

Orange County Regional Consortium College Resource Leadership Council Business Meeting

Approved Full Discussion Minutes: October 16, 2025

Zoom Video-Call Details

Orange County Regional Consortium is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: October 2025 OCRC Program Recommendation Meeting

Time: October 16, 2025 9:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Voting Members present:

- Peggy Bilbruck, Coastline College
- Rick Hodge, Cypress College
- Ken Starkman, Fullerton College
- Dorsie Brooks, Golden West College
- Kim Tang, North Orange Continuing Ed
- John Jaramillo, Saddleback College
- Matthew Morin, Santa Ana College
- Denise Foley, Santiago Canyon College

Voting Members Absent:

- Debbie Vanschoelandt, Irvine Valley College
- Lisa Knuppel, Orange Coast College

- I. ***Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Ms. Dorsie Brooks, CRLC and Dean Resource Associate, OCRC***
- II. ***CRLC Member Roll Call – Ms. Maria Lepe, Interim OCRC Director, Special Programs, conducted the roll call, and quorum for voting members was confirmed.***
- III. ***September 2025 CRLC Business Meeting Full Discussion Minutes were Approved***
- a. ***Motion: Denise Foley, Santiago Canyon College; Second: John Jaramillo, Saddleback College; APPROVED***

IV. **Informational Items**

a. **Program Data Requests**

Program Title	Top Code	CIP Code	College	Contact
1. Human Resources Management (Applied)	0506.00	52.0201	Coastline College	Erin Thomas ethomas48@coastline.edu
2. Management (Applied) Certificate of Achievement	0506.00	52.0201	Coastline College	Erin Thomas ethomas48@coastline.edu
3. Drone for Public Safety Certificate	2105.00	43.0107	Fullerton College	Ken Starkman kstarkman@fullcoll.edu
4. Advanced Impaired Driving Enforcement	2105.50	43.0107	Santa Ana College	Timothy Vu Vu_timothy@sac.edu
5. AI Cyber Engineer	0708.00	11.0199	Santa Ana College	Hugh Nguyen nguyen_hugh@sac.edu
6. Crisis Intervention for Law Enforcement	2105.50	43.0107	Santa Ana College	Timothy Vu Vu_timothy@sac.edu
7. Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten Curriculum and Instructional Practices	1305.00	13.1210	Santa Ana College	Michelle Kimmel kimmel_michelle@sac.edu
8. Public Safety Management	2105.00	43.0103	Santa Ana College	Timothy Vu Vu_timothy@sac.edu
9. Public Safety Supervision	2105.00	43.0103	Santa Ana College	Timothy Vu Vu_timothy@sac.edu
10. Supervisory Leadership Institute	2105.00	43.0103	Santa Ana College	Timothy Vu Vu_timothy@sac.edu
11. Survey in Technical Theatre	1006.00	50.0502	Santa Ana College	Chris Cannon cannon_chris@sac.edu
Noncredit Vocational Program				
1. Project Management	0506.00	52.0201	North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE)	Kim Tang ktang@noce.edu

2. JAMFF Certification	0708.20	11.1006	Orange Coast College	Lisa Knuppel lnuppel@occ.cccd.edu
Proposed Baccalaureate Degree Program				
1. Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Management	2105.00	43.0103	Santa Ana College	Timothy Vu Vu_timothy@sac.edu
2. Retail Management	0506.50	19.0203	Santa Ana College	Gabriel Shweiri shweiri_gabriel@sac.edu
3. Drone and Autonomous Systems Bachelor of Science Degree (*Awarded BDP's must go through the Regional Recommendation Process. FC's Drone and Autonomous Systems BDP was submitted in Cycle 3.)	0950.00	14.0299	Fullerton College	Jay Seidel jseidel@fullcoll.edu

V. Action Items*Ms. Dorsie Brooks, CRLC and Dean Resource Associate, OCRC*

- a. Program Recommendation: Motion:** Ken Starkman, Fullerton College; **Second:** Denise Foley, Santiago Canyon College
Recommended: YES

Program Title	Program Award Type	TOP Code	College	Contact	Type of LMI Endorsement	LMI Criteria			Emerging *
						Supply Gap	Wages	Educ. Attain.	
1. Music and Audio Production for Cinema, TV and Radio (*Please note this program title was originally submitted as Commercial Music for Cinema/TV/Radio on June's 2025 Agenda)	Certificate	1005.00	Saddleback College	John Jaramillo jjaramillo@saddleback.edu	ES	✓		✓	
2. Games and Interactive Media	A.S. Degree	061410	Saddleback College	John Jaramillo jjaramillo@saddleback.edu	ES	✓	✓	✓	
3. Games and Interactive Media - Animation	Certificate	061410	Saddleback College	John Jaramillo jjaramillo@saddleback.edu	ES	✓	✓	✓	
4. Games and Interactive Media - Design	Certificate	061410	Saddleback College	John Jaramillo jjaramillo@saddleback.edu	ES	✓	✓	✓	
5. Kitchen and Bath Design	Certificate	130200	Saddleback College	John Jaramillo jjaramillo@saddleback.edu	ES	✓		✓	
6. Networking Administrator Essentials	Certificate	070810	Saddleback College	John Jaramillo jjaramillo@saddleback.edu	ES	✓		✓	
7. Banking & Finance AS Degree	A.S. Degree	050400	Santa Ana College	Matthew Morin morin_matthew@sac.edu	ES	✓		✓	

***Motion** moved by Dorsie Brooks from Golden West College to amend the agenda and include the **Bachelor of Science in Drone and Autonomous Systems degree as an action item** for recommendation, as it had previously appeared as an informational item and should have been listed on the agenda for recommendation. **Seconded:** Ken Starkman, Fullerton College; **Approved: YES**

- b. [Baccalaureate Degree Programs for Recommendation](#); **Motion:** Denise Foley, Santiago Canyon College; **Second:** John Jaramillo, Saddleback College;

Recommended: YES

Program Title	Top Code	College	Contact
1. <u>Automotive Technology</u>	094800	Santa Ana College	Matthew Valerius Valerius_Matthew@sac.edu
2. <u>Drone and Autonomous Systems Bachelor of Science Degree</u> (*Awarded BDP's must go through the Regional Recommendation Process. FC's Drone and Autonomous Systems BDP was submitted in Cycle 3.)	0950.00	Fullerton College	Jay Seidel jseidel@fullcoll.edu

During the meeting, members discussed two baccalaureate degree programs, Automotive Technology and Drone and Autonomous Systems, for regional recommendation. Both programs had been approved by the Chancellor's Office prior to Cycle 6, when regional approval was not yet required before state approval. The Drone and Autonomous Systems Baccalaureate program from Fullerton College had appeared as an informational item over a year ago, and updated LMI data and advisory minutes were provided to meet current requirements. John Jaramillo raised concerns about adhering to Brown Act posting requirements, while Dorsie Brooks clarified that the agenda could be amended under the "immediate action" provision, requiring a two-thirds vote. Ken Starkman and Jesse Crete confirmed that the programs were already fully approved locally and by the Board of Governors, and that updated LMI data was necessary due to expiration. Jesse Crete further noted that these two programs represent unique cases stemming from changes in the approval process that began with Cycle 6.

- c. [Modified Programs](#) ; **Motion:** John Jaramillo, Saddleback College; **Second:** Matthew Morin, Santa Ana College; **Recommended: YES**

1. [Nutrition and Foods Associate in Arts](#), Fullerton College
2. [Nutrition and Foods Certificate](#), Fullerton College

VI. Update, Discussion, and/or Action Item

Ms. Dorsie Brooks, CRLC and Dean Resource Associate, OCR

a. LA Blue Economy Project

During the meeting, Dorsie Brooks shared highlights from her attendance at the C3 Climate Converge Conference, noting the LA Blue Economy Project (BCAP) led by Santa Monica College. The initiative focuses on water-related workforce sectors, including aquaculture, hydrogen capture, and ecosystem restoration, and has been designated by the Chancellor's Office as a demonstration project, though not yet funded. Brooks spoke with project lead Lisa Lowenberg and coordinated with COE to begin LMI research on related industries, anticipated to start in January 2026. The goal is to identify regional alignment with existing programs, such as Saddleback's ecosystem project and SCC's wastewater management, and assess readiness for potential demonstration or Jobs First grants. Several members, including Denise Foley and John Jaramillo, expressed interest in participating, with plans for further exploration in early spring once the project scope is clarified.

b. Rebuilding LA Partnerships

Dorsie Brooks shared information about the Rebuilding LA initiative, which received state budget earmarks to support recovery efforts from the Altadena (Eaton) and Palisades fires. She noted that Los Angeles Community Colleges currently lack sufficient skilled workers to meet reconstruction needs. To help fill this gap, Brooks suggested leveraging regional construction-related programs, including plumbing and welding, to supply trained workers. Michael will contact the LA Consortia to explore collaboration opportunities that would both support the rebuilding projects and create employment pathways for students.

c. **OCRC Regional Key Talent Event**

Mr. Michael Sacoto, OCRC Interim Executive Director

Michael Sacoto provided updates on several key initiatives. He announced that Round 2 of the California Jobs First Grant will launch later this month, with OCBC expressing interest in supporting an application that involves community colleges and labor union IBU 11, focusing on a more streamlined partnership. A regional convening will be scheduled soon, with details forthcoming. Michael also thanked members for recent one-on-one meetings to discuss how to better invest Regional Strong Workforce Program (SWP) funds. Common themes from those meetings included continued investment in program innovation and implementation, intersegmental collaboration, workforce board partnerships, cross-regional initiatives, and engagement with K-12 and labor unions.

He highlighted successful regional projects such as the Fullerton Drone Program, biotech, and simulation labs, noting these as examples of how regional funds have fostered innovation and program growth. Additional focus areas discussed included nontraditional apprenticeships, adult learners, baccalaureate expansion, and career counseling support.

Michael shared that summaries from meetings with K-12, deans, and leadership will be compiled into three documents to guide the Governance Council's strategic planning session on November 14 at Irvine Valley College (12-3 p.m.), where members will set priorities for the next five years. All Governance Council members and regional partners have been invited, and the meeting will also include time for regional input and discussion.

Michael Sacoto announced that all breakout presentations for the upcoming event have been confirmed, thanking partners for their collaboration. He emphasized that the sessions will not only share valuable information but also connect participants with practical resources. Unlike last year's Vision 2030 event, which focused on executive leaders, this year's gathering will center on frontline practitioners, including counselors, coordinators, specialists, workforce and labor representatives, to foster collaboration across community colleges, K-12 institutions, and workforce agencies. The goal is to help these key staff members network, share best practices, and align regional efforts to better serve students and job seekers across systems.

d. **CCCAOE: OCRC Session Agenda**

Michael Sacoto shared that the final document uploaded was the collaborative meeting agenda, which includes a presentation from the Empowerment Center, a state-funded organization providing wraparound services for non-traditional apprenticeship programs. These services include mental health, healthcare, transportation, food assistance, and shelter support, all offered free of charge to eligible programs approved by the Department of Industrial Relations (DOS). Michael noted that this resource could greatly benefit institutions expanding into non-traditional apprenticeships. Additionally, the meeting will feature a regional discussion on baccalaureate programs, led by Dorsie Brooks, with 25–30 minutes allocated for that conversation in place of traditional updates.

VII. College Updates

- a. **Coastline:** Peggy Bilbruck shared that in September, the college received provisional approval for its new Baccalaureate Degree in AI for Cyber Operations, along with NSA validation for the Associate Degree in AI and Cybersecurity. She noted this as an exciting milestone that marks

significant progress and upcoming work for the program's implementation.

- b. Cypress:** Rick Hodge reported that the team is awaiting approval to host another regional event focused on career readiness and artificial intelligence. Once confirmation is received, details and invitations will be shared with partners and stakeholders.
- c. Fullerton:** Ferdie announced the upcoming Hexagon "Race to Innovate" event, a national manufacturing-focused tour concluding at Fullerton College this Friday. The event, primarily geared toward industry professionals, has been opened to regional participants as well. He encouraged anyone interested to register promptly, as space is limited.
- d. Saddleback:** John Jaramillo announced that Saddleback College President Dr. Stern has announced his retirement effective June 30, and the president position will be posted soon. The college is also recruiting for an ATEP Operations Manager and a newly approved Director of Dual Enrollment position. Additionally, Saddleback will host the California Automotive Technical Education Alliance (CATEA) Conference beginning tomorrow, featuring partners such as the California Automotive Teachers Association, ASC Education Foundation, San Diego Techs, and the Mobilize Summit. Stephanie Feger added that up to 50 free registration passes are available through the regional consortium.
- e. Santiago Canyon:** Denise Foley announced that the college's Applied Water and Wastewater Baccalaureate Degree received provisional approval and is now moving through the remaining approval process.

Motion to approve October 16, 2025, action item minutes; Denise Foley, Santiago Canyon College; Second: Matthew Morin, Santa Ana College. APPROVED

I. Adjourn

The next **Orange County CRLC Meeting** will be on **November 20 2025**, from 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.