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**California Community Colleges Board of Governors Moves Forward with
Search Process for New Chancellor to Lead 113-College System**

WALNUT, Calif. – California Community Colleges Board of Governors President [Geoffrey L. Baum](#) this week appointed an 11-member committee to assist with the search for a candidate who will replace Chancellor [Brice W. Harris](#) after he retires in April. Board of Governors Vice President [Cecilia Estolano](#) will chair the committee composed of the following members:

- [Arnoldo Avalos](#), member, Board of Governors
- [Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr.](#), member, Board of Governors
- [Thomas Epstein](#), member, Board of Governors
- [Danny Hawkins](#), member, Board of Governors
- [Gary Reed](#), member, Board of Governors
- [Valerie Lynn Shaw](#), member, Board of Governors
- [Nancy Sumner](#), member, Board of Governors
- [Ron Galatolo](#), chancellor, San Mateo Community College District; president, Community College League of California/Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges ([Brian King](#), chancellor, Los Rios Community College District; president-elect, Community College League of California/Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges, will serve as an alternate).
- [Keetha Mills](#), president & CEO, Foundation for California Community Colleges
- [David Morse](#), president, Academic Senate for California Community Colleges ([Julie Bruno](#), vice president, Academic Senate for California Community Colleges will serve as an alternate).

Baum will serve as an ex-officio member, and the committee will receive technical assistance from [Josh Wyner](#), vice president and executive director of the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program.

"Finding the right leader to continue to guide the transformation of the California Community Colleges is the highest priority for the Board of Governors," said Baum. "We are committed to a comprehensive and transparent process that will produce top quality candidates for the board to consider."

Separately, Baum and Estolano will serve on a two-member committee charged with selecting an executive search consulting firm to assist with developing a position profile, recruiting and candidate screening.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 113 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges>, or <https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges>.