



## SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION MINUTES

September 10, 2025 - 5:00 p.m. – AD/SS 207/ via ZOOM

### **SBVC Foundation Board Directors Present/Absent:**

<b>P</b>	Dolores Armstead	<b>A</b>	Shelley Krusbe	<b>A</b>	Lisa Obershaw-Durham
<b>P</b>	Keith Bacon	<b>A</b>	Kenneth Lane	<b>P</b>	Joseph Paulino
<b>P</b>	Susan Bangasser	<b>P</b>	Mike Layne	<b>P</b>	Anthony Roberson
<b>A</b>	Paul Bratulin	<b>P</b>	Becky Lepins	<b>P</b>	Thomas Robles
<b>A</b>	Michael Burrows	<b>P</b>	Bronica Martindale	<b>A</b>	Diana Z. Rodriguez
<b>A</b>	Gilbert Contreras	<b>A</b>	Justin Martinez	<b>P</b>	George San Martin
<b>P</b>	John Echevarria	<b>P</b>	Pamela Montana	<b>P</b>	Michael Sola
<b>P</b>	Scott Henderson	<b>A</b>	Kimberly Morales	<b>A</b>	Dexter Thomas
<b>A</b>	Andrea Hecht	<b>P</b>	Kerry Neal	<b>A</b>	James Tillman
<b>P</b>	Ernesto Izarraras	<b>P</b>	Shelby Obershaw	<b>A</b>	Helen Tran

**SBVC Staff:** Lacey Domon, Eve Mulhall, Phylicia Sanchez

**Guests:** Angel Rodriguez and Ynez Canela

### **I. Call to Order:**

President George San Martin called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

### **II. Moment of Silence:**

The Board took a moment of silence in memory of Foundation board member, Bill Clarke.

### **III. Approval of minutes from May 14, 2025**

Paulino moved, Echevarria second, minutes were unanimously approved.

### **IV. SBVC President's Report:**

Treasurer Keith Bacon provided the President's report on behalf of Dr. Contreras.

- Water Stewardship Recognition: San Bernardino Valley College made history as the first educational institution to earn Alliance for Water Stewardship certification, meeting 98 audit conditions with guidance from Swiss water company GWF.
- Centennial Celebration Kickoff: SBVC launched its 100th anniversary year with an Opening Day ceremony and procession. Each academic division was represented with gonfalons, and the event featured a drumline, drill team, mascot "Blue," and student-athletes.

- Centennial Branding & Hub: SBVC launched a centennial website: [valleycollege.edu/100](http://valleycollege.edu/100). Features include “100 Events for 100 Years,” a podcast, documentary (coming spring), and historical archives.
- Professional Pilot Program Launched: New Flight Operations – Professional Pilot Degree and Certificate program debuted at Riverside Municipal Airport. Partnership with Riverside Flight Academy offers affordable access to aviation careers.
- Alumni Classic Football Game: First alumni football game drew about 3,000 attendees. Honored 1982 championship team; alumni cheerleaders participated; featured a flyover courtesy of the Applied Technology Division.
- ‘Coffee with PEC’ Initiative: Informal gatherings hosted by President Contreras and the Executive Cabinet fostered open discussion among students, faculty and staff. Valuable feedback and a lot of good questions have been brought up at these gatherings.
- Den2Den Housing Program with CSUSB: Partnership allows SBVC students to live and dine on the CSUSB campus with access to university amenities.
- Hispanic-Serving Institution Week & Heritage Month: Celebrations held Sept. 8–14 with traditional food and beverages. Hispanic Heritage Month events began Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **V. Committee Reports:**

- a) Alumni – Thomas Robles  
No report
- b) Board Development – Thomas Robles  
No report
- c) Finance – George San Martin  
An update was provided at the Board Retreat from Bank of America.
- d) Strategic Planning – Susan Bangasser  
Currently, the committee is working on the “work plan” of the strategic plan. The work plan describes the strategies, the time frame, goals, and the measurement of outcomes. The final plan will be provided to the Board at the November Board meeting.
- e) Fundraising – Eve Mulhall  
*Gala Update:* The Board was provided with the projected budget for the 100th gala. The budget was reviewed and there is an estimated gross income of \$482,400 and

estimated expenses of \$240,015. This will bring in an estimated net of \$242,385. Montana motioned to approve the 100th anniversary gala budget, seconded by Bangasser. Motion unanimously approved.

f) Audit – Mike Layne

The 2024-2025 audit will take place on October 6, 2025, by Spafford & Landry, LLC.

**VI. Budget Report:** Mike Layne

The Board was presented with the Foundation's actual-versus-budgeted report through July 2025. The budget is currently slightly above the projected amount.

**VII. Director's Report:** Mike Layne

The Board was provided with the director's report showing progress towards the Board's goals.

- The Foundation disbursed over \$800,000 in student scholarships in the spring. It is expected for the Foundation to award over \$500,000 for 2025-2026.
- The Foundation received a \$10,000 grant from Citizens Business Bank to fund ten \$1,000 scholarships for low-to-moderate income students for the 2025-2026 academic year.
- The Foundation received a \$125,000 grant from the LA84 Foundation.
- The Foundation secured \$150,000 for the sixth cycle of the Finish Line Scholars Program.
- The Foundation was invited to submit an application for the \$25,000 Edison STEM Grant.
- In partnership with California State University, San Bernardino, 25 students transferring to CSUSB will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.
- The Centennial Giving Campaign has launched with a \$10,000 matching gift commitment from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union.
- The Foundation is collaborating with IEHP and other community partners on the IEHP Blue Zone initiative in San Bernardino.
- The coordinators are working on their donor cultivation assignments and donor stewardship events.
- The gala subcommittee meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the President's Conference Room.
- Currently, donors are meeting with Ken Turpen for estate planning sessions. We will also be using Crescendo to provide more materials on our website for estate planning.
- The Foundation was named in the Petta Estate to receive 15% of their estate. Currently the estate is going through litigation due to some unforeseen circumstances. The Foundation is being updated periodically on the proceedings.
- The major gift campaign will launch at the gala on March 27, 2026.

- The Foundation was not awarded the Chik-Fil-A True Inspiration Grant. The grant application was open nationwide.
- SBVC has teamed up with California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) to offer SBVC students housing. This is called the Den2Den Housing Program for our students to live in their dorms while attending Valley. The student is responsible for the costs to stay in the dorms, but they have access to all of the student life items, the gym, and their own meal plans.

#### **Alumni Relations and Centennial Giving Challenge – Lacee Domon**

The Alumni Classic football game was held on August 30<sup>th</sup>. There was an estimate of 130 in attendance at the Alumni VIP Barbeque. There were around 3,000 spectators in attendance. The Centennial Giving Challenge started Fall Opening Day, and it will go on until the Spring 2026 Opening Day. There were 89 employees who were actively participating, and the number has now increased to 118 employees. The campaign is being led by 3 captains, one for the managers, one for the faculty, and one for the classified. There will be special events and gifts available for employees who sign up or who increase their monthly contribution. For 2025, there has been 270 new signups for the alumni association.

#### **Communications Report – Eve Mulhall**

The Board was shown some of the previous newsletters that have gone out over the last couple of months. The newsletter covers Foundation news, SBVC news, athletics, and there is always a student or alumni story featured. We are also expanding to include donor stories. The alumni association is being featured with a reminder of the association giving free memberships to alumni. There have been updates to the website to make it more visible and navigable. The donation link has been added to each website's pages. There is now a page for SBVC Employees featuring information on the Employee Giving Campaign. There is now a page for planned giving providing donors with the steps of planning their gift. The Legacy Society is described in clearer terms. There is also a page for the 100th anniversary gala. The Board members page has been updated with the board member's photos. Lastly, during the month of August we got 153 new followers and in the past 30 days we have gotten 63,000 views on social media. The Foundation and the alumni association are being featured on social media.

#### **Scholarship Update – Phylicia Sanchez**

We are currently contacting students who have not submitted their scholarship documents so that the remaining funds can be disbursed to students. We have started awarding scholarships for this year. We have also received a couple of awards from the Inland Empire Community Foundation to award the Lend Pond Scholarship, the Molly Adams Scholarship, and the Community Foundation Scholarship.

#### **VIII. Old Business:** George San Martin

There were no items presented under Old Business.

**IX. New Business:** George San Martin

- a. Poncho Sanchez will perform on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at SBVC. A motion was presented to the Board for approval of \$15,000 to cover the cost of Poncho Sanchez. Bangasser motioned, Armstead seconded. Motion unanimously approved.
- b. The resume for Dr. Robert Nava was presented to the board for a motion to add Dr. Nava as a board member to the Foundation. A motion was made to add Dr. Nava as a board member beginning September 10, 2025. Obershaw motioned, and Armstead seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

**X. Other**

- Associate Vice Chancellor Angel Rodriguez from SBCCD presented the 2025 Legislative & Budget Priorities handbook to the Board. The handbook outlines the ongoing efforts of SBCCD to support student success. One key legislative highlight is Assembly Bill 1400, which would permit community colleges to offer a bachelor's degree in nursing. SBCCD has been actively advocating to designate the Inland Empire as a priority region. If the bill is approved, Valley College—along with institutions in the Central Valley—would be among the first to pilot the program. In total, the initiative will launch at 10 community colleges.

**XI. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 1/12/2026

Gilbert J. Contreras, Ph.D.

Secretary