



ACCCA & ACBO Budget Workshop

**Annual Workshop on the Governor's Proposed Budget for
2025-26**

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Presented Virtually

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1:00 pm

Welcome/Opening Remarks



*Tammeil Gilkerson, Chancellor, Peralta CCD and
President, ACCCA Board of Directors*

To welcome you and share information about our two organizations, and the members we serve in these turbulent times, is Tammeil Gilkerson, ACCCA's President of the Board and Chancellor of the Peralta District.

1:15 pm

Budget Analysis Panel

Moderator: Mario Rodriguez, Vice Chancellor, Business Services, Los Rios CCD & President, ACBO Board



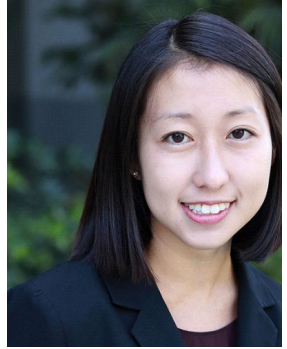
Our moderator will lead a panel discussion to provide insight and analysis from each of the unique perspectives of state and system leaders about the proposed budget and the development and impact of the 2025-26 state budget proposal.

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
*Vice Chancellor,
Finance & Facilities
CCCCO*



Lisa Qing
*Principal Fiscal and
Policy Analyst
Legislative
Analyst's Office*



Sunny Cooke
*Superintendent/
President
MiraCosta CCD*



Mark Martin
*Principal
Consultant
CA State Assembly*



Jose Torres
*Vice Chancellor
Business Services
San Bernardino C*

2:30 pm *Ten Minute Convenience Break*

2:40 pm *Conversation with the Chancellor*



**Moderator: Willy Duncan, Supt/President, Sierra CCD & Chair, ACCCA
Commission for Finance, Legislation & Advocacy**

Presenter: Dr. Sonya Christian, Chancellor, California Community Colleges



We are thrilled to welcome our state Chancellor, Dr. Sonya Christian, to the 2025 program. Dr. Christian will share her perspective on the Governor's budget proposal.

Sonya Christian, PhD, is a fierce advocate for the life-changing ability of community colleges to reach underserved populations and educate the future workforce. She is committed to advancing work through distributed leadership and collaborative communities of learning, and to promoting the value of equity in student learning, access, success and economic mobility.

3:00 pm

Economic Impact Outlook

Speaker: Thomas Ash, Economist, UCLA Anderson School of Economics

Thomas Ash joined the UCLA Anderson School of Management as a Researcher and the UCLA Anderson Forecast as an Economist in 2023. His research involves subjects in Macroeconomics, Finance, Digital/Media Economics, Climate

Change and Migration. His work uses a range of methods, including empirical data analyses, optimization modelling and machine learning methods to answer research questions in these areas. He has particular expertise in the use of Natural Language Processing (NLP) methodologies.



For the UCLA Anderson Forecast, Thomas is involved in developing forecasts of the impacts of Climate Change on the economy, as well as forecasts of the California Economy. Thomas' most recent research examines Green Finance and ESG, Social Media's role in herding, polarization and asset price bubbles, as well as Macroeconomic models that analyze the impact of Climate Change through its impact on Natural Disasters.

3:45 pm

Brief Closing Remarks by Willy Duncan, Supt./President, Sierra CCD

4:00 pm

Adjournment

Note: *At the conclusion of the workshop, attendees will receive a link to the workshop resource page, including the 2025-26 Budget Planning workbook containing relative excerpts from the budget proposal and related analysis and*

commentary provided by School Services of California, Inc.