



AGENDA
STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
(SWACC)

CLAIMS & COVERAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 20, 2026

10:00 AM

THE WESTIN SAN DIEGO GASLAMP QUARTER

910 Broadway Circle

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 239-2200

This meeting will also be conducted by teleconferencing in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(b). Members of the public may address the Committee from any teleconference location.

Use the information below to access the meeting:

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(669) 444-9171; Meeting ID: 990 4540 0048

CONFERENCE CALL LOCATIONS

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

CHAIRPERSON(S):

Santa Clarita Community College District	April Marin, Chair
Citrus Community College District	Wade Ellis, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Barstow Community College District	DeeDee Garcia
Coast Community College District	Janet Phillips
Desert Community College District	Terri Wilson
Kern Community College District	Tina Johnson
Long Beach Community College District	David Jefferson
Los Rios Community College District	Anita Singh
Mt. San Antonio Community College District	Duetta Wasson
NCCCSIA/Marin Community College District	Eresa Puch
Palomar Community College District	Victoria De La Torre
Pasadena Area Community College District	Darlene Inda
San Diego Community College District	Joel Peterson

San Joaquin Delta Community College District	Stacy Pinola
Santa Monica Community College District	Daniel Phillips
Ventura Community College District	Ilene Mehrez
West-Valley Mission Community College District	Michael Robins

EX-OFFICIO:

South Orange County Community College District	Ann-Marie Gabel
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MANAGER:

Keenan & Associates	Colleen Bjerknes
	Jeff Ostrom
	Brian Evans
	Matthew Takeda
	Robert Bonaventura

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA [cv](#)  10

SWACC retains the right to change the order in which agenda items are discussed. Subject to review by SWACC, the agenda is to be approved as presented. Items may be deleted or added for discussion only according to G.C. Section 54954.2.

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS [cv](#)  11

Members of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item or another topic within the jurisdiction of the Committee will be given the opportunity to ask questions by submitting public comments via email to the SWACC JPA Manager, Colleen Bjerknes, at: cbjerknes@keenan.com. All public comments will be accepted via email. Submissions must be received by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Please include in the subject line of the email: COMMENTS FOR THE MEETING OF February 20, 2026. Please indicate if you are addressing a specific agenda item or are making “Public Comment.” Submissions will be read aloud at the meeting and must comply with the 3-minute time limit.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 3, 2025 & January 26, 2026 [cv](#)  12 - 23

The Committee will review the minutes of the November 3, 2025, and January 26, 2026, Committee meetings for any adjustments and adoption

[110325 C&C Minutes.pdf](#) 

[012626 Sp. C&C Minutes](#) 

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VI. CORRESPONDENCE [cv](#)  24 - 27

Correspondence will be presented and reviewed by SWACC. No action may be taken in response; only referred for action on a subsequent agenda.

- [020526 Welcome David Jefferson C&C.pdf](#) 
- [020526 Welcome Ilene Mehrez C&C.pdf](#) 
- [020526 Welcome Tina Johnson C&C.pdf](#) 

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VII. CLOSED SESSION [cv](#)  28

As authorized by Government Code Sections 54954.5 and 54956.9, the Committee will discuss the following:

A) SPECIAL CLAIMS CONSIDERATIONS/REQUESTS/APPEALS 29 - 38

[cv](#)  :

1. [Hope v. Desert CCD](#) 
 - a. [Hope v. Desert - supporting document](#) 
2. [Martin v. Cerritos CCD](#) 
3. [Martin v. Los Rios CCD](#) 

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B) LIABILITY CLAIM SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS [cv](#)  39 - 44

1. [Kubischta v. Southwestern CCD](#) 
2. [Rabii-Rakin v. Rancho Santiago CCD](#) 

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- C) **LOSS RUN/CLAIM REVIEW/CLAIM INCURRED ANALYSIS** [cv](#)^s 45 - 47
[🔒](#) :

The Manager will review new/serious claims from the Claim Incurred Analysis.

[Claims Incurred Analysis Report](#) [🔒](#)

ACTION

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- D) **CLAIM UPDATES NEW/SERIOUS REPORTS** [cv](#)^s [🔒](#) : 48 - 50
1. [Lofman v. Hartnell CCD](#) [🔒](#)

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- E) **NEW LOSS REPORT** [cv](#)^s [🔒](#) : 51 - 53

The Manager will provide a report on any new losses that pierced SWACC's member retained limit during the most recent quarter, for information.

[SWACC New P&L Claims - December 2025_MODIFIED.pdf](#) [🔒](#)

[SWACC New PL Claims - January 2026_MODIFIED.pdf](#) [🔒](#)

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- F) **TRIALS:**
The Claims Administrator will provide information regarding any new pending trials, updates on current pending trials, and trial results for Committee information.

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- NEW PENDING TRIALS** [cv](#)^s [🔒](#) : 54 - 62
1. [Gordin v. El Camino CCD](#) [🔒](#)
 2. [Grant v. Rancho Santiago CCD](#) [🔒](#)
 3. [Holland v. South Orange CCD](#) [🔒](#)
 4. [Yeagley v. Ventura County CCD](#) [🔒](#)

- TRIAL UPDATES** [cv](#)^s [🔒](#) : 63

At the time of the agenda, there were No Trial Updates to present.

TRIAL RESULTS [cv](#) [s](#) :

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At the time of the agenda, there were No Trial Results to present.

G) COVERAGE OPINIONS [cv](#) [s](#) :

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The following claims will be presented and discussed by the Committee for coverage issues and position letters as per the SWACC coverage determination policy:

1. [Aceves v. Antelope Valley CCD](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)
2. [Azose v. El Camino CCD](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)
3. [Gonzales v. Pasadena Area CCD](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)
4. [Grant v. West Hills CCD](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)
5. [Johnson v. Long Beach CCD](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)
6. [Monterey Peninsula CCD Theatre Water Loss](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)
7. [Monterroso v. San Diego CCD](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)
8. [Mt. San Jacinto CCD – Menifee Valley Gas Leak](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)
9. [Ng v. San Bernardino CCD](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)
10. [Peters v. Hartnell CCD](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)
11. [Southwestern CCD – Chula Vista Mold Loss](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)
12. [Yakkovlev v. Cabrillo CCD](#) [s](#)
 - a. [Research Memorandum](#) [s](#)

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H) POSITION LETTERS [cv](#) [s](#) :

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Position letters issued November 3, 2025 are included in the agenda for Committee ratification.

[15 Position Letters.pdf](#) [s](#)

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- l) **IN-HOUSE SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY REQUESTS** [cv](#)  : 183 - 203

Approved in-house settlement authority requests are included in the agenda for Committee ratification.

[10 In-House Settlement Requests.pdf](#) 

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- VIII. OPEN SESSION** [cv](#)  204

In accordance with Government Code Section §54957.1, any action taken while in closed session will be reported out.

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- IX. PROPERTY CLAIM SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION REQUEST(S)** [cv](#)  205 - 210

1. [Cabrillo CCD](#) 
2. [El Camino CCD](#) 

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- X. CLAIMS PAID REPORT** [cv](#)  211 - 212

Review the closed and settled claims report from October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

[SWACC Closed 202510-202512.pdf](#) 

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- XI. APPROVED DEFENSE ATTORNEY PANEL UPDATE** [cv](#)  213 - 249

Review and take action on any requests received in regard to the approved defense attorney panel additions/deletions.

[Defense Counsel Panel Request Summary](#) 

[Approved Defense Attorney Panel](#) 

[Cozen O' Connor Application](#) 

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XII. 2026/2027 MEETING SCHEDULE [cvs](#)

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The Committee will approve the 2026/2027 meeting schedule.

[2026-2027 SWACC C&C Committee Meetings_DRAFT.pdf](#) 

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XIII. BRIEFINGS/BEST PRACTICES [cvs](#)

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Discuss recent briefings for Committee review.

1. [P&C Digest - December](#) 
2. [P&C Digest - January](#) 
3. [P&C Digest - February](#) 

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XIV. INFORMATION

A) MEMBER COMMENTS:

Each member may report about various matters involving SWACC. There will be no SWACC discussion except to ask questions, and no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.

B) MANAGER COMMENTS:

The Manager will report to SWACC about various matters involving SWACC. There will be no SWACC discussion except to ask questions, and no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.

C) OTHER COMMENTS:

The public may address the Claims and Coverage Committee on any matter pertaining to SWACC that is not on the agenda. The chairperson reserves the right to limit the time of presentations by individual or topic.

XV. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING

Members and visitors may suggest items for consideration at the next meeting which is scheduled for May 11, 2026. Regularly scheduled agenda items are:

- Closed Session - Claims

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Americans With Disabilities Act

The Statewide Association of Community Colleges conforms to the protections and prohibitions contained in Section 202 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. A request for disability-related modification or accommodation, in order to participate in a public meeting of the Statewide Association of Community Colleges, shall be made to: Jeff Ostrom, JPA Account Manager, Keenan & Associates, 2355 Crenshaw Boulevard, Suite 200, Torrance, CA 90501, 310.212.3344.

Documents and materials relating to an open session agenda item that are provided to the SWACC Claims & Coverage Committee less than 72 hours prior to a regular meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at 2355 Crenshaw Boulevard, Suite 200, Torrance, CA 90501. The documents will also be available on the agency's website at www.swacc.org.