

Proposed Slate of Candidates for the 2022 ACCJC Commissioner Election

The Nominating Committee of ACCJC has named the following seven individuals to the Slate of Candidates for election and reelection as ACCJC Commissioners. Please see the ACCJC Bylaws for information about the nomination and election process.

Administrative Member (Three Vacancies)

Kathleen F. Burke (*Incumbent, eligible for reelection*) began her service on the Commission in 2019. She has served as Chancellor of the South Orange County Community College District since July 2018. As Chancellor, Dr. Burke acts as the chief executive officer overseeing district-wide operations, including a \$900 million budget and nearly 4,000 employees from the district office and two community colleges: Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College. Dr. Burke has over 38 years of experience in the California Community College System, including service as college president, vice president, and academic dean for 17 years in the Los Angeles Community College District, and as a faculty member for over 20 years at Glendale Community College. She has chaired three comprehensive review teams and served as a team member on seven additional peer review teams for ACCJC. Dr. Burke holds a Doctorate of Education in Institutional Management from Pepperdine University; a Master of Arts in Art, from California State University, Northridge; a Bachelor of Arts in Art History and a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art, both from the University of California, Irvine; and an Associate of Arts in Humanities from Glendale Community College.

Michael Claire (*Incumbent, eligible for reelection*) began his service on the Commission in 2019. He is the Chancellor of the San Mateo County Community College District, where he works with the Board of Trustees and all stakeholders to develop and implement strategic, tactical, and operational plans to achieve the district mission and to improve student access and success. He supervises district staff and the college presidents of the district's three colleges: Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College. Prior to becoming interim Chancellor in 2019, Mr. Claire worked at College of San Mateo for most of his 30+ year career, serving as the President for thirteen years. He also served as Vice President of Instruction, Dean of the Technology Division, and as a faculty member, teaching accounting, business, and computer application courses. Mr. Claire has experience in strategic planning, fiscal management, educational master planning, and facilities planning. He has served on seven accreditation reaffirmation visits, chairing five of those visits, and on a number of follow-up visits. Mr. Claire holds an M.B.A. and a B.S. in Business Administration, both from California State University, East Bay; and an A.A. in Business Administration from Cañada College. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Ángel Reyna is President of Madera Community College. In May 2019, Dr. Reyna was hired as founding president to lead the institution through Initial Accreditation to become the fourth college within the State Center Community College District (SCCCD). As President, he worked with faculty, staff, and students to establish Madera Community College's inaugural Mission, Vision, Values, Educational Master Plan, Strategic Plan, and Governance Structure, and re-imagined the organizational structure to support an equity-minded campus culture. He has taken on leadership roles related to equity and anti-racism within SCCC and the California community college system, for which he serves on the statewide CEO Racial Equity and Inclusive Excellence Taskforce. Dr. Reyna's career includes nearly 8 years as an elected official for the City of Mabton (Washington State) including three and a half years as mayor. His prior roles in higher education include Vice President of Instruction at Renton Technical College where he also chaired the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council; Dean of Workforce Education at Walla Walla Community College; and Director for Workforce Education and ESL Adjunct Instructor at Yakima Valley Community College. He served on the Washington State Community and Technical Colleges' Cross-Institutional Faculty of Color Mentorship Advisory Board, Washington Workforce Education Council, and Washington State Board of Health, and he founded a statewide leadership program for aspiring administrators of color. Dr. Reyna holds an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership, from Northeastern University; and a Master's in Education Leadership and a B.A. in History Education, both from Washington State University.

Public Member (Two Vacancies)

Jeffrey Ball is the President/Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Business Council, an organization focused on economic development and improving the quality of life for all people in the region. As president, Mr. Ball works with elected officials in all levels of government to enact policies that support business and education, manages a diverse staff in all aspects of the organization, and coordinates with partners in business, education, and government to develop and promote workforce development initiatives. He has a long-standing career in business and banking, which includes founding and leading Friendly Hills Bank, a leading community bank in Whittier, California; and roles as Executive Vice President/Corporate Banking for Far East National Bank, and Principal at Bank of America. Mr. Ball currently serves as a Commissioner for the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, State Bar of California, which evaluates grant applications, oversees operating budgets, and coordinates with staff to evaluate continued qualification for legal services programs that serve the indigent community in California. He is a Member Director, Finance and Strategic Planning Committee Chairman, and Past Public Affairs Committee Chairman for the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco; and is Director and Audit Committee Chairman for Data Center, Inc. He served as past founding Chair of the Whittier Union High School Foundation; was a founder and board Chair of Kinetic Academy, a K-8 public charter school; and is an active member of the Lions Club. Mr. Ball holds an M.B.A. from Whittier College, and a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Puget Sound.

David Broad is the retired Vice President/General Manager of Oceanside Product Operations at Genentech, Inc., a biotechnology corporation. During his career in biotechnology, Dr. Broad became a biopharmaceutical process development and manufacturing expert providing strategic and technical guidance related to the development, scale-up, manufacturing, and outsourcing for a wide range of biologics. He served in high-level management and executive positions working under Food and Drug Administration regulations and employee Good Manufacturing Practices to ensure Quality Assurance and continual improvement. In addition to his career in biotechnology, Dr. Broad is an outgoing Trustee at MiraCosta College where he will end his service May 2022 after 11 years, six of which as

President. He based his trusteeship on the belief that good governance and leadership are critical to ensuring community colleges can fulfil their mission to serve all members of the community. During his time as Trustee, he used his executive and leadership experience to help develop and stabilize trustee and CEO relations and was actively involved in the college's reaffirmation of accreditation process. Dr. Broad also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), advocating for youth going through the foster system, and is a Commissioner on the Oceanside Manufactured Homes Fair Practices Commission. Dr. Broad holds a Ph.D. in Microbiology and a B.Sc. in Microbiology, both from the University of London.

University of Hawai'i Community College System Member (One Vacancy)

Erika Lacro (*Incumbent, eligible for reelection*) began her service on the Commission in 2019. As Vice President for Community Colleges since 2019, she oversees the University of Hawai'i's (UH) seven community colleges. Dr. Lacro has served in the UH system since 2002. She was the first woman Chancellor and served as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at Honolulu Community College. She held executive and managerial positions at UH Mānoa School of Travel Industry Management and at Hawai'i's largest resort. Dr. Lacro has chaired several ACCJC comprehensive review teams and is a former Commissioner for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. She is active nationally in Achieving the Dream, Complete College America, Global Community Colleges Leadership Network, and Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Internationally, she is on the board for Community Colleges for International Development. Dr. Lacro holds a Ph.D. in Communication and Information Sciences; an M.S. in Travel Industry Management; and a B.S. in Travel Industry Management, Hotel Management Emphasis, all from the University of Hawai'i Mānoa.

Accrediting Commission for Schools (ACS-WASC) Member (One Vacancy)

Katherine Thorossian is the retired Superintendent of Monrovia Unified School District. As Superintendent she oversaw a district comprised of approximately 5,400 students and 700 employees serving students in one pre-school, five elementary schools, two middle schools, one comprehensive high school, one continuation high school, one k-12 independent study program, and a robust adult education program. Dr. Thorossian's career in education also includes service as an adjunct professor, at the University of California, Irvine; assistant superintendent and principal at the Glendale Unified School District; and assistant principal, grade level coordinator, and English teacher at Walnut Valley Unified School District. She is currently the Association of California School Administrators representative on the Accrediting Commission for Schools (ACS-WASC) and has served on school accreditation committees and visiting teams. Dr. Thorossian holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California; an M.S. in Counseling with option in Administration from California State University, Los Angeles; and a B.A. in English Literature from the University of California, Los Angeles.