

## **SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Jose F. Torres, Interim Chancellor

**REVIEWED BY:** Jose F. Torres, Interim Chancellor

**PREPARED BY:** Angel Rodriguez, Senior District Director of Marketing, Public Affairs and Government Relations

**DATE:** July 8, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Adopt Resolution #2021-07-08-BOT01 End SBCCD's State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and Return to In-Person Meetings of the Board of Trustees

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt resolution #2021-07-08-BOT01 to end the district's state of emergency declared on March 17, 2020 and return to in-person public meetings of the Board of Trustees.

### **OVERVIEW**

The San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees held a special meeting on March 17, 2020 to declare a state of emergency in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This action allowed Interim Chancellor Jose F. Torres to continue SBCCD's educational mission while taking the necessary measures to fight COVID-19 and ensure the well-being of students and employees. Given California's progress against COVID19, vaccine availability and declining hospitalization rates, this resolution ends the district's state of emergency and restarts in-person public meetings of the Board of Trustees after July 8.

### **ANALYSIS**

This board item builds upon SBCCD's Safe Reopening Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees on May 13. SBCCD, Crafton Hills College, San Bernardino Valley College, and KVCR will expand in-person operations on August 1 while following Cal/OSHA safety guidance, accommodating flexible work schedules, and monitoring COVID-19 community health conditions.

### **BOARD IMPERATIVE**

- I. Institutional Effectiveness
- II. Learning-Centered Institution for Student Access, Retention and Success
- III. Resource Management for Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Excellence
- IV. Enhanced and Informed Governance and Leadership

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**Resolution #2021-07-08-BOT01 of the Board of Trustees  
San Bernardino Community College District**

**END SBCCD'S STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 AND  
RETURN TO IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a State of Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees declared a State of Emergency to continue SBCCD's educational mission while taking the necessary measures to fight COVID-19 and ensure the well-being of students and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, To date, California has administered more than 20 million vaccine doses, including 4 million in the state's hardest-hit communities, and reduced COVID-19 hospitalizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of California announced that the state would fully reopen on June 15, while continuing to encourage everyone to get vaccinated;

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2021, the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees adopted the SBCCD Safe Reopening Plan which would expand in-person operations district-wide on August 1, while following Cal/OSHA safety guidance, accommodating flexible work schedules, and monitoring COVID-19 community health conditions;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the San Bernardino Community College District:

- 1) Will restart in-person public meetings of the Board of Trustees after Thursday, July 8, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2021 by the following votes:

AYES: Viricel, Harrison, Houston, Longville, Reyes, Singer, Williams, Sanchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ashlock

ABSTENTIONS: None

ATTEST:

  
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Jose F. Torres, Secretary of the Board