

CA Black Serving Institutions (BSI) Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 17, 2026

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

<https://csus.zoom.us/j/84062694720>

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

- A. Roll Call
- B. Establish Quorum

2. Public Comment (90 sec.):

3. Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: It is recommended that the BSI Governing Board approve the agenda for the September 17, 2026 meeting.

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: It is recommended that the BSI Governing Board review, edit, modify, and approve the meeting minutes from **December 5, 2025**.

5. Introduction of the California State University Central Office for the Advancement of Black Student Success New Interim Executive Director

Recommendation: It is recommended that Dr. Dilcie Perez, Vice Chancellor, Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success, The California State University, & Dr. Luke Wood, President, California State University, Sacramento, introduce Dr. Michael Marion, Jr., the Interim Executive Director, to the BSI Governing Board.

Dr. Michael Marion, Jr. brings more than 25 years of leadership in higher education, with a career spanning both public and private institutions. He has held leadership roles within two-year and four-year institutions, as well as at the local, state, and federal levels of government. This diverse professional background has provided Dr. Marion with a comprehensive understanding of the higher education landscape and the students and communities our institutions serve.

6. BSI Designation Update

Background: At the BSI Governing Board meeting, the Interim Executive Director is responsible for providing the BSI Governing Board with an update on the activities and work being done by California State University Central Office for the Advancement of Black Student Success in support of the California BSI Designation and the BSI Governing Board.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Interim Executive Director provide the BSI Governing Board with the following updates:

- A. BSI Application Update
- B. BSI Application Review Process
- C. BSI Data Sharing Agreement
- D. Black Serving Institution 1-Day Institute/Governing Board Meeting

7. BSI Data Dashboard

Background: In July 2026, under the direction of Dr. Royel M. Johnson, associate professor at the USC Rossier School of Education and co-director of the USC Pullias Center for Higher Education, the USC Pullias Center released the BSI Data Dashboard <https://cabsi.org/>. Dr. Johnson serves as the USC Pullias Center lead for the Black-Serving Institution (BSI) Designation Research Project. This interactive dashboard is the first public tool designed to track Black student enrollment, completion, and graduation outcomes across all 31 of California's designated Black-Serving Institutions. Drawing on a decade of federal IPEDS data (2015–2024), the dashboard establishes the pre-designation baseline against which the policy's impact will be measured. Key findings include:

- Nearly 45,000 Black students are enrolled across the 31 designated BSIs—more than one-third of all Black college students in California.
- The share of Black students enrolled at these campuses declined from 8.7% in 2015 to 7.6% in 2024, underscoring the urgency of the designation.
- At BSI community colleges, Black students complete within eight years at just 21%, compared to 41% of all students—a 20-point gap.
- Persistent equity gaps remain at BSI universities: Black students graduate within six years at 59%, compared with 71% of all students—a 12-point gap that holds across all six designated institutions.

Recommendation: Dr. Royal Johnson should present the BSI Data Dashboard to the BSI Governing Board and recommend strategies to enhance the BSI Data Dashboard for BSI Institutions and the public.

8. BSI Governing Board Action Items: Recommendations for Governing Board Schedule:

A. BSI Governing Board Four-Year Meeting Schedule

Background: Last year, we worked with members of the governing board to establish meeting dates for the BSI Governing Board. To improve efficiency, the Governing Board should approve the four-year meeting schedule.

Recommendation: The Interim Executive Director recommends that the Governing Board approve its four-year meeting schedule.

B. BSI Application Review Process

Background: The Interim Executive Director has worked on establishing an Application Review Process to ensure the BSI Governing Board has information on each institution of higher education that has submitted an application for the California BSI Designation. The proposed review process was developed to

assist the BSI Governing Board as it votes on applications from Institutions of Higher Education for the California BSI Designation.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the BSI Governing Board approve the BSI Application Review Process, including the proposed BSI Rubric that will assist the Interim Executive Director in preparing the BSI applications submitted by the September 1, 2026 deadline for BSI Governing Board review at its next governing board meeting.

9. Future Agenda Items

- A. BSI Governing Board Structure – Potential Governing Board Subcommittees
- B. Review and Approve Recommendations on New BSI Institutions
- C. BSI Data Sharing Agreement
- D. Black Serving Institution 1-Day Institute/Governing Board Meeting

10. BSI Governing Board Members Comments

11. Adjournment