

**Los Angeles Regional Consortium
Program Recommendation Minutes**

May 21, 2026

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Virtual

- Dr. Elizabeth Riley, Cerritos College
- Kimberly Mathews, Citrus College
- Dr. Adrian Trinidad, Compton College
- Mayra Rodriguez, East LA College
- Katie Sundara, El Camino College
- Dr. Federico Saucedo, Glendale Community College
- Starla Thomas, Long Beach City College
- Vivian Alonzo, LA City College
- Priscilla Lopez, LA Harbor College
- Marla Uliana, LA Mission College
- Mon Khat, LA Pierce College
- Dr. Marcia Wilson, LA Trade-Technical College
- Ashanti Blaize-Hopkins, LA Valley College
- Dejah Swingle, Mt. San Antonio College
- Bridgette Hernandez, Rio Hondo College
- Dr. Armine Derdarian, Pasadena City College
- Dr. Steven Sedky (alternate), Santa Monica College

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The Los Angeles Regional Consortium (LARC) Workforce Council Business Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Dr. Narineh Makijan, Los Angeles Regional Consortium (LARC) Chair & AVP, Pasadena City College.

II. LA Workforce Council Voting Member Roll Call

The roll call was completed by Noushig Simonian, Administrative Assistant, Pasadena City College. They confirmed that a quorum of participating members was present.

III. Approval of Previous Month’s MinutesDr. Narineh Makijan

a. Minutes from the April 16, 2026 Business Meeting

Motion: Mon Khat, LA Pierce College

Second: Bridgette Hernandez, Rio Hondo College

Approved: Yes No

IV. General Updates

- a. Chancellor’s Office Update *Chancellor’s Office*
 - WEDD May 2026 Updates

- b. Fiscal & Procurement Update *PCC Fiscal & Procurement Teams*
 - Fiscal May 2026 Updates *Pasadena City College*

V. Informational Items

- a. Program Data Requests

| Program Title | TOP Code | College | Contact |
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| <i>New Certificate or Degree Development (for credit)</i> | | | |
| 1. Augmentative and Alternative Communication (Certificate) | 1220.00 Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology | Cerritos College | Susan McDonald smcdonald@cerritos.edu |
| 2. Behavior Management (Certificate) | 1220.00 Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology | Cerritos College | Susan McDonald smcdonald@cerritos.edu |
| 3. Early Intervention in Speech-Language Pathology Assisting (Certificate) | 1220.00 Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology | Cerritos College | Susan McDonald smcdonald@cerritos.edu |
| 4. Family Childcare Business Management (Certificate) | 1305.80 Child Development Administration and Management | East LA College | Amanda Andrade andrada@elac.edu |
| 5. Paramedic (A.S. Degree) | 1251.00 Paramedic | Glendale Community College | Abraham Baca abaca@glendale.edu |
| 6. Data Analytics & Artificial Intelligence (B.S. Degree) | 0799.00 Other Information Technology | Mt. San Antonio College | Sohair Zaki szaki5@mtsac.edu |
| 7. Nursing (B.S. Degree) | Not Provided | Mt. San Antonio College | Jaime Hooper jhooper1@mtsac.edu |
| 8. Advanced Vehicle Technology Certificate of Achievement (Certificate) | 0948.40 Alternative Fuels and Advanced Transportation Technology | Pasadena City College | Salvador Sanchez Diaz sdiaz52@pasadena.edu |
| 9. Physical Therapy Aide | 1222.00 Physical Therapist Assistant | Pasadena City College | Micah Young, MD myoung19@pasadena.edu |
| 10. Brewing Technology (A.S. Degree) | 0113.00 Food Processing and Related Technologies | Rio Hondo College | Jeronimo Ribaya jribaya@riohondo.edu |

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| 11. Craft Construction Technology (Certificate) | Not Provided | Rio Hondo College | Mario Galindo mgalindo@riohondo.edu |
| 12. Food and Beverage Management (Certificate) | 1307.10 Restaurant and Food Services and Management | Rio Hondo College | Anthony De Lorenzo adelorenzo@riohondo.edu |
| 13. Building Performance and Environmental Design (B.S. Degree) | 0299.00 Other Architecture and Environmental Design | Santa Monica College | Sheila Cordova cordova_sheila@smc.edu |
| <i>District or College Program Review</i> | | | |
| 14. Biotechnology (A.S. Degree) | TOP 04 / Biological Sciences | Glendale Community College | Shelley Thai sthai@glendale.edu |
| 15. Biotechnology (Certificate) | TOP 04 / Biological Sciences | Glendale Community College | Shelley Thai sthai@glendale.edu |
| 16. Biotechnology Research Laboratory Assistant | TOP 04 / Biological Sciences | Glendale Community College | Shelley Thai sthai@glendale.edu |
| 17. Biotechnology Research Laboratory Technician | TOP 04 / Biological Sciences | Glendale Community College | Shelley Thai sthai@glendale.edu |
| 18. All Automotive Systems (Certificate) | TOP 09 / Engineering and Industrial Technologies | Pasadena City College | Salvador Sanchez Diaz sdiaz52@pasadena.edu |
| 19. Honda PACT (Certificate) | TOP 09 / Engineering and Industrial Technologies | Pasadena City College | Salvador Sanchez Diaz sdiaz52@pasadena.edu |
| 20. Medical Assisting Administrative/Clinical (Certificate) | 1208.00 Medical Assisting | Pasadena City College | Sebrenia Law salaw@pasadena.edu |
| <i>Program Modification (substantial changes)</i> | | | |
| 21. Business Administration - Financial Investments (Certificate) | Not Provided | Pasadena City College | Kimberly Shediak kshediak@pasadena.edu |
| 22. Business Administration - Human Resource Management (Certificate) | Not Provided | Pasadena City College | Kimberly Shediak kshediak@pasadena.edu |
| <i>Undecided – Exploratory Purposes</i> | | | |
| 23. Sports Videography | 0612.20 Film Production | Glendale Community College | Dr. Federico Saucedo fsaucedo@glendale.edu |

VI. Action Items..........*Dr. Narineh Makijan*

a. New Program Recommendation

Motion: Marla Uliana, LA Mission College

Second: Dr. Elizabeth Riley, Cerritos College

Recommended: Yes No

Dejah Swingle, Mt. San Antonio College, shared that there is strong demand for wildland fire technology training based on feedback from local fire chiefs, though current labor market data does not track wildland firefighting separately from general firefighter occupations. Luke Meyer, LA COE, explained that available data shows an oversupply of firefighters in Los Angeles and statewide, but lacks the granularity to distinguish structural firefighters from wildland firefighters. Dr. Federico Saucedo, Glendale Community College, noted that similar feedback had been received from local and state programs, with growing interest in shifting resources toward wildland fire training due to environmental conditions and workforce demand. Dr. Armine Derdarian, Pasadena City College, added that existing labor market data primarily reflects structural fire positions, contributing to the discrepancy.

| Program Title | TOP Code | College | Contact | Type of LMI Endorsement | LMI Criteria | | | Emerging* |
|--|----------|-------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| | | | | | Supply Gap | Living Wage | Ed Atmnt | |
| 1. Certificate of Achievement: Athletic Coaching | 0835.6 | Cerritos College | Dr. Elizabeth Riley eriley@cerritos.edu | ES | Y | N | Y | N |
| 2. Certificate of Achievement: Administration of Justice: Cyber Crime Investigations | 2105.00 | East LA College | Mayra Rodriguez rodrigm12@elac.edu | ES | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| 3. Certificate of Achievement: Child Development and Adolescent Development | 1305.00 | LA Harbor College | Priscilla Lopez lopezpa@lahc.edu | ES | Y | N | Y | N |
| 4. Certificate of Achievement: Infant and Toddler Foundations | 1305.00 | LA Harbor College | Priscilla Lopez lopezpa@lahc.edu | ES | Y | N | Y | N |
| 5. Certificate of Achievement: Finance | 0504.00 | LA Pierce College | Mon Khat khatm@piercollege.edu | ES | Y | N | Y | N |
| 6. Certificate of Achievement: General Business | 05 | LA Pierce College | Mon Khat khatm@piercollege.edu | ES | N | Y | Y | N |
| 7. Certificate of Achievement: Insurance | 0512.00 | LA Pierce College | Mon Khat khatm@piercollege.edu | ES | Y | N | Y | N |
| 8. Certificate of Achievement: Management | 05 | LA Pierce College | Mon Khat khatm@piercollege.edu | ES | N | Y | Y | N |

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| 9. Certificate of Achievement: Payroll Accounting | 0502.00 | LA Pierce College | Mon Khat khatm@piercecollege.edu | ES | Y | N | Y | N |
| 10. Certificate of Achievement: Small Business Accounting | 0502.00 | LA Pierce College | Mon Khat khatm@piercecollege.edu | ES | Y | N | Y | N |
| 11. Certificate of Achievement: Small Business Entrepreneurship | 0506.40 | LA Pierce College | Mon Khat khatm@piercecollege.edu | EA | Y | Y | Y | N |
| 12. A.A. Degree: Medical Assisting – Administrative & Clinical | 1208.00 | LA Trade-Tech College | Dr. Marcia Wilson wilsonmr@lattc.edu | ES | Y | N | Y | N |
| 13. Certificate of Achievement: Data Analytics Using Microsoft Tools | 0702.1 | Long Beach City College | Starla Thomas stthomas@lbcc.edu | ES | N | Y | N | Y |
| 14. A.S. Degree, Certificate of Achievement: Personal Training | 0835.20 | Pasadena City College | Dr. Armine Derdarian aderdarian@pasadena.edu | ES | Y | N | Y | N |
| 15. A.S. Degree, Certificate of Achievement: Wildland Fire Technology | 2133.1 | Pasadena City College | Dr. Armine Derdarian aderdarian@pasadena.edu | NE | N | Y | Y | N |

| Key | |
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| EA = Endorsed: All Criteria Met | Y = Yes |
| ES = Endorsed: Some Criteria Met | N = No |
| NE = Not endorsed | * Emerging denotes there are gaps in the traditional labor market information. |
| PA = Pre-approved | |

b. Baccalaureate Degrees

Motion: Dejah Swingle, Mt. San Antonio College

Second: Bridgette Hernandez, Rio Hondo College

Recommended: Yes No

1. [B.S. Degree: Regenerative Medicine Biomanufacturing Technologies](#)

Contact: Dr. Armine Derdarian, aderdarian@pasadena.edu

VII. Additional Action Items

- a. Approval of Minutes Reflecting Today's Program Recommendation Vote.....*Dr. Narineh Makijan*
Motion: Dr. Marcia Wilson, LA Trade-Tech College Second: Dejah Swingle, Mt. San Antonio College Recommended: Yes No