

**CCCAOE Regional VP report**  
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### **Advocacy Committee**

The Advocacy Committee for the California Community College Association for Occupational Education met this week to hear about upcoming legislation that could impact higher education. Lobbyist Austen Webster told the committee that this was the first year in a two-year cycle. That means that committees are being realigned and that the education committees in both the Assembly and the Senate will have new members.

The deadline for new legislation is coming up and a flurry of bills is expected.

### **CCCAOE to advocate in WDC**

Three members of the CCCAOE Executive Committee will travel to Washington, D.C., in February to attend the annual Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit. Members of the state Chancellor's Office had recommended that CCCAOE send reps. Those attending will be Pedro Mendez, President; Angela Cordell, President-Elect; and Gary Quire, Executive Director.

The representatives will meet with members and staff of House, Senate, and Executive Branch offices to advocate for community college initiatives and have targeted meetings with key Career and Technical Education-focused Executive Branch offices, such as the Department of Labor.

### **CCCAOE Upcoming Events**

#### **Policy Summit**

March 4 & 5, 2025, at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel and the Capitol.

This event gives those of us who are policy wonks a chance to get briefed on trends and pending legislation and to meet with legislators and their staff members.

Registration is open. See me for information. [mhoffman@vcccd.edu](mailto:mhoffman@vcccd.edu)

<https://cccae.org/policy-summit/>

#### **Spring CCCAOE Conference**

April 8-11, 2025, Hyatt Regency and Sacramento Convention Center. Registration is open. The call for presentation proposals closes Jan. 13.

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