

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 19, 2025**



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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
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A Regular Meeting of the Coconino Community College District Governing Board was held in person in the Board Room at Coconino Community College, 2800 S. Lone Tree Rd., Flagstaff, AZ. Board Chair Joey Smith called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm.

PRESENT:       Mr. Joey Smith, Board Chair  
                  Mr. Patrick Hurley, Board Vice Chair/Secretary  
                  Mr. Eric Eikenberry  
                  Ms. Patricia Garcia  
                  Dr. Nat White

ABSENT:       None

**Also Present:** President Eric Heiser, Ms. Kirsten Mead, Dr. Adriana Flores-Church, Ms. Dianna Sanchez, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Dr. Sandra Hinski, Mr. Tony Williams, Ms. Alyssa Sergent, Mr. David Asencio, Dr. David Borofsky, Mr. Doug Friedman, Mr. Keith Becker, Mr. Kurt Stull, Mr. Nolan Begaye, Mr. Ryan Bouwhuis, Ms. Sonni Marbury, and Mr. Van Walker.

The March 19, 2025, documents file contains reports, summaries, background materials, and other documents referenced in these minutes.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Hurley moved to approve the agenda, and Ms. Garcia seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as presented (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Patricia Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor).

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of a Work Session – February 24, 2025
- B. Minutes of a Regular Meeting – February 24, 2025

Mr. Hurley moved to approve the Consent Agenda, and Ms. Garcia seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor).

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Ms. Janel States introduced Dr. David Borofsky, Executive Director of the Arizona Association of Community College Trustees (AACCT).

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no response to the call to the public.

### **CCC EXCELLENCE**

President Heiser proudly announced that the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) selected CCC as one of only 16 community colleges nationwide recognized as a “Most Promising Place to Work.” He thanked the Board and Dr. Flores-Church for their contributions to fostering a supportive workplace culture.

The Board Discussed:

- The process through which CCC was nominated for the award

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Sabbatical Approvals – President Heiser**

President Heiser presented two faculty sabbatical requests for Fall 2025, as outlined in Procedure 306-02 Faculty Sabbatical Leave. This policy supports extended professional development aligned with the College’s mission and institutional goals.

#### **Sabbatical Requests:**

- Ms. Katie Schwartz – Proposed researching, writing, and developing a complete bilingual children’s book promoting literacy. Ms. Schwartz’s project aims to improve accessibility for individuals whose first language is not English.
- Ms. Kate Kozak – Proposed to study instructional methods in data science and develop CCC’s data science program. She also aims to create an online introduction to data science courses.

President Heiser recommended Board approval of both sabbaticals.

Dr. White moved to approve the sabbatical requests, and Mr. Hurley seconded. The motion passed unanimously (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor).

### **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

#### **A. Arizona Association of Community College Trustees (AACCT) – Mr. Eric Eikenberry**

Mr. Eikenberry invited Dr. Borofsky to provide an update on the upcoming All-Arizona Trustee meeting, which is scheduled for April 23–24, 2025. Dr. Borofsky reviewed the draft agenda and encouraged Board members to attend.

#### **B. Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) – Ms. Patricia Garcia**

Ms. Garcia shared details about the ACCT National Conference taking place October 22–25, 2025, and encouraged Board participation.

#### **C. Foundation – Dr. Nat White**

Dr. White noted that the next Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for next week.

### **President’s Report – Dr. Eric Heiser**

President Heiser provided updates from AC4 and legislative developments via the AC4 lobbyist:

- **HB2867 – Anti-Semitism in Public Schools:**

The bill includes K–12 schools and now extends to colleges and universities. It is likely to move forward.

- **SB1545 – Career and Technical Education (CTE):** Supports streamlined CTE program transitions between high schools and community colleges, granting community colleges the first right of refusal before universities offer programs.
- **SB1694 – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Funding Withholding:** Passed in the Senate but is unlikely to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **Budget Negotiations:** Progress is slow at the state level.
- **Law Enforcement Training Bill:** The bill is under review.

**Board Discussion Highlights:** Potential legal challenges to the language in HB2867

There are no new developments regarding the PTOC tax hearing; President Heiser expects an update soon.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

**FOLLOW UP**

None

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

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Ms. Kirsten Mead  
Board Recorder

**ATTEST and APPROVED:**

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Mr. Patrick Hurley  
Vice Chair/Secretary of the Board

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Mr. Joey Smith  
Board Chair