

**Los Angeles Regional Consortium
Program Recommendation Minutes**

July 30, 2026

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

In-Person

- Dr. Elizabeth Riley, Cerritos 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
- Mon Khat, LA Pierce College
- Marla Uliana, LA Mission College

- Dr. Lawrence Bradford (alternate), LA Southwest 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, Santa Monica College
- Allison Tom-Miura (alternate), West LA 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 June 2026 Business Meeting

Motion: Marla Uliana, LA Mission College

Second: Dejah Swingle, Mt. San Antonio College

Approved: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Abstention: Dr. Lawrence Bradford, LA Southwest College

IV. General Updates

- a. Fiscal & Procurement Update PCC Fiscal & Procurement Teams
Fiscal Agent Updates Pasadena City College

V. Informational Items

- a. Program Data Requests

Program Title	TOP Code	College	Contact
<i>New Certificate or Degree Development (for credit)</i>			
1. Advanced AI Integration and Design (Certificate)	0860.00 Educational Technology	Cerritos College	Kimberly Rosenfeld krosenfeld@cerritos.edu
2. Educational Technology and Applied Artificial Intelligence (Certificate)	0860.00 Educational Technology	Cerritos College	Kimberly Rosenfeld krosenfeld@cerritos.edu
3. Esthetician (Certificate)	3007.00 Cosmetology and Barbering	El Camino College	Katie Sundara ksundara@elcamino.edu
4. Applied Artificial Intelligence (AI) (A.S.-T, Certificate)	0799.00 Other Information Technology	Glendale Community College	John Fuhrmann jfuhrman@glendale.edu
5. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Literacy (Certificate)	0799.00 Other Information Technology	Glendale Community College	John Fuhrmann jfuhrman@glendale.edu
6. Entech Audio (Certificate)	1006.00 Technical Theater	Glendale Community College	Melody Gunter melodyg@glendale.edu
7. Entech General (Certificate)	1006.00 Technical Theater	Glendale Community College	Melody Gunter melodyg@glendale.edu
8. Entech Lighting (Certificate)	1006.00 Technical Theater	Glendale Community College	Melody Gunter melodyg@glendale.edu
9. Entech Staging and Rigging (Certificate)	1006.00 Technical Theater	Glendale Community College	Melody Gunter melodyg@glendale.edu
10. Entech Video Projection (Certificate)	1006.00 Technical Theater	Glendale Community College	Melody Gunter melodyg@glendale.edu
11. Automation (A.S. Degree)	0935.00 Electro-Mechanical Technology	Rio Hondo College	Eduardo Galeana egaleana@rioondo.edu
12. Certified Wellness Coach (Certificate)	2104.00 Human Services	Santa Monica College	Jazmin Guzman guzman_jazmin@smc.edu

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13. Public Relations (Associates Degree, Certificate)	0606.00 Public Relations	Santa Monica College	Jazmin Guzman guzman_jazmin@smc.edu
<i>District or College Program Review</i>			
14. Photography	1012.00 Applied Photography	Pasadena City College	Juliana Rico Jrico17@pasadena.edu
<i>Undecided – Exploratory</i>			
15. Grants and Foundation Management Technician	2104.00 Human Services	Pasadena City College	Micah Young myoung19@pasadena.edu

Dr. Federico Saucedo, Glendale Community College, commented on Program #4, Applied Artificial Intelligence (AI), and stated that it would be submitted as an Associate's degree, not an Associate for Transfer.

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

a. New Program Recommendation

Motion: Marla Uliana, LA Mission College

Second: Dr. Marcia Wilson, LA Trade-Tech College

Recommended: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Program Title	TOP Code	College	Contact	Type of LMI Endorsement	LMI Criteria			Emerging*
					Supply Gap	Living Wage	Ed Atmnt	
1. <u>Certificate of Achievement: Augmentative and Alternative Communication</u>	1220.00	Cerritos College	Dr. Elizabeth Riley eriley@cerritos.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	Y
2. <u>Certificate of Achievement: Behavior Management</u>	1220.00	Cerritos College	Dr. Elizabeth Riley eriley@cerritos.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	Y
3. <u>Certificate of Achievement: Early Intervention in Speech-Language Pathology Assisting</u>	1220.00	Cerritos College	Dr. Elizabeth Riley eriley@cerritos.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	Y
4. <u>Associates Degree: Education: Special Education</u>	0809.00	Cerritos College	Dr. Elizabeth Riley eriley@cerritos.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	N
5. <u>Certificate of Achievement: Automotive Business Entrepreneurship</u>	0948.00	East LA College	Mayra Rodriguez Rodrigm12@elac.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	N

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					Supply Gap	Living Wage	Ed Atmnt	
6. Certificate of Achievement: Early Childhood Educator 1	1305.00	East LA College	Mayra Rodriguez Rodrigm12@elac.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	N
7. Certificate of Achievement: Esthetician	3007.00	El Camino College	Katie Sundara ksundara@elcamino.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	N
8. Certificate of Achievement: Robotics Specialist	0956.00	El Camino College	Katie Sundara ksundara@elcamino.edu	ES	N	Y	Y	Y

Key	
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. Program Modification

Motion: Dr. Marcia Wilson, LA Trade-Tech College

Second: Marla Uliana, LA Mission College

Recommended: ☒ Yes ☐ No

1. [Certificate of Achievement: Family Childcare Business Management](#), East LA College

Contact: Mayra Rodriguez, rodrigm12@elac.edu

Modification: Change in required courses, leading to this being a Certificate of Achievement. The current certificate is called: Family Childcare Provider Skills Certificate and includes these courses: CH DEV 1, 10, 50, 51, 52, 60, 61 and (choose one from these) CH DEV 62, 63, 3 or 4. The certificate being recommended streamlines the courses needed, and aligns with Family Childcare being a business run by entrepreneurs. The courses included now will give business skills as well as leadership and supervisory skills needed to run a Family Childcare Business.

2. [A.A. Degree and Certificate of Achievement: Sign Language Interpreting](#), Pasadena City College

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

Modification: The total number of units decreased from 31 to 24 because we changed the program requirements from 9 courses to 8 courses. PCC only approves transfer-level courses that articulate to at least two CSUs. We had to eliminate ASL 005 from the required

coursework because it does not articulate. We eliminated Interpreting I because it was repetitive with the Introduction to Interpreting class. Additionally, we changed the titles of courses to better reflect what students would learn. Finally, we decided to replace a new course (Interpreting IV/Practicum) with WEXP 001 (Work Experience/Internship) because this course already exists at PCC. Finally, our ASL Advisory approved the WEXP 001 class as reflected in the minutes from May 2025. The advisory also approved the program requirements on February 27, 2026.

3. [Certificate of Achievement: Wildland Fire Technology](#), Rio Hondo College
Contact: Bridgette Hernandez, bmhernandez@riohondo.edu

Modification: This is a request to modify an existing program. Reducing total number of units to 12 units. Removed FTEC 108, WFT 077, EMT 093 courses. Unit change from 24 to 31 to 12 Units

VII. Additional Action Items

- a. Approval of Minutes Reflecting Today's Program Recommendation Vote.....*Dr. Narineh Makijan*

The July 2026 Program Recommendation Minutes were approved virtually with a majority vote by the LA Workforce Council.