

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 21, 2025**



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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
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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 6:06 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, Mr. Shane Pablo, Ms. Alimah Damgaard, Ms. Cathleen Banier-Goff, Mr. Doug Friedman, Mr. Keith Becker, Dr. Mark Maciha, Mr. Nolan Begaye, Mr. Ryan Bouwhuis, Ms. Sonni Marbury, Ms. Alycia Walker, Mr. Van Walker, and Mr. James Giel (via Zoom).

The May 21, 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**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Ms. Janel States introduced Mr. James Gile (Zoom) and Mr. Noah Stone.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no response to the call to the public.

**CCC EXCELLENCE – All Arizona Academic Team Recognition - Dr. Sandra Hinski**

Dr. Hinski introduced Dr. Aaron Rizzieri and Dr. Allison Gray, faculty advisors for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). Dr. Rizzieri and Dr. Gray provided remarks about Mr. Noah Stone and Mr. Dawson Hernandez, highlighting each student's accomplishments and the achievements that led to their selection for the All-Arizona Academic Team.

**Mr. Noah Stone** was celebrated for his academic excellence, leadership, and extensive community service. Noah served as a high school EMT instructor, a mentor for children and teens, and as an ambassador for the Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation. He has led summer camps, provided health education outreach, and mentored youth with autism and executive function challenges. Noah will transfer to NAU to complete a bachelor's in nursing and pursue a career in helicopter emergency services.

**Mr. Dawson Hernandez** (unable to attend due to work commitments) was recognized for his dedication to education and service. He earned a bachelor's degree in technology, completed three associate degrees at CCC, and is preparing for law school to specialize in family law. Dawson served as PTK VP of Outreach, led blood drives, and designed the chapter's T-shirt. He expressed his gratitude to the Board.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Resolution to Call a Special Bond Election – President Heiser**

President Heiser introduced the College's bond attorney, Mr. James Giel, and requested the Board's approval of a resolution to call a special bond election.

The Board discussed the following key points:

- The resolution includes approval of the accompanying exhibits
- The bond term, originally written as 40 years, should be shortened to 20 years
- The Board typically acts on the Bond Resolution only once; however, any material changes would require the resolution to be reconsidered by the Board
- Exhibit A is not intended to detail every potential expenditure, but provides voters with a general understanding of how funds will be allocated
- The cost and implications of placing the initiative on the ballot were noted as significant and deserving of careful consideration

Mr. Eikenberry moved to approve the Resolution to Call a Special Bond Election, with an amendment to set the bond maturity at 20 years. Ms. Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor).

#### **B. Resolution for Expenditure Limitation Designation – Dr. Jami Van Ess**

Based on A.R.S. § 41-1279-07 E., the Arizona Auditor General's Office requests that the College provide "the name of the Chief Fiscal Officer designated by the Governing Board of the political subdivision to submit the current fiscal year's expenditure limitation report."

Based on the same statute, this designation is an annual event. It is submitted to the Auditor General's office in June of each fiscal year for the following fiscal year. This agenda item requests that the Board designate an official to submit the Expenditure Limitation Report for Fiscal Year 2026

Ms. Garcia moved to appoint Dr. Jami Van Ess as the Expenditure Limitation Designee, and Mr. Hurley seconded. The motion passed unanimously (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor).

**C. Lone Tree Office Renovations – Caliente – Dr. Jami Van Ess**

Dr. Van Ess explained that this action item serves as a contingency measure, as the Board will not meet again until August. The request is for the Lone Tree Campus office renovations to proceed at a cost not exceeding \$275,000 and for President Heiser to be authorized to sign any necessary amendments or change orders.

Ms. Garcia moved to approve the Lone Tree Office Renovation Contingency as presented. Mr. Hurley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor).

**The Board Discussed:**

- A majority of subcontractors involved in the renovation project are local.
- The Board emphasized the importance of utilizing local vendors whenever possible, recognizing that certain specialized products and pre-existing contracts may limit local sourcing.
- Mr. Ryan Bouwhuis, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Board to clarify that while local vendors are prioritized, other factors, such as project timelines, are also considered when selecting contractors.

**D. NAIPTA IGA – Mr. Tony Williams**

Mr. Williams presented an update on the amended and restated Master Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA), also known as Mountain Line Transit. The revised agreement reflects changes requested by participating agencies to align with current laws, organizational needs, and best practices.

Key updates include:

- Clarified governance structure and alignment with updated state statutes
- Adjustments to population thresholds and legal authority related to property and contracts
- Improved governance procedures and membership guidelines
- Modernized language (e.g., electronic communications)
- Updated indemnification, insurance provisions, and a non-discrimination clause
- Revised signature block recognizing Mountain Line's role as Target System Procurement Officer

Legal counsel has reviewed the changes and found no concerns. Coconino Community College and other partner agencies, including the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County, have provided feedback in support of the updates.

Mr. Eikenberry moved to direct President Heiser to sign the amended NAIPTA IGA, and Dr. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor).

## **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

### **A. Board Reports**

- i. Arizona Association of Community College Trustees (AACCT) – Mr. Eric Eikenberry**  
Mr. Eikenberry reported that he, Mr. Hurley, and Dr. White attended the AACCT All Trustee Meeting in April. He appreciated the opportunity to connect with Trustees from across the state. The session on Artificial Intelligence (AI) was particularly well received. Dr. David Borofsky was commended for his strong programming. A representative from the Governor’s Office also provided a helpful update on current legislative activity.
- ii. Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) – Ms. Patricia Garcia**  
Ms. Garcia shared that she recently attended a webinar focused on the potential impacts of student loan default rates, which she found informative. She encouraged her fellow Board members to consider attending the national ACCT Leadership Congress, scheduled for October 22–25, 2025.
- iii. Foundation – Dr. Nat White**  
Dr. White reported that the Foundation's next meeting is scheduled for the following week. There were no updates at this time.
- iv. The Alliance – Dr. Jami Van Ess**  
Dr. Van Ess reported that the Alliance’s recent discussion focused on policy updates and their effects on participating agencies. Concerns about the loss or lack of renewal for certain grants, especially those targeting low-income students, were raised. The group emphasized the importance of inter-agency collaboration in light of these funding challenges.

### **B. President’s Report – President Heiser**

President Heiser reported that the Arizona legislature remains deadlocked on the state budget due to internal disagreements within the majority party. Key issues include proposed Medicaid cuts and how to handle a surplus estimated between \$277 million and \$615 million. The House and Senate budgets are not aligned, and the Governor is unlikely to support the current proposals. Hope remains for a resolution by mid-June.

- **Grants:** There are no significant updates, but concerns persist about the potential loss of grant funding for minority-serving programs, including those for Native American and Hispanic students.
- **Recent Vetoes:** A bill allowing concealed weapons on campus was vetoed, as was a bill enabling citizens to sue public entities over election-related resource use. Both were considered harmful to community colleges.
- **Proposition 123:** The reauthorization of Prop 123, which funds K–12 education through state trust land revenues, is in jeopardy. Lawmakers attached a controversial voucher provision that the Governor has rejected.

President Heiser introduced Dean Mark Maciha, who shared highlights from the 33rd session of the Law Enforcement Academy, celebrating 20 years of partnership with the Coconino County Sheriff’s Office. The ceremony recognized seven graduates, including detention officers, and emphasized CCC’s role in developing local law enforcement leaders. Many current high-ranking officials in area agencies are alumni of CCC’s training programs.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. Eikenberry informed the Board that College staff will visit Williams on June 3, 2025. Ms. Dianna Sanchez, with support from Dr. Hinski, is organizing the trip.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 7:10 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Hurley to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(9), the District Governing Board may vote to enter Executive Session for discussion of critical infrastructure information and information technology. Ms. Garcia seconded the motion and unanimously approved (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor).

**RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION** at 8:01 pm.

Mr. Hurley motioned to reconvene in open session. Dr. White seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor). The meeting resumed in open session at 8:01 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Hurley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. White seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor). The meeting adjourned at 8:01 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