Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Regular Board Meeting (Study Session)

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Cerritos College Cheryl A. Epple Board Room
11110 Alondra Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

7:00 p.m. Call to Order - Open Session

MISSION STATEMENT: Cerritos College values its diverse student population and is committed to providing these students with high quality, comprehensive instructional programs and support services that improve student success and offer clear pathways to achieve personal, educational, and career goals. In doing so, the college develops in students the knowledge, skills, and values that prepare them to be productive participants in the global community.

1. Procedural

Subject	**1.01 Roll Call**
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Type	Procedural

Dr. Dawn Green, Board President

Zurich Lewis, Board Vice President

Dr. Shin Liu, Board Clerk

James Cody Birkey, Trustee

Mariana Pacheco, Trustee

Mariana Rios, Trustee

Dr. Sandra Salazar, Trustee

Gustavo Sanchez, Student Trustee

Dr. Jose Fierro, President/Superintendent

1. Procedural

Subject	**1.02 Pledge of Allegiance**
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Subject	**1.03 Agenda Organization**
Meeting	May 6, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting (Study Session)
Type	Action, Procedural
Recommended Action	The order of business may be changed by consent of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees will discuss any changes in the order of agenda items. Per Board Policy 2340, the order of business may be changed by consent of the Board of Trustees.

1. Procedural

Subject	**1.04 Comments from the Audience**
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The Board of Trustees welcomes public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the college. Public comment request cards must be completed and returned to the secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

Late arrivals will not be permitted to speak. Comments should be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker and twenty (20) minutes per topic if there is more than one speaker.

Note: Members of the board may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Also, be advised that college personnel and processes are available for further communication.

1. Procedural

Subject	**1.05 Reports and Comments from Constituent Groups**
Meeting	May 6, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting (Study Session)
Type	Reports

At this time, a brief report and summary of initiatives will be given by identified constituent group leaders:

- Terrance Mullins, Faculty Senate President
- Dr. Will Mittendorf, Cerritos College Faculty Federation (CCFF) President
- Irlanda Lopez, California School Employees Association (CSEA) President

2. Open Session Agenda

Subject	**2.01 Institutional Presentation: Ethnic Studies at Cerritos College**
Meeting	May 6, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting (Study Session)
Type	Information

The Board of Trustees will receive an overview of Ethnics Studies at Cerritos College from Dr. Frank Mixson, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Natalie Sartin, English Professor, and Caroline Romero, Chair & Assistant Professor, Chicano Studies Department.

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File Attachments
Africana Studies Department PowerPoint for BOT Meeting on May 6 2026.pdf (1,155 KB)
Ethnic Studies Departments' Data.pdf (736 KB)

3. Consent Items - Office of Student Services

Subject	**3.01 Request for Travel Outside the United States – Taiwan**
Meeting	May 6, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting (Study Session)
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a travel request for Dr. Sunday Obazuaye to travel for a period not to exceed June 6, 2026 to June 28, 2026 as part of the Taiwan Study Abroad program as instructor for the Taiwan Study Abroad Program.
Goals	Lever B: Cerritos College will increase timely student completion rates and reduce excess units upon completion, ensuring students' progress to complete program requirements and achieve their educational goals. Strategy B.1. Align programs of study with the demands of the local economy, so our students are better able to secure high-income careers, leading to upward social and economic mobility. Lever C: Cerritos College will be innovative in developing career and transfer pathways. We will cultivate partnerships that enable life-changing career opportunities for our students and fuel the local workforce with talent that is prepared to meet the needs of the economy. Strategy C.2. Increase opportunities for our students to attain baccalaureate degrees, both at our college and at transfer institutions.

19 students will participate in this program. Study abroad is a high impact practice that increases the likelihood of students achieving learning outcomes, including persistence and completion.

Objectives of this trip include:
- Encourage retention through summer enrollment
- Support completion outcomes
- Develop transferrable skills like problem-solving, cultural competencies, empathy, and more

Student will engage in academic excursions and activities related to their course (POL 220 – Comparative Government), including guest lectures and guided tours of museums and cultural landmarks. The experience will be integrative and immersive. Including Mandarin lessons, cultural exchange opportunities with local students and local excursion to foster greater cultural competence and appreciation of global exchange.

FISCAL IMPACT
An amount not to exceed $5,000 will be expended from the International Student Services general fund account.

Students will pay a predetermined program fee to cover the cost of their participation to also cover faculty expenses. The estimated cost of faculty reimbursements for flights, meals, transportation has been calculated into the program fees for students.

All items may be approved by adoption of the Consent Calendar, individually and collectively by one (1) motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless Members of the Board of Trustees, the public, or staff request that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action.

Motion & Voting

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Consent Agenda Items 3.01 and 3.02 [student trustee advisory vote: aye].

Motion by Mariana Pacheco, second by James Cody Birkey.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Aye: James Cody Birkey, Dawn Green, Zurich Lewis, Shin Liu, Mariana Pacheco, Mariana Rios, Sandra Salazar

3. Consent Items - Office of Student Services

Subject	**3.02 Request for Travel Outside the United States – Taiwan**
Meeting	May 6, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting (Study Session)
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a $3,000 stipend graduate intern supporting the Taiwan Study Abroad Program.
Goals	Lever B: Cerritos College will increase timely student completion rates and reduce excess units upon completion, ensuring students' progress to complete program requirements and achieve their educational goals. Strategy B.1. Align programs of study with the demands of the local economy, so our students are better able to secure high-income careers, leading to upward social and economic mobility. Lever C: Cerritos College will be innovative in developing career and transfer pathways. We will cultivate partnerships that enable life-changing career opportunities for our students and fuel the local workforce with talent that is prepared to meet the needs of the economy. Strategy C.2. Increase opportunities for our students to attain baccalaureate degrees, both at our college and at transfer institutions.

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The intern will serve as the primary contact person for on-site concerns related to student experience.

FISCAL IMPACT
Fatima Leoniza Nuñez will receive payment in the amount of $3,000. Fatima will support the study abroad program in several ways:
- Pre-departure orientation and events
- Purchase airline ticket to travel with study abroad program participants
- Housing and meals will be provided by host institution
- All other expenses incurred by the intern, less housing and meals, will be covered by the intern

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Motion & Voting

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Motion by Mariana Pacheco, second by James Cody Birkey.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Aye: James Cody Birkey, Dawn Green, Zurich Lewis, Shin Liu, Mariana Pacheco, Mariana Rios, Sandra Salazar

4. Reports and Comments from District Officials

Subject	**4.01 Reports and Comments from District Officials**
Meeting	May 6, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting (Study Session)
Type	Reports

At this time, members of the Board of Trustees will provide brief reports on meetings attended on matters pertaining to their service as a representative of the Cerritos Community College District Board of Trustees pursuant to Government Code 53232.3(d).

Following the Board of Trustees, the President/Superintendent will provide an executive report which includes reports from the Vice President of Business Services, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Student Services, and Vice President of Human Resources.

5. Closed Session

Subject	**5.01 Conference with Labor Negotiators (GC #54957.6)**
Meeting	May 6, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting (Study Session)
Type	Action

Agency Representatives: Dr. Jose Fierro, Felipe Lopez, Dr. Mercedes Gutierrez

Employee Organizations:
California School Employees Association (CSEA)
Cerritos College Faculty Federation (CCFF)

Unrepresented Employees:
1. Management Employees
2. Contract Management Employees
3. Confidential Employees
4. Child Development Center Teachers and Instructional Associates
5. Short-term, Temporary, and Substitute Staff

No Fiscal Impact

5. Closed Session

Subject	**5.02 Public Employee Evaluations**
Meeting	May 6, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting (Study Session)
Type	Action, Information

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, the Board will discuss the following employment positions:

A. Position: President/Superintendent

B. Position: Vice Presidents

6. Closing Items

Subject	**6.01 Reconvene to Open Session**
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6. Closing Items

Subject	**6.02 Adjournment**
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