

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 26, 2026



**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION
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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 Road, Flagstaff, Arizona. Board Chair Joey Smith called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

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

Also Present: President Heiser, Ms. Kirsten Mead, Ms. Dianna Sanchez, Ms. Janel States, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Dr. Sandra Hinski, Mr. Shane Pablo, Mr. Tony Williams, Mr. Matthew Hernando, Mr. Brian Bates, Ms. Cathleen Banier-Goff, Ms. Kay Leum, Mr. Keith Becker, Mr. Kurt Stull, Dr. Nolan Begaye, Mr. Ryan Bouwhuis, Ms. Yolanda Yazzie, Mr. Mike Anderson, Mr. Seth Beer, and Mr. Tyler Bivins.

The February 26, 2026, documents file contains reports, summaries, background materials, and other documents referenced in these minutes.

1. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Board Retreat Planning – Chair Smith

The Board discussed logistics and potential topics for the June 3–4, 2026 Board Retreat and agreed to hold two full days.

Trustees identified housing — including student, employee, and community housing — as a topic for further discussion. Additional retreat topics will be submitted to staff for compilation. Dr. Mary Spilde, an ACCT retreat consultant, will facilitate the retreat.

B. ACCT Legislative Summit Learning Discussion— Chair Smith

President Heiser provided a summary of the recent ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., including meetings with congressional offices.

Discussion included:

- Potential future equipment funding through congressionally directed spending
- Ongoing considerations related to the U.S. Forest Service lease at the Kinsey site
- Federal Pell Grant funding concerns

Trustees expressed appreciation for student ambassador, Ms. Lindsey Destefano’s, participation and noted the value of the meetings.

C. Construction Updates – President Heiser

President Heiser provided an update on progress related to the Flagstaff bond-funded construction projects at the Lone Tree and Fourth Street campuses.

- **NAU Lease**
Discussions are ongoing with NAU regarding lease boundary adjustments and a potential lease extension. Negotiations are progressing positively, and Board approval will be required once finalized.
- **Kinsey Roundabout Update**
Updated cost estimates for the roundabout were reviewed. Staff recommended further evaluation of timing and sequencing to ensure alignment with overall construction planning.
- **Municipal Advisor Agreement**
Administration introduced the municipal advisor selection process related to bond issuance. A recommendation will be brought forward for Board consideration at a future meeting.
- **Process Thus Far and Going Forward** – The Board will be taking action on CMAR and Architecture items. Trustees discussed the CMAR process, Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), and Board oversight responsibilities. Administration reviewed delegation authority considerations and the importance of maintaining clear communication with the community throughout construction.

President Heiser also shared preliminary results from an internal survey to help guide value engineering decisions, emphasizing student learning functionality as the top priority.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Session adjourned at 5:24 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