

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

WORK SESSION

APRIL 16, 2025



**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION
OF THE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
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A Work Session 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 3:07 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, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Dr. Sandra Hinksi, Mr. Shane Pablo, Mr. Tony Williams, Ms. Alyssa Sargent, Mr. Brian Blue, Ms. Colleen Carscallen, Mr. Doug Friedman, Ms. Heather Nevius, Ms. Kay Leum, Mr. Keith Becker, Mr. Kurt Stull, Ms. Randi Axler, Mr. Ryan Bouwhuis, Ms. Sonni Marbury, Mr. Steve Peru, and Mr. Van Walker.

The April 16, 2025, documents file contains reports, summaries, background materials, and other documents referenced in these minutes.

1. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Presentation and next steps on future campus plans – President Heiser and Vice Chair Hurley

President Heiser and Vice Chair Hurley presented information about the proposed Fourth Street capital improvement project. The current building is 60K square feet; the proposal is for 20K additional square feet. The new facility would continue to support Adult Education, Career and Technical Education programs (such as construction management, electrical, heating and cooling, plumbing, and manufacturing), Computer Information Systems, and the High Country Training Academy would be added. The East Flagstaff Library Annex would increase from 10K to 20K square feet. Potential spaces could be:

- Community space
- The addition of a second floor
- Dedicated lab space that is designed to have walls that move to make the space larger or smaller, as needed
- Maximizing the second floor square footage for additional needs
- Space for Student Life, such as mental health, housing assistance, etc.; services that are provided at Lone Tree would be provided at Fourth Street
- The High Country Training Academy space could host a Flagstaff Police Department substation

The Board discussed:

- Nothing in the current Fourth Street facility can be remodeled; the proposal is for the replacement of the building
- Planning a building to accommodate technology that could come down the pipeline
- Designing for energy efficiency and the best use of space
- Noise reduction
- The use of the rooftop area for additional space
- Leaving exposed walls and framing for students to experience the insides of the walls as part of their training
- The option of food service
- Assuring the Board that safety and security will be kept top of mind while designing the building
- Additional focus on a safe area for the bus stop and pedestrian access should be discussed with the City of Flagstaff soon, and potentially shift the buildings around

President Heiser and Vice Chair Hurley presented information for a new building at another location, for Allied Health, which includes nursing (and all affiliated programs), paramedic and EMT, and fire science. Considerations:

- The College building cannot exceed the height of the existing buildings, preserving the viewshed
- 80K square feet
- Large community use space
- Creating a welcoming space for students to encourage them to spend time at the College
- Conference space for students and staff

The Board discussed:

- The ability to park fire trucks and other large vehicles, fire hydrants for classes, and a burn tower near the fire classrooms
- Opportunities for outdoor classrooms
- Financial constraints of having childcare on site and the potential of leasing space to childcare providers
- The need for better cost estimates; \$550 per square foot at Fourth Street and \$650 per square foot on the mesa are currently projected
- Making the volume of the space as useful as possible

President Heiser will provide cost estimates, the potential addition of Page and Williams projects, and additional project details to the Board at the May 21, 2025, Board meeting.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Session adjourned at 4:53 pm.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

ATTEST and APPROVED:

Mr. Patrick Hurley
Vice Chair/Secretary of the Board

Ms. Kirsten Mead
Board Recorder

Mr. Joey Smith
Board Chair