



Bonnie Ann Dowd, Ed. D., Retired District CBO as of February 1, 2023 (in 12th year as Executive Vice Chancellor, Business and Technology Services at SDCCD through January 31, 2023). Prior to joining SDCCD leadership team, Bonnie worked at Palomar College for nearly 23 years.

Bonnie began her career at Palomar CCD as an adjunct faculty member. One year later she was hired into a tenure track faculty position teaching within the Business Education department. Classes taught included accounting, advertising, marketing and small business management in traditional classroom, ETV and on-line modalities. During her nearly 16 years as a faculty member, Bonnie 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 last years at Palomar, she served as the Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services (District CBO). Bonnie was granted Professor Emerita status by the Palomar College Faculty Senate when she left Palomar to accept the position at SDCCD having completed nearly 35 years in the CA Community College system when she retired from the system on January 31, 2023. Prior to her education career Bonnie worked for 22 years in private industry in various closely-held and publicly traded corporations including E.F. Hutton, New York Life Insurance, and CBS.

Bonnie possesses 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 was completed 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 certificate from 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) for the California Community Colleges, which represents the 73 districts, 116 colleges in the system in regard to business and financial matters. She served as the Immediate Past President of ACBO and served on the board for 15 years. She also served on the Board of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) as director and former president. Bonnie chaired the System Chancellor's *Workgroup on Fiscal Affairs*, which is an advisory workgroup to the State Chancellor on all fiscal related matters. Bonnie was also appointed by the State Chancellor to represent San Diego County community colleges on the County and City of San Diego Oversight Boards of the successor agencies for the former redevelopment agencies dissolved by Governor Brown in 2012. Bonnie also served for many years as a volunteer counselor with the U.S. Small Business Administration in its ACE/SCORE program and on the Board of the Southern California Women for Business Ownership.

Throughout her industry and education careers, Bonnie 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
- California Community Colleges Board of Governors, Gerald C. Hayward, Excellence in Education Award recipient
- 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 for Palomar College and also received the Individual Merit Award
- San Diego Business Journal's CFO of the Year, Education category
- U.S. Small Business Administration's San Diego/Riverside counties "Accountant of the Year"