

**2025-2026 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT, REVIEW AND APPROVAL TIMELINE
for 2026-2027 Budget**

Office of Finance and Budget (OFB) develops formal 2026-2027 budget preparation timetable based on due dates as established by the LCTCS. **by January 5, 2026**



Executive Council determines enrollment and student credit hour projections and full-time equivalent (FTE) goals based on institutional research data. Revenue projections based on this data are forwarded to the System Office by OFB. **by February 2, 2026**



OFB sends personnel section budget worksheets to Deans and Vice Chancellors to review with their respective units as well as impacted College-wide units for the purpose of submitting personnel requests for the forthcoming yearly budget. **by March 2, 2026**



Upon receipt of personnel requests from budget units, OFB submits proposed personnel section of the budget to the Executive Council. **April 1, 2026**



Based on revenue projections and historical data, OFB calculates non-personnel expenditure budgets using projected remaining available funds. OFB proposed non-personnel budget worksheets to Deans and Vice Chancellors. **by May 1, 2026**



Upon receipt of personnel requests from the Deans and Vice Chancellors, OFB submits proposed non-personnel section of the budget to the Executive Council. **by May 15, 2026**



Executive Council meets to address priorities of proposed personnel and non-personnel budget sections College-wide and discuss impact of College-wide indirect and mandated expenses. **by June 1, 2026**



Based on decisions of Executive Council, OFB compiles preliminary budget for review. **by June 8, 2026**



Executive Council reviews preliminary budget and determines necessary changes. **by June 18, 2026**



OFB assembles proposed final budget, which is submitted to the Executive Council for final review. **by July 24, 2026**



Following review by the Executive Council and upon approval by the Chancellor, the final College budget is submitted by to the LCTCS Office by established deadline. **by LCTCS deadline**



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The Budget Review Committee reviews the budgeting process and makes recommendations for improvement to the Executive Council for consideration and possible implementation into the budgeting process for the following year. **by August 24, 2026**

