

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FIGHTING BACK SANTA MARIA VALLEY FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSITIONAL STUDENT HOUSING PLACEMENT AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges conducted and provided the findings from the "RealCollege Survey," which was intended to assess basic needs security among students at California Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 RealCollege Survey results showed that sixty-nine percent (69%) of respondents from Allan Hancock Joint Community College District ("District") reported experiencing some form of basic needs insecurity, with sixty-one percent (61%) of District respondents reporting housing insecurity and twenty-seven percent (27%) reporting that they experienced homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 RealCollege Survey results showed that District respondents experience housing insecurity and homelessness at rates exceeding statewide averages for community college students; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 RealCollege Survey results indicate an opportunity for the District to address basic needs insecurities and reduce barriers to students' access to basic needs resources by strengthening partnerships with local, state and community-based resource providers; and

WHEREAS, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley ("FBSMV"), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, was organized and incorporated in 2004 for the purpose of promoting the reduction of problems and risks associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, violence, teen pregnancy, abuse, crime, school dropout, and other related social issues by increasing adult, youth and community awareness and participation in prevention programming; and

WHEREAS, FBSMV actively operates programs to support students and young adults (aged 18-24) in transitioning to permanent housing, including rapid rehousing, supportive housing, and case management services, through the receipt of financial contributions and responsibly stewarding such contributions in accordance with its stated purpose and its fiduciary responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, District Board Policies 5050 and 5100 recognize the importance of student success and support services in furthering educational opportunity and academic success among the District's students and Board Policies 6250, 6300 and 6310 provide additional guidance regarding the use, management and accounting of District funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that working with FBSMV will further its policy of supporting educational opportunities and academic success by reducing the impact and prevalence of housing insecurity among its students; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that working with FBSMV will serve a public purpose and benefit of the District by contributing to mitigation of the destabilizing impact of housing

insecurity among District students, and as such the allocation of funds for this purpose shall not result in a gift of public funds, as prohibited by Article XVI, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of California (1879) ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District hereby finds, determines, declares, orders and resolves as follows:

Section 1. That all of the recitals set forth above are true and correct, and the Board so finds and determines.

Section 2. That it is in the best interest of students of the District to work with FBSMV for the provision of transitional housing placement and services.

Section 3. That the District shall pay an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to FBSMV for the five-year term of the agreement between the District and FBSMV entered into upon approval of this resolution, in exchange for the provision of transitional housing services, including housing navigation support and placement in transitional housing rooms to District students who meet FBSMV eligibility criteria, upon request from the District.

Section 4. That the payment to FBSMV will not constitute a gift of public funds, as prohibited by California's Constitution, and will serve the legitimate public purpose of supporting educational opportunity and academic success within the District by helping the District address student housing insecurity.

Section 5. That the District's Superintendent/President, Dr. Kevin G. Walthers, hereby designates Dennis Curran, Associate Superintendent/Vice President for Finance and Administration as the Superintendent/President's designee for the purpose of making payment to FBSMV and implementing the program for the provision of transitional housing placement and services, consistent with this Resolution and as reflected in the Memorandum of Understanding, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," as it may be amended, if necessary.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District on the 17th day of February, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	Student Trustee, Enciso, Levy, Ostini, Pensa, Zacarias
NOES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None



President of the Governing Board of the
Allan Hancock Joint Community College District

Attested to:



Clerk of the Governing Board of the
Allan Hancock Joint Community College District