



SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION MINUTES

May 13, 2026 - 5:00 p.m. – AD/SS 207/ Via ZOOM

SBVC Foundation Board of Directors Present/Absent:

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

SBVC Staff: Lacey Domon, Eve Mulhall, and Phylcia Sanchez

I. Call to Order:

Vice President Pamela Montana called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes from March 11, 2026:

Lane moved to approve the March 11, 2026, meeting minutes. Echevarria seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. SBVC President's Report:

Vice President Keith Bacon presented the report on behalf of President Gilbert J. Contreras.

- Several construction projects are underway across the college. The college recently held a topping-off ceremony for the new Student Services Building under construction on Mt. Vernon Avenue.
- Two additional buildings are planned for the north end of the campus. The new Aeronautics Building and Health Sciences Building will be located across the street from Middle College High School.

- High school counselors from throughout the region attended a conference on campus to learn more about the programs and opportunities available to students at SBVC.
- Vice President Bacon recognized Mike Layne and the Foundation team for raising more than \$1 million through the 100th Anniversary Gala.
- The City of San Bernardino proclaimed March 26, 2026, as “Valley College Day” in recognition of the college’s centennial.
- Commencement was scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2026, at SBVC Stadium. The Class of 2026 was the largest graduating class in the college’s history, with 1,584 students graduating with degrees and certificates—an increase of more than 25% over the previous academic year.

IV. Committee Reports:

a) Alumni – Thomas Robles

Robles reported that he continues to conduct podcast interviews with alumni and retirees. He is also accepting recommendations for future podcast guests.

b) Board Development – Thomas Robles

No report was provided.

c) Finance – George San Martin

No report was provided.

d) Strategic Planning – Susan Bangasser

The committee is scheduled to meet in September.

e) Fundraising – Dexter Thomas

Gala Update by Eve Mulhall: Mulhall reported that the 100th Anniversary Gala raised more than \$1.1 million. The gala also provided the Foundation with an opportunity to begin the soft launch of its major gift campaign.

f) Audit – Mike Layne

Layne reported that the 2024–2025 audit had been completed. The auditor was unable to log in to the meeting to present the audit report. The auditor will be invited to attend the August Board Retreat to present the report.

V. Budget Report: Mike Layne

The Board received the Foundation's actual-versus-budgeted financial report through January 31, 2026. The report reflected more than \$176,000 in net ordinary income, exceeding the projected amount.

VI. Director's Report: Mike Layne

The Board received the Director's Report, which outlined the Foundation's progress toward the Board's strategic goals.

- 100th Anniversary Gala: More than \$1.1 million was raised. Carol Dixon will provide the final profit-and-loss statement.
- Pinky and Joe Brier Foundation: The Foundation made a five-year, \$500,000 commitment to establish an endowed scholarship supporting women pursuing careers in aeronautics. The first \$100,000 installment is expected to be presented in June. No matching funds will be required for the first-year installment; however, matching funds will be required during years two through five of the commitment.
- Finish Line Scholars Program: The Foundation was awarded \$300,000 for the 2026–2027 academic year, representing an increase of \$150,000. Currently, 91% of scholarship recipients have graduated or achieved their educational goals.
- Stater Bros. Charities: Stater Bros. Charities donated \$50,000 during the gala to support the campus food pantry. This contribution was in addition to its \$5,000 gala sponsorship.
- SBVC Retiree Luncheon: The Foundation hosted the luncheon and recognized more than 20 retirees for their years of service to the college.
- Endowed Scholarships: Four new endowed scholarships were established during the academic year. The Foundation team will work to increase the number of endowed scholarships established during the next academic year.
- Major Gift Campaign: The gala served as the soft launch of the major gift campaign. Additional work will be completed before the campaign is formally launched.
- Donor Portfolios: Each coordinator has been assigned a portfolio of donors to manage and cultivate. Once hired, the Assistant Director will also be assigned a donor portfolio.
- Assistant Director Position: The application period for the Assistant Director position is now open.
- President's Circle: Giving levels have been established to distinguish donation amounts and corresponding donor recognition.
- Artificial Intelligence System: The department will explore an artificial intelligence system designed to assist with donor cultivation, retention, and reengagement of lapsed donors.

Alumni Relations and Retirees – Lacee Domon

Domon provided the following updates:

- Twenty campus tours have been conducted since January 2026.
- All graduates will automatically be enrolled in the Alumni Association.
- Almbase will launch during the summer to help track alumni information and strengthen alumni engagement.
- The Retiree Summer Bingo Social is scheduled for June 16, 2026.
- The Alumni and Local Chamber Mixer is scheduled for July 30, 2026.
- The Athletics Hall of Fame event is scheduled for February 26, 2027.

Communications Report – Eve Mulhall

Mulhall provided the following updates:

- Facebook and Instagram engagement and performance data were presented.
- The Marketing Department collaborated with the Foundation to create social media posts featuring the college's history.
- Each monthly newsletter featured an alumnus, donor, or scholarship recipient.
- Individual interviews were conducted for grant-reporting purposes and special events.
- Film, Television, and Media students submitted the first drafts of a 30-second promotional video, a one-minute commercial, and a three-minute documentary.
- ValleyUp2CSUSB scholarships were awarded to 25 students during the annual Scholarship Ceremony.
- The Legacy Society is being revamped, and additional information will be added to the Foundation's website.

Scholarship Report – Phylcia Sanchez

The Board received the following scholarship updates:

- A total of \$883,598.50 was awarded in scholarships.
- A total of 638 students received scholarships.
- A total of 848 scholarships were awarded.

VII. Old Business: Pam Montana

There were no items presented under Old Business

Paulino moved to accept the 2024–2025 audit report. Obershaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of new Board Member: Geroqe San Martin

The Board Development Committee recommended the approval of the following three nominees as new members of the Board, with their terms beginning August 4, 2026:

- Ben Casillas, M.D.
- John Gutierrez
- Greg Wessels

Thomas moved to approve the three nominees for terms spanning 2026–2029. Bangasser seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Support of Measure Y: Chancellor Rodriguez

Chancellor Rodriguez reported that, following more than a year of community outreach and input from approximately 1,300 community members, safety professionals, students, and other stakeholders, the SBCCD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to place Measure Y on the November 3, 2026, ballot.

Measure Y would authorize up to \$898 million in bonds to upgrade classrooms, training facilities, infrastructure, and equipment throughout SBCCD. If approved, the measure would cost property owners approximately \$25 annually per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The measure would also require citizens' oversight, public disclosure of expenditures, and annual independent audits. All funds would remain local and be used for projects identified in the measure.

The Chancellor Rodriguez requested for the Foundation's financial support through a \$150,000 contribution toward the approximately \$900,000 cost of the campaign supporting Measure Y.

Nava moved to approve a \$150,000 Foundation contribution to the campaign supporting Measure Y. Obershaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gilbert J. Contreras, Ph.D.
Secretary