



RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

District Strategic Planning Council

Friday, April 24, 2026

CAADO 309 & Zoom

2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order – 2:05 pm

Present: Charise Allingham, Stephen Ashby, Kimberly Bell, Rudy Besikof, Eric Bishop, Aaron Brown, Tammy Few, Rebecca Goldware, Monica Green, Jacob Kevari, Virgil Lee, Adan Navas, Jeff Rhyne, Star Rivera-Lacey (Co-Chair), Arlene Serrato, Charles Wilhite, Kristi Woods.

Absent: Victor Bolanos, Laura Dunphy, Cassandra Greene, Gabriel Graves, Tenisha James, Jo Scott-Coe (Co-Chair), Kathleen Sell, Star Taylor, Patty Worsham.

Guests: Hussain Agah, Renee Balingit, Christopher Blackmore, Justin Borden, David Buitron, Steven Butler, Graciela Caringella, Roosevelt Charles, John Geraghty, Kevin Harrison, Susanne Ma, Ronald Ruiz, Kaneesha Tarrant, Lynn Wright, Shari Yates, Lijuan Zhai.

I. **Opening Items** – J. Scott-Coe/S. Rivera-Lacey

a. Approval of the April 24, 2026, Agenda

Motion to accept the February 20, 2026, Agenda – **First:** R. Besikof; **Second:** E. Bishop; No abstention.
Motion carried.

b. Approval of the February 20, 2026, Minutes

Motion to accept the February 20, 2026, Minutes – **First:** K. Bell; **Second:** E. Bishop; No abstention.
Motion carried.

II. **Task Force/Sub-Committee/Special Reports**

a. **Resources Committee** – A. Brown

i. **Information:** Equity in Access & Support IT Update – C. Blackmore/R. Balingit/S. Ma/K. Harrison/B. Manges/J. Borden

Information Technology and Learning Systems (ITLS) division provided an update that highlighted major accomplishments in the 2025-2026 academic year, ongoing modernization efforts, and future priorities across the district. The District decided to discontinue the Anthology ERP implementation and transition to Ellucian Student powered by Colleague SaaS, which will modernize the district's enterprise system with a planned implementation through 2028. The presentation emphasized improvements in cybersecurity, infrastructure modernization, help desk responsiveness, technology standardization, and operational efficiency, including the deployment of updated systems, expanded automation, and stronger district-wide support coordination. Presenters highlighted significant cybersecurity challenges, noting millions of blocked threats and phishing attempts each month, while outlining continued investments in security training, fraud prevention, and identity management.

The presentation outlined five-year priorities for Administrative Applications, Infrastructure and Systems, Cybersecurity, and Technology Support Services through 2030, and addresses RCCD's Artificial Intelligence governance framework, cybersecurity program maturity, operational service metrics, and a

consolidated view of how each IT focus area aligns to the District Strategic Plan. Additional priorities include expanding wireless access, modernizing classroom and audio-visual technology, developing AI governance, enhancing data-driven planning, and exploring AI-supported 24/7 help desk services. The update emphasizes how ITLS continues to deliver reliable, secure, and equitable technology services that advance teaching, learning, and institutional effectiveness. ITLS also introduced a new Cybersecurity Apprenticeship Program intended to provide student workforce development opportunities while supporting the district's broader strategic goals.

- i. **Information:** Districtwide Solar and Battery Project – A. Brown/H. Agah
Facilities, Planning and Development presented the final update on RCCD's district-wide solar and battery energy storage project, a \$38.8 million sustainability initiative approved in 2022 to provide long-term energy savings and infrastructure modernization across Moreno Valley College, Riverside City College, Norco College, Ben Clark Training Center, and Centennial Plaza. The project was implemented through a design-build contract with Turtle Energy, including solar systems, battery storage, and 172 EV charging stations. The project achieved substantial completion with all systems operational and connected to the grid, despite delays caused by utility requirements and unforeseen site conditions. The initiative includes solar arrays, battery storage systems, and 172 EV charging stations, and is projected to offset approximately 59% of district energy use while generating an estimated \$9.3 million in energy savings over 25 years supporting significant environmental benefits through reduced emissions and fossil fuel usage. Implementation of a real-time solar dashboard will monitor system performance, energy production, and environmental impact, with a comprehensive one-year performance analysis planned for next year.
- ii. **Information:** Space Optimization Studies for: MVC, NC, and RCC – A. Brown/H. Agah
Facilities, Planning and Development presented RCCD's district-wide space utilization and optimization study, conducted over the past three years to evaluate how classrooms and labs are scheduled and used across Riverside City College, Norco College, and Moreno Valley College. Space Utilization Studies evaluate how existing spaces are currently used by measuring occupancy, frequency of use, and overall efficiency, without altering course schedules or space assignments. Space Optimization Studies use data from the college Space Utilization Studies to identify opportunities to redesign, reallocate, or improve the use of existing spaces, with the goal of maximizing efficiency, functionality, and cost-effectiveness. The Space Optimization Study results indicate that adjustments to course location could provide colleges with opportunities to repurpose underutilized space, without changing course meeting times or days. These spaces could be redesigned to accommodate additional needs such as faculty offices, engagement centers, Adult Education programs, etc. These studies are intended to provide colleges with planning data and flexible options, and continued collaboration with campus leadership, faculty, and classified professionals are essential to validate space inventories and guide future space optimization decisions.

b. **Institutional Effectiveness, Planning, and Governance** – S. Rivera-Lacey

- i. **Action:** AP 2101 (Independent Study) Updates – S. Rivera-Lacey/J. Scott-Coe/T. Few
The Council discussed updates to AP 2101 focusing on clarifying definitions, eligibility requirements, learning contracts, and academic conditions for lower-division independent study, while also identifying several sections requiring revision before bargaining, including removal of compensation-related language and clarification of administrative roles. Members discussed the need to strike unclear or negotiable content, remove the box and "appropriate administrator" on page 1, refine or remove the UC credit language on page 2, and outline a process to ensure consistent implementation across campuses.

MOTION: To proceed with a cleaned-up version of the AP 2101 incorporating suggested edits –
First: A. Navas; **Second:** E. Bishop. Motion carried.

c. **Teaching and Learning Committee** – S. Rivera-Lacey

- i. **Information:** RCCD in China – J. Rhyne/L. Zhai/S. Rivera-Lacey
A delegation from RCCD, including faculty and administrators, conducted a March exploratory study abroad visit to China in Nantong and Beijing to develop potential Memoranda of Understanding with two institutions: Nantong College of Science and Technology in Nantong and Beijing University of Agriculture

in Beijing, The delegation visit to China was focused on building international partnerships and expanding study abroad programs. The delegation engaged with partner institutions, including Nantong College of Science and Technology in Nantong and Beijing University of Agriculture in Beijing, to develop reciprocal student and faculty exchange opportunities. The presentation highlighted key outcomes and next steps to implement student and faculty exchange programs that enhance global learning and engagement. Site visits included academic discussions, student housing and homestay explorations, and cultural/historical experiences to inform program design. The delegation emphasized affordability, safety, strong institutional interest in partnership, and opportunities for two-way exchanges involving students and faculty in fields such as environmental science and workforce development. Initial planning envisions faculty exchanges as early as 2026–2027 and student programs in 2027.

ii. **Information:** Noncredit Committee Meeting Minutes – L. Zhai

Noncredit Committee meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet for the Council's review. Council had the opportunity for discussion and questions.

d. **Institutional Planning, Effectiveness, and Governance Committee** – S. Rivera-Lacey

i. **Information:** District Enrollment Management Committee Meeting Minutes – L. Zhai

District Enrollment Management Committee meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet for the Council's review. Council had the opportunity for discussion and questions.

II. **Other**

a. Next Meeting: May 29, 2026

Meeting adjourned – 4:02 pm