



January 30th, 2026
Biannual Planning Retreat
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
245 Plaza Dr. Room 101 Visalia, CA 93291

Summary Agenda:

- 1:00pm Welcome
 - Meeting call to order
 - Attendees, Proxies noted
 - Additions to the agenda
- 1:05pm Approval of November 14th meeting minutes
- 1:10pm CCCCCO WEDD Updates
- 1:20pm COE Updates
- 1:30pm Approval of the Program Recommendations
- 1:35pm Approval of CVML Regional Retreat Planning Subcommittee
- 1:45pm Approval of CVML Regional Data Management Subcommittee
- 1:55pm Approval of College Presenters @ CCCAOE Regional Meeting 4/22
- 2:05pm Approval of CVML Vision 2030 Regional Convening Subcommittee
- 2:15pm Approval of Voting Items from Regional Prioritization and Planning
- 2:30pm Additional Discussion
 - CVML calendar
 - CEO engagement
 - Regional project selection committee proposal
 - Topic, guest invitation request for Feb SC meeting
- 3:00pm Adjournment

Call to Order/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm

Roll Call/Attendees:

(Quorum: 14 of 15 members)

Steering Committee:

Becky Barabe (Fresno City), Osvaldo Del Valle (Porterville), Grant Ermis (Lemoore), Laura Hill (Clovis), Cody Jacobsen (Merced), Brandon Price (Columbia), Liliana Pulido (Modesto), Jonna Schengel (COS), Wei Zhou (Madera), Rozanne Hernandez (Bakersfield), David Clark (Reedley)

Proxies:

Greg Bormann (Taft), Amani Crosshabeyeh (KCCD), April Alexander (Coalinga)

Regional Staff/Key Talent:

Sabrina Lopez (CCCCO), Lora Larkin (Regional Chair), Tanisha Gonzalez (Admin. Asst.), Beatrice Licon (Director), Cynthia Bryan (Program Director), Noah Morales (Acct. Coordinator), Mary Watts (Regional Director), Tahler Caldera (Reedley), Chelsea Cushing (COS), Nick Griffith (Porterville)

Absentees:

Jaime Lopez (Taft), Nicole Griffin (Cerro Coso), Bobbi Mahfood (Coalinga), Joe Gonzales (San Joaquin Delta)

1. Action Items

1.1 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Grant recommended the voting members consider an additional CTE Faculty Training [proposal](#) as a regional option rather than Blue Lotus. Voting members requested both proposals be presented at the February Steering Committee meeting.

1.2 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Regular [Meeting on 11/14/2025](#)

Motion: Recommend for Approval

Moved by: Becky Barabe

Seconded by: Grant Ermis

Objections:

Abstentions: Greg Bormann, Rozanne Hernandez, April Alexander, Amani Crosshabeyeh

Final Resolution: Motion carried

1.3 Program Recommendation Approvals:

Program Name	College	Submitter	Date Submitted
Electronics Technology - Manufacturing Associate	San Joaquin Delta	Veronica Oregel	1/26/2026 14:20
Modern Policing: Associate of Science	Taft	Jaime Lopez	1/22/2026 17:18
Speech-Language Pathology Aide COA	Taft	Jaime Lopez	1/15/2026 11:03
Maintenance Mechanic, Level 1	Reedley	Angela Bustos	1/14/2026 14:01
Agriculture Business	Madera	Yolanda Garcia	12/10/2025 9:00
Modern Policing	Modesto	Heather Townsend	11/19/2025 8:46

Motion: Recommend for Approval

Moved by: Grant Ermis

Seconded by: Cody Jacobsen

Objections:

Abstentions: Liliana Pulido

Final Resolution: Motion carried

1.4 Approval of CVML Regional Retreat Planning Subcommittee

Motion:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Objections:

Abstentions:

Final Resolution: Osvaldo Del Valle recommended that Regional Directors lead the Subcommittee. The proposed Subcommittee members include Laura Hill, Tahler Caldera, Rozanne Hernandez, Chelsea Cushing, Gary Potter, Amani Crosshabeyeh, and Adia Smith. At the request of the voting members. It was recommended Best Practices that are helpful for CEO's and VP's. No vote taken.

1.5 Approval of CVML Regional Data Management Subcommittee

Motion:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Objections:

Abstentions:

Final Resolution: Mary to head Subcommittee. The proposed Subcommittee members include Brandon Price and Hector Facundo. No vote taken.

1.6 Approval of CVML of College Presenters @ CCCAOE Regional Meeting Wed

4/22

Motion:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Objections:

Abstentions:

Final Resolution: Michelle Castanon (San Joaquin Delta) offered to present on apprenticeship and the nontraditional ECE pathway. Becky also offered to reach out to her Precision Measurement instructor to inquire about their availability to present. Lora to send a follow-up email to solicit any additional presentation suggestions. No vote taken.

1.7 Approval of CVML Vision 2030 Regional Convening Subcommittee

Motion:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Objections:

Abstentions:

Final Resolution: Regional Directors to head Subcommittee. The proposed Subcommittee member is Jaime Lopez. A discussion followed regarding the CEO's involvement and attendance at the meeting. Voting members requested that a template and sample agenda be distributed to avoid duplicating efforts. No vote taken.

1.8 Approval of Voting Items from Regional Prioritization and Planning

Motion: Recommend for Approval of a PD event for CTE Career Services Staff, Counselors, and Faculty

Moved by: Becky Barabe

Seconded by: Grant Ermis

Objections:

Abstentions:

Final Resolution: Central Valley Mother Lode to fund the first day up to \$10,000 for logistics and consultant. This will be a two day series and LAUNCH will fund the second day. Voting members would like a date no later than May 2026.

Motion carried.

2. Informational Items

2.1 CCCCCO [WEDD updates](#)

Lora gave a brief update on the Chancellor's updates.

2.2 COE Updates

None

2.3 Additional Discussion

- **CVML Calendar**

Lora advised the group CVML is in the process of mapping out a calendar of professional development opportunities or events coming up. Ideas presented were subregional activities, sector activities, or CTE activities for different groups.

- **CEO Engagement**
Quarterly newsletters being sent, voting members requested they be cc'd in future distributions.
- **Regional Project selection committee proposal**
Project planning is moving forward for SWP R11. It was suggested that colleges submit proposals to determine which projects will be funded with regional funds.
- **Topic, guest invitation request for Feb SC meeting**
The next meeting will be held in Coalinga. Voting members were asked to provide suggestions for potential topics or speakers. Lora suggested dedicating time to move forward from prior day planning efforts. Liliana recommended revisiting the task force focused on work-based learning and building upon the existing toolkit. Grant suggested advocacy as a potential topic.

2.4 **Fiscal Review [Dashboard](#)**

Beatrice provided fiscal updates. All voting members received fiscal information in their meeting folders. SWP 8–10 are currently open; any budget adjustments for SWP 8 and SWP 9 must be submitted no later than February 2, 2026, as those rounds will close at the end of the day. SWP 10 will close on February 6, 2026.

K–12 Round 8 applications have been submitted to KCCD's Board, with a total of 49 applicants and 24 awards granted. For SWP 10, colleges are asked to email signed agreements.

Deans were also asked to coordinate with their fiscal teams and submit any outstanding invoices from SWP 7. Noah will follow up with Deans regarding items that have not yet been billed.

Dr. Sabrina Lopez, from the Chancellor's Office was in attendance and confirmed with the leadership team that SWP 9 will not be eligible for extensions. Regional Round 8 funds must be fully expended by June 2026. Beatrice will reach out to colleges with unbilled Jumpstart funds and provide an update at the February meeting

2.5 **Regional Director Reports [November 2025 Report Report Guide](#)**

2.6 **CVML [Newsletter](#)**

2.7 **21st Century Train the Trainer [flyer](#)**

2.8 **[BI-ANNUAL K12 SWP FISCAL SUPPORT WORKSHOP](#)**

2.9 **Upcoming Events**

Date	Time	Topic	Location
2/20	10-3pm	Advocacy, WBL	Coalinga
3/20	10:30-12pm	TBD	Zoom
4/21	5-8pm	TBD	CCCAOE- Sacramento
5/15	10:30-12pm	TBD	Zoom
6/3/26-6/5/26	TBD	College Best Practices/Project Highlights/Finalize SWP 11 Plans	Black Oak Casino Resort

Adjournment: 2:26 pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: February 20th, 2026 @ Coalinga Community College