

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

President's Cabinet

February 3, 2026 | 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. | MC 211 A

1) CALL TO ORDER: Ashanti Hands, President

2) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) District and Campus Updates: President Hands gave the following District and Campus Updates:

- 1) Received an email from ACCJC and we are reaffirmed; their finding is that they found we had addressed all of the compliance requirements and that we corrected any deficiencies. We will disseminate the letter to the campus and begin to plan celebration and recognition efforts.
- 2) Ashanti shared the Highlight Video from Convocation.
- 3) Dr. Hands attended the CCLC Legislative Conference; Jeremiah Palomino, AS President, also attended helping to advocate. Handouts will be shared with these notes on the key talking points for the Governor's budget and what we are advocating such as COLA, enrollment growth, and strong workforce and we are requesting support for \$120.7 million in one-time deferred funds for deferred maintenance. Also, we are trying to secure \$100 million for a student services block grant that could assist with what we are losing with our minority-serving institution grants, and ongoing funding for the strong workforce program – the \$60 million in one-times to be restored. District is looking at implementing a 3-year average of funding based on the prior year for our SCFF; it is hard now to plan how they are currently doing the allocations. In addition, they are wanting to reverse the TK split. Advocacy was also done for the Community College Bachelor's Degrees.
- 4) As a region, representatives were brought in from Governor Newsome's office, the Department of Finance, City Committee Budget and Consultation Committee, and Assembly Committee on Higher Education and Finance. This was more of a dialogue beginning with the student story which facilitated a conversation around the topics that were important and if there were any areas that would be blocking them and what would support look like and what they need from community colleges. Dr. Hands stayed an additional day and was able to speak with Akilah Weber and Assemblymember Chris Ward to advocate for the baccalaureate degree programs and to gain some additional letters of support. Dr. Isabel O'Connor also a public comment.
- 5) Chancellor Smith sent an email on January 13, 2026, which was an update on the formal recognition of the Supervisory and Professional Administrators Association (SPAA) collective bargaining unit and updates to participatory governance committees. There will be classified, academic, and FLSA exempt professor employee SPAA members. The governance structure for supervisors serving on committees was not spelled out specifically on the guidelines for the district, these are local decisions that we get to determine. This work could begin initially working with the PIE Committee who can bring in some SPAA representatives to hear the concerns and how we can be sure that our SPAA are represented - at the District level a SPAA seat was opened for District Governance Council.
- 6) Dean Leticia Diaz who spoke on the Chancellor's Office Accessibility Center who are conducting a district-wide kickoff on accessibility, compatibility, maturity model. Dean

Ashanti Hands, President

Convocation Highlight Video

<https://spaces.hightail.com/space/HFfDSkYfi2>

Combined File of CCLC Legislative Conference Documents:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Combined_Documents_shared_Pcab_2-3-26.pdf

Diaz shared the American Disability Act (ADA) is going to be updated and it applies to public colleges and universities with the purpose of providing equal access to programs, services, and activities, including online courses, websites, videos, apps, and digital tools. This reinforces that accessibility is a responsibility that is shared across our institution. Mesa College will have the opportunity to participate in ACMM, Accessibility Capability Maturity Model. The college will be provided with an assessment, a plan, and guided through implementation and then reassessed. Invites will be sent by the District to several ACMM trainings which highlight different platforms (Outlook, presentation, flyers, website) and provides guidance and resources. The kickoff will be held on February 24, 2026. If you did not receive a email invite you can RSVP to Leticia Diaz.

3) STANDING REPORTS – GOVERNANCE

a) Associated Students: Tonya Trusova, Academic Senate Treasurer, gave the following updates:
 1) This past week, AS has continued its outreach and planning efforts. This week is Welcome Week and the focus is on increasing visibility and connecting with students.
 2) AS will host a table tomorrow to feature AS and let students know who they are, share the AS mission, and encourage involvement, with the hope of bringing in additional senators to strengthen student government.
 3) AS Leadership Retreat was held on January 28, hosted by Student Affairs, at the Marina Village and was successful and impactful. The Executive shared their powerful stories, motivating many student leaders, including those involved in clubs, AS, Peer Navigators, and other students. The retreat included fun activities, strong engagement, and meaningful discussions, making it a valuable experience full of learning and growth.

Tonya Trusova, AS Treasurer

b) Classified Senate: Ayana Woods, Classified Senate President, shared the following updates:
 1) A spring retreat was held in January.
 2) A Valentine’s Candy Gram event will be held to support the Classified Scholarship and events.
 3) Classified Scholarships: Scholarships are still open for all to apply; deadline is February 17, 2026.
 4) New Classified Institute begins n February 20, 2026; they are accepting participants.

Ayana Woods, President

c) Academic Senate: May Gwin, Academic Senate President, shared the following updates:
 1) The first executive meeting is next Monday, February 9, 2026. The first Senate meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026.

Mary Gwin, President

4) INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS

Veterans’ & Records Department & Veterans Success Center: Jordan Agricola included in his presentation the upcoming events:

 Pancake Social, March 10, 2026

Jordan Agricola, Supervisor, Veterans/Records Department

 Veterans’ Presentation:
https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/Veterans-Records_Pcab_Presentation_2-3-26_Optimized.pdf

5) OPERATIONS

a) Instructional Updates: Isabel O'Connor, Vice President of Instruction, gave the following updates:
1) First week of classes; very strong enrollment and a lot of demand. Mesa is 104% of spring target for FTES; fall and spring are the key terms for Mesa enrollment.
2) Instruction is beginning to plan for summer and fall. They are waiting for official confirmation of what our FTEF and FTES will be for the next academic year.
3) Instruction is having conversations about the new attendance accounting method. They are meetings scheduled this week because the new attendance accounting method and extra hours are going to affect some programs more than others.
4) Bachelor's Degree: No news, but there is a lot of advocacy across the state. They were told behind the scenes, the Chancellor's Office is now receiving the message and trying to push for some outcome by the end of February.
5) Phase 3 of the Common Course Numbering we are pausing; there will not be any templates released to us from the Chancellor's Office for this phase. This does not affect Phase 2a and 2b which are on track.

Isabel O'Connor, VPI

b) Student Services Updates: Larry Maxey, Vice President of Student Services, gave the following updates:
1) VPSS Maxey welcomed back Olivia (Picolla) Chumm.
2) VPSS Maxey and President Hands met with YMCA and are interested in a potential partnership to provide for childcare opportunities, particularly focusing on adult learners in the evening hours.
3) Black-Serving Institution will be a regular report to President's Cabinet. It is called Harambe. One meeting was held last week that included Edeama, Veronica, Leticia, Hai, shared and engaged in ways we can support each other. One primary way is to elevate each other's work and affirm the work that is already occurring. This is Black History Month and there is a fantastic display in the LRC. The Rosa Parks' Celebration will occur tomorrow; at 11:30 a.m. participants will meet at the G building – Osani Circle, for the silent march to the Rosa Parks Transit Center.
4) Oracle Implementation: This has begun with financial aid and Saul Quiroz and Dean Vicki Miller are keeping VPSS Maxey apprised of the all the great things that are occurring.
5) Element 451: The implementation across the district, a people relationship management tool, that allows faster and easier communication with students for events and various things.
6) 36-Hour Work Week Pilot: VPSS Maxey encouraged all to keep documenting so that we have a firm understanding of how this is impacting our students.

Larry Maxey, VPSS

c) Administrative Services Updates: Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President of Administrative Services, presented updates that included the ICE Action Plan and Protocols, safety, Mesa Tech Hub, Work Orders, 36-Hour Pilot office schedules, food service hours of operation, 2026 Payroll schedules for hourly/adjunct and contract employees, and Measure HH Communication.

Lorenze Legaspi, VPA

Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President, Administrative Services
Administrative Services Presentation:
<https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation->

d) Institutional Effectiveness: Hai Hoang, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, presented updates that included the Program Review Timeline, Committee on Outcomes and Assessment first meeting on February 17, 2026, PIEC | Accreditation Timeline and Structure,

[documents/Admin Services Updates Pcab 2-3-26_Optimized.pdf](https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/IE_Updates_Pcab_2-3-26_Optimized.pdf)

Hai Hoang, Dean, IE

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e) Focus Group Recruitment: Anabell Pulido, Information Officer, shared a Focus Groups flyer which asked for input to identify fundraising priorities. The flyer is included in this meeting notes and has a QR code. Deadline is Monday, February 16, 2026.

Anabell Pulido, Information Officer

Flyer Handout:

https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/presentation-documents/2026_Focus_Group_Recruitment_Pcab_2-3-26.pdf

All-Campus Events:

Rosa Parks Birthday Recognition, Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 11:30 a.m. March from G Bldg. (Osani Circle), 12:00 p.m. Program at Rosa Parks Transit Center

Chancellor's Forum: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m., MC 211 A/B

Spring Break, March 30 – April 3, 2026

Mesa College Scholarship Awards: Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 4:30 p.m. Check-In, Mesa Gym

Rite of Passage: Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., City College

Lavender Celebration: Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 5:00 p.m., D-101

PTA Pinning Ceremony: Friday, May 22, 2026, 5:00 p.m., Location TBD

Proposed Classiccon, June 2 – 4, 2026

Spring 2026 Semester Pcab Meetings: 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5 Pcab Retreat, 5/19

*Institutional Committees / Special Reports / Spotlight:

2/3/26: Veterans' & Records Department & Veterans Success Center (J. Agricola)

2/17/26:

3/3/26: Mesa DE Committee (K. Palacios; K. Lacher); AI Update (A. Gurganus)

3/17/26: FHP First Reading (I. O'Connor); Real College (L. Maxey); Proposed: Roadmap Roadshow first reading (H. Hoang; L. Legaspi)

4/7/26: FHP Second Reading (I. O'Connor); Sustainability (W. Ray)

4/21/26: ESC Update (M. Rodriguez); CDAIE (J. Villalobos)

5/5/26: President's Cabinet Retreat: 2:15 – 5:00 p.m.

5/19/26: End-of-Semester Operations Updates: Proposed: Roadmap Roadshow second reading (H. Hoang; L. Legaspi)

Note: The President's Cabinet full agendas with notes will be processed following each meeting and posted on the President's at: <https://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/office-of-the-president/cabinet-documents.shtml>