



Trauma Studies CTE Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2025 | 4-5pm | Zoom



Attendees

- Advisory Board Members: Denise Garcia, Pauline Vallejos, Lucy Salazar, April Stover, Anetka Karaskiewicz-Cox
- LBCC: Kyran Barr, Lisa Orr, R Hollenberg, Trisha Wilging, Michael Robertson, Art Garcia, C. Chao, Virginia Beas

Welcome and Introductions

K. Barr opened the meeting at 4:00 PM and welcomed all attendees. Each participant introduced themselves and shared their role in the Trauma Studies program or affiliated organizations. K. Barr expressed appreciation for the members' ongoing contributions to the development and sustainability of the program.

Overview of the Advisory Board Purpose

M. Robertson provided an overview of the advisory board's purpose, emphasizing its role in aligning academic programs with community and industry needs. He outlined the importance of maintaining advisory board engagement to support curriculum quality, student employability, and responsiveness to evolving trauma-informed care practices. The group affirmed their commitment to maintaining a collaborative relationship between the college and professional partners.

Program History and Overview

K. Barr presented a brief history of the Trauma Studies program, highlighting its development in response to a growing need for trauma-informed education across disciplines such as psychology, social work, and healthcare. He reviewed the current Certificate of Achievement structure, including core and elective courses, and shared recent enrollment trends indicating steady growth and positive student outcomes. Board members discussed emerging topics in trauma research and recommended integrating more community-based fieldwork experiences.

Proposal: Associate of Science in Trauma Studies

K. Barr summarized Labor Market Information (LMI) data that demonstrated regional demand for trauma-informed professionals. M. Robertson presented the proposal for developing an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Trauma Studies. T. Wilging facilitated Board member questions and expert feedback on the degree program.

Advisory Board Vote on Associate in Science, Trauma Studies

T. Wilging introduced the purpose and process of an Advisory Board vote and sought a motion to approve the degree. Then L. Salazar made a motion to approve the Associate in Science, Trauma Studies degree, which was seconded by A. Stover. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Closing Remarks and Next Steps

K. Barr thanked the members for their time and valuable input. Next steps include finalizing the AS degree proposal, drafting new course outlines, and offering courses in Fall 2026. The next advisory board meeting will be scheduled for Spring 2026 to review curriculum progress and updated LMI data. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Michael Robertson

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