

**Los Angeles Regional Consortium
Program Recommendation Minutes**

August 20, 2026
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Virtual

- Dr. Elizabeth Riley, Cerritos College
- Terry Adams (alternate) Citrus College
- Mayra Rodriguez, East LA 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
- Priscilla Lopez, LA Harbor 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
- Tiffany Miller, 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 July 30, 2026 Business Meeting

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

Second: Mon Khat, LA Pierce College

Approved: ☒ Yes ☐ No

IV. General Updates

- a. Chancellor's Office Update *Chancellor's Office*
- WEDD Program Updates
- b. Fiscal & Procurement Update *PCC Fiscal & Procurement Teams*
- SWP Regional Funds Fiscal Update *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. AI Systems (Certificate)	0707.00 Computer Software Development	Cerritos College	Phuong Nguyen pnguyen@cerritos.edu
2. Applied Spatial Technology for the Built Environment (Certificate)	0953.10 Architectural Drafting	Citrus College	Tommy Reyes treyes@citruscollege.edu
3. Communication and Content Creation (Certificate)	0601.00 Media and Communications, General	East LA College	MyHanh Anderson andersmv@elac.edu
4. Forensic Photography (Certificate)	2105.40 Forensics, Evidence and Investigation	East LA College	Natalie Wong wongnm@elac.edu
5. Ceramics (Certificate)	1002.30 Ceramics	Long Beach City College	Jennifer Holmgren jholmgren@lbcc.edu
6. Trauma Focused Counseling for Co-Occurring Disorders (Certificate)	2104.00 Alcohol and Controlled Substances	Long Beach City College	Jennifer Holmgren jholmgren@lbcc.edu
7. Sustainable Food Systems (Certificate)	0113.00 Food Processing and Related Technologies	Santa Monica College	Jazmin Guzman guzman_jazmin@smc.edu
<i>District or College Program Review</i>			
8. Dental Laboratory Technology	1240.30 Dental Laboratory Technician	Pasadena City College	Henry Saghians hgsaghians@pasadena.edu
9. EKG Technician	1215.00 Electrocardiography EKG Technician	LA Mission College	Aracely Molina Molinaa2@lamission.edu
10. Vocational Nursing	1230.20 Licensed Vocational Nursing	LA Mission College	Aracely Molina Molinaa2@lamission.edu

Program Title	TOP Code	College	Contact
11. Phlebotomy Technician	1205.10 Phlebotomy	LA Mission College	Aracely Molina Molinaa2@lamission.edu
<i>Program Modification (substantial changes)</i>			
12. Addiction Treatment Counseling and Mental Health Studies (A.A. Degree, Certificate)	2104.00 Alcohol and Controlled Substances	Long Beach City College	Jennifer Holmgren jholmgren@lbcc.edu

Luke Meyer, LA COE had shared that he had reached out to Starla Thomas and Jennifer Holmgren, Long Beach City College regarding Program #5, Ceramics Certificate, which currently has a non-CTE TOP Code. He stated that further discussion would be needed to determine whether the program should be classified as CTE or non CTE and how to proceed. Dr. Marcia Wilson, LA Trade-Technical College, inquired about two programs submitted by LA Trade Tech. Luke confirmed that the programs had been submitted on August 4th and would be shared for review the following month.

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

a. [New Program Recommendation](#)

Motion: Dejah Swingle, Mt. San Antonio College

Second: Marla Uliana, LA Mission College

Recommended: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Program Title	TOP Code	College	Contact	Type of LMI Endorsement	LMI Criteria			Emerging*
					Supply Gap	Living Wage	Ed Atmnt	
1. Certificate of Achievement: Advanced AI Integration and Design	0860.00	Cerritos College	Dr. Elizabeth Riley eriley@cerritos.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	N
2. Certificate of Achievement: Educational Technology and Applied Artificial Intelligence	0860.00	Cerritos College	Dr. Elizabeth Riley eriley@cerritos.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	N
3. A.S. Degree and Certificate of Achievement: Public Relations	0606.00	Santa Monica College	Dr. Steven Sedky Sedky_steven@smc.edu	ES	Y	N	Y	N

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
PA = Pre-approved	traditional labor market information.

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: Mon Khat, LA Pierce College Recommended: ☒ Yes ☐ No