



**SDIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, October 22, 2025
CCCAOE Regional Meeting
10:30 am to 11:30 pm

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS:

Alex Berry, Associate Dean of Career and Technical Education, San Diego Mesa College (*on behalf of Monica Romero, Dean, School of Business & Technology, San Diego Mesa College*)

George Dowden, Dean, Career Education, Cuyamaca College

Claudia Estrada-Howell, Dean of the School of Business, Technical Careers & Workforce Initiatives, San Diego Miramar College

Jonathan Kropp, Workforce Director, Southwestern College (*on behalf of Jennifer Lewis, Dean of School of Applied Technology & Hospitality Management, Southwestern College*)

Nichol Roe, Dean, Career, Technical, and Extended Education (CTEE), Palomar College

Efrain Silvia, Dean of Economic and Workforce Development, Imperial Valley College

Al Taccone, Dean, Career Education, MiraCosta College

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Robin Allyn, Work-Based Learning Liaison, MiraCosta College

Kevin Alston, Professor of Business & Finance, Southwestern College

Sonia Anchundo-Reynoso, Sr. Specialist, RCF, Foundation CCC

Molly Ash, Director, Apprenticeship Program Development, MiraCosta College

Hideaki Asto, CTE Research Expert, San Diego City College

Kristin Bebout, CE Grants Coordinator, MiraCosta College

Kim Bellaart, Director, Grossmont Adult Education

Heidi Bergener, K12 Pathway Coordinator, Coronado High School District/Southwestern Community College District

Stephanie Bradley, Program Coordinator, SDIC Regional Consortium

Danene Brown, Regional Chair, SDIC Regional Consortium

Wendy Brown, Grants Administrative Specialist, Palomar College

Jose Carrillo, Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Imperial Valley College

Robert Chu, Regional Programs Manager, San Diego-Imperial Center of Excellence

Susan Corley, Administrative Assistant to Dean of CE, MiraCosta College

John Edwards, Research Analyst, San Diego-Imperial Center of Excellence

Vicky Figueroa, Continuing Education Technician, Imperial Valley College

Benjamin Gamboa, Associate Dean, Career Education, MiraCosta College

Beverly Garcia, Program and Grant Manager of SWP, Perkins, and CAEP, San Diego College of Continuing Education

Michael Gomez, K12 Pathway Coordinator, San Diego County Office of Education/Palomar Community College District



Michael Gracia, CTE Research Expert, San Diego College of Continuing Education
Michelle Gray, Dean, Business and Information Technology, at San Diego College of Continuing Education
Yuliana Guzman, Sr. Immigration Analyst, URC, SD
Darren Hall, Fire Tech Director, San Diego Miramar College
Nancy Hernandez, Apprenticeship Coordinator, URC, San Diego
Brett Houser, Interim Dean, Health & Public Safety, Imperial Valley College
Matthew Jewett, Fire Academy Director, San Diego Miramar College
Mary Kartanson, EMT Program Director, San Diego Miramar College
Alexis Knappek, Sr. Grants Administrative Specialist, Palomar College
Connie Lafuente, Director of Regional Health Initiatives, SDI Regional Consortium
Taylor Lemker, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, Cuyamaca College
Annie Li, CTE Research Expert, San Diego Miramar College
Yesenia Lazcano, Apprenticeship, Palomar College
Kimberly Macias, K12 Pathway Coordinator, Imperial County Office of Education
Kaley Martine, Manager Education to Work, Foundation CCC
Ute Maschke, Director, Continuing Education, Palomar College
Edward Matthews, Career Education Program Manager San Diego Community College
Kevin McMackin, Director, Strategic Partnerships, SDI Regional Consortium
Malena Medrano, Job Placement Case Manager, Cuyamaca College
Maricela Moreno, Internship & Work Experience Coordinator, Imperial Valley College
Susan Murray, Dean, Institutional Effectiveness, San Diego City College
Renee Nasori, Career Services Supervisor, Grossmont College
Wendy Nelson, Interim Associate Dean, Palomar College
Annie Ngo, Business Faculty, MiraCosta College
Tina Ngo Bartel, Executive Director, San Diego & Imperial Center of Excellence
Lynn Phan, Case Manager, URC, San Diego
Jennifer Peña, Associate Dean, Career Education, San Diego Miramar College
Amertah Perman, Dean, Career Education & Workforce Development, San Diego Community College District
Heather Peterson, Director II, Grossmont Adult Education (Health Occupations Program)
Alexis Plazola, Program Coordinator, UDW
Tina Recalde, Assistant Superintendent / Vice President of Instruction, Palomar College
Mike Roberts, COE, Creating Coding Careers
Tasi Rodriguez, Regional Professional Development Manager, San Diego & Imperial Center of Excellence
Norma Santana, Admin Assistant III, Imperial Valley College
Donna Sellona, Grants Administrative Specialist, Palomar College
Nicole Thren, K12 SWP PC, Grossmont Union High School District/GCCCD
Michelle Tucker, Division Administrative Assistant, CTEE, Palomar College
Leslie Wisdom, K14 TAP, SDIC Regional Consortium
Sunny Xu, Workforce System Manager, San Diego Community College District
Sonia Yaddgo, Job Placement Case Manager, Grossmont College



D. Brown called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

1. **Welcome and Approval of 9.26.25 Minutes** ([view here](#)), (Lead CTE Deans Only), by D. Brown
*Motion to approve N. Roe, second by E. Silva, **unanimously approved***
(A Berry, G. Dowden, C. Estrada-Howell, J. Kropp, N. Roe, E. Silva, & A. Taccone)
2. **No Program Recommendations** from 9.10.25 Deans' Council
3. [CCCAOE Updates](#) shared by N. Roe
4. **Chancellor's Office Updates** shared by C. Fortin
 - October Workforce & Economic Development Division [Program Updates](#)
5. [The Consortium Connection Newsletter: September 2025](#) shared by K. McMackin
6. **Regional Convening Ideas** (Activity)
 - The group was invited to share college-level highlights aligned with the Vision 2030 framework:
 - i. Equity in Student Access
 - ii. Equity in Student Support
 - iii. Equity in Student Success
 - The group was also invited to share current challenges where assistance from the Chancellor's Office would be beneficial. Members identified areas in which additional guidance, resources, or streamlined processes could support ongoing regional and college-level efforts.
7. **Roundtable**
 - D. Brown offered congratulations to A. Berry and other regional supporters on the recent passage of AB 323 Strong Workforce Program: Work-Based Learning opportunities.
 - E. Silva expressed appreciation to the Regional Consortium team for their ongoing support and noted that the new RCC Grant is closely aligned with the work the region has already been doing.
 - B. Gamboa provided a copy of MiraCosta Colleges [TEAL Jobs Report](#).
 - A. Perman reminded the group that implementation of AB 323 is still forthcoming and emphasized the need for continued advocacy as statewide guidance is developed. She highlighted that further efforts are needed particularly in the areas of job wage data.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The next WDC meeting will be Friday, November 21, 2025. *San Diego & Imperial Center of Excellence (COE) will present on their Understanding and Supporting Adult Learners Across San Diego & Imperial Community Colleges report.*

Archived meeting minutes and handouts can be found in the [Resources Library](#).