cuesta College since 2016. He currently represents Region 6 on the ACBO Board of Directors, and is a member of the ACCJC Fiscal Advisory Committee, the SWACC Executive Committee, and the Bay Area Community College Districts Joint Powers Authority.

Prior to his position at Cuesta College, Troy served as the Vice Chancellor of College Finance and Facilities Planning at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Previously, Troy also served as a Principal Consultant for the California State Senate Committee on Appropriations, and as a Principal Program Analyst at the California Department of Finance.

He earned a Bachelor's Degree in English from Dickinson College and a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University.