



*State of California*

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On Thursday, June 23, 2011, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on California's community college system. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

In this study, the Commission is exploring how the California community college system as currently structured helps or hinders its ability to meet its mission and to explore whether another structure could result in better outcomes, improved efficiencies in employing scarce resources, and greater accountability for results.

At this hearing, the Commission will evaluate the role of basic skills education in the state's community college system. The Commission will hear an overview of California's adult education programs from the vice chancellor of academic affairs in the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and both the assistant superintendent and the administrator in charge of the Adult Education Office in the California Department of Education. The executive director of the Career Ladders Project will discuss best practices from a number of pilot programs in the community college system. The Commission also will hear about integrated basic skills programs in the San Diego and San Francisco community college districts. Finally, Commissioners will hear from members of a collaborative effort to coordinate basic skills English language programs between adult schools and community colleges in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's Web site, [www.lhc.ca.gov](http://www.lhc.ca.gov). If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or [littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov) by Thursday, June 16, 2011.



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**Public Hearing on California's Community College System  
Thursday, June 23, 2011  
State Capitol, Room 437  
Sacramento**

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## **Public Hearing: 9 a.m.**

### **Opening Remarks**

### **Overview of California Adult Education Programs**

1. Patrick Ainsworth, Assistant Superintendent, California Department of Education
2. Debra Jones, Administrator of the Adult Education Office, California Department of Education
3. Barry Russell, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

### **Piloting Best Practices in the Community College System**

4. Linda Collins, Executive Director, Career Ladders Project for California Community Colleges

### **Integrated Basic Skills Education Programs in the Community College System**

5. Constance Carroll, Chancellor, San Diego Community College District
6. Anthony Beebe, President of San Diego Community College District Continuing Education
7. Leslie Smith, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, City College of San Francisco

### **Adult Basic Skills Education Partnerships**

8. Paul Downs, ALLIES Network consultant, PDC Consulting (Mr. Downs will be accompanied by Lionel de Maine, Chief Operations Officer, Sequoia Adult School and Jennifer Castello, Interim Dean, Cañada College.)

**Business Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, June 23, 2011  
Legislative Counsel's Conference Room  
925 L Street, Lower Level  
Sacramento**

***(The Commission will consider agenda items I-VI at approximately 1:00 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)***

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2011
- II. Draft Report – Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 1
- III. Schedule/Project Selection
- IV. Subcommittee Reports
- V. Implementation Activity
- VI. Reports from Bureau of State Audits