



Dr. Bonnie Ann Dowd, Retired January 31, 2023 after 35 years of experience in the California Community College system. Final 12 years at San Diego Community College District (Multi-college district) where she served as the Executive Vice Chancellor, Business and Technology Services. Prior 23 years at Palomar Community College District (Single college district) as Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Finance & Administrative Services/Professor Emerita, Business Education. Prior to community college career, Dr. Dowd worked in private industry for 20 years in publicly traded corporations and various closely held businesses in San Diego, Houston, and New York City.

Bonnie began her career in the California Community College system at Palomar CCD as an adjunct faculty member teaching various accounting and general business classes. After one year as an adjunct, she was hired into a tenure track full-time faculty position in the Business Education department. Classes taught included accounting, advertising, marketing, and small business management in traditional classroom, ETV, and on-line modalities. During her 17 years as a faculty member, she served in various faculty leadership positions, including Academic Senate President, Senate Secretary, Academic Technology Coordinator, Professional Development Coordinator and Business Education department chair. During her final 6 years at Palomar, she was the Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services ending her career at Palomar having been awarded Professor Emerita status by the Academic Senate. Upon her departure from Palomar, she joined SDCCD as the Executive Vice Chancellor, Business and Technology Services overseeing all business, finance, and technology operations for the district. As Executive Vice Chancellor, Bonnie served as the district Chancellor when the current Chancellor was unavailable. Prior to her educational career, Dr. Dowd worked in private industry in various closely held and publicly traded corporations including New York Life Insurance, Columbia Broadcasting Systems (CBS) and E.F. Hutton, Executive Air Services, Critical Air Medicine.

Bonnie earned an Ed. D. in Leadership Studies from the University of San Diego, an MBA in Financial Management, a BBA in Accounting, and an AAS in Business. All of her education as a part-time student while working full-time over a span of 20 years. She is a licensed Certified Management Accountant (CMA), holds a Lifetime Community College Teaching Credential in several areas of instruction; and earned a Distance Education Coordinator certification from the California Virtual Campus Statewide Rural Regional Center (CVC4).

At the state system level, Bonnie served on the Board of the Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO) representing all 73 community college districts, 116 colleges in the California Community College system with regard to business and financial matters. She served on the ACBO Board for 15 years including as its President. She also served on the Board of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) for 6 years as director and also as its President. The California Community College system Chancellor appointed her to represent all San Diego community colleges on County and City of San Diego Oversight Boards. The California State Senate appointed her to an oversight committee convened to improve upon the state funding for all community colleges. Bonnie also volunteered as a counselor in the U.S. Small Business Administration's ACE program and on the Board of the Southern California Women for Business Ownership in support of San Diego County closely held entrepreneurial businesses.

Throughout her industry and education careers, Dr. Dowd was the recipient of numerous business and education awards and honors including, but not limited to, the following:

- Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Pacific Region Faculty Award
- CA Community Colleges Board of Governors, Hayward Award for Excellence in Education
- California Community College System's "Walter Star Robie Award"
- Education Award Recipient – Greater San Diego Industry Education Council
- National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award
- San Diego Business Journal's CFO of the Year, in the Education category
- U.S. Small Business Administration's San Diego/Riverside counties "Accountant of the Year"