

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 18, 2026



**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 and via Zoom at Coconino Community College, 2800 S. Lone Tree Road, Flagstaff, Arizona. Board Chair Joey Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

PRESENT: Mr. Joey Smith, Board Chair
Mr. Patrick Hurley, Board Vice Chair
Mr. Erik Eikenberry, Trustee (Zoom)
Ms. Patricia Garcia, Trustee
Dr. Nat White, Trustee

ABSENT: None

Also Present:

President Eric Heiser, Ms. Kristen Mead, Dr. Adriana Flores-Church, Dr. Sandra Hinski, Mr. Shane Pablo, Ms. Dianna Sanchez, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Mr. Tony Williams, Mr. Mike Anderson, Ms. Cathleen Banier-Goff, Dr. Nolan Begaye, Mr. Keith Becker, Dr. David Borofsky, Mr. Ryan Bowhuis, Ms. Alimah Damgaard, Dr. Mark Hartley, Ms. Jennifer Jameson, Ms. Kay Leum, Dr. Mark Maciha, Mr. Kurt Stull, and Ms. Amelinda Webb.

The March 18, 2026 documents file contains reports, summaries, background materials, and other documents referenced in these minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Hurley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously (Trustee Eikenberry, Trustee Garcia, Vice Chair Hurley, Trustee White, and Chair Smith voting in favor).

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Garcia moved to approve the consent agenda, and Vice Chair Hurley seconded the motion. The consent agenda was approved unanimously (Trustee Eikenberry, Trustee Garcia, Vice Chair Hurley, Trustee White, and Chair Smith voting in favor).

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Dianna Sanchez introduced Mr. Mike Anderson, Page community member, and Dr. David Borofsky, Executive Director of the Arizona Community College Coordinating Council (AC4).

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response.

CCC EXCELLENCE

President Heiser announced Ms. Sarah Heemstra as the recipient of the 2026 NISOD Award in line with the College's 2026 Above and Beyond Award, recognizing her contributions and service to the College.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Strategic Planning Policy Update (Policy 70-00) – Chair Smith

President Heiser presented proposed revisions to the Strategic Planning Policy to better align with the College's updated strategic planning approach. The revisions clarify language and incorporate the transition to a more agile, two-year strategic planning framework, ensuring the policy supports ongoing institutional responsiveness, accountability, and alignment with the College's mission and priorities.

Motion: Trustee Garcia moved to approve the revised Strategic Planning Policy (70-00), incorporating updates discussed during the work session, including the transition from a traditional five-year plan to a more agile two-year strategic sprint model, clarification of key terminology, and alignment of policy language with the College's evolving strategic planning framework and accreditation expectations.

Second: Vice Chair Hurley

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Municipal Advisory Agreement – Dr. Van Ess

Dr. Van Ess presented the College's recommendation that the District Governing Board approve Dr. Heiser's execution of the Linking Agreement with RBC Capital Markets to provide municipal advisory services in support of the \$100 million bond issuance.

Motion: Vice Chair Hurley moved to approve the municipal advisory agreement with RBC Capital Markets as presented.

Second: Trustee Garcia

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Board Reports

- i. Arizona Association of Community College Trustees (AACCT) – Dr. David Borofsky on behalf of Trustee Eikenberry**
Next AACCT will be on April 22-23, 2026 in Mesa, AZ. Trustee White will attend in lieu of Trustee Eikenberry.
- ii. Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) – Trustee Garcia**
2026 ACCT Congress will be held in Chicago, IL.
- iii. Foundation Board – Trustee White**
Next Foundation Board meeting will occur on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.
- iv. Alliance – Dr. Van Ess**
Next Alliance meeting has been rescheduled for April 3, 2026. President Heiser will attend in lieu of Dr. Van Ess.

B. President’s Report – President Heiser

i. State and Federal Legislative Update – President Heiser

• **Federal Updates**

- Ongoing monitoring of Workforce Pell regulations, with the College preparing to submit formal comments during the federal open comment period

• **State Legislative Updates**

- Senate Bill 1497 self-insurance pools, which may affect the College’s participation through its regional consortium
- Legislative session progressing toward budget negotiations, with current indications pointing toward level funding for community colleges

• **Legal Updates**

- No update has been received from the Court of Appeals regarding the College’s pending tax case.

ii. HLC Update – Dr. Hinksi

The College is preparing for a virtual assurance review as part of its accreditation cycle, including a transition to a four-criterion framework with an increased emphasis on student outcomes. Efforts are focused on aligning institutional work with the College’s mission and commitment to student success. To support this work, a centralized SharePoint site has been developed to house accreditation materials and promote transparency, alongside opportunities for college-wide engagement and feedback. The process also emphasizes strengthening assessment practices, particularly the importance of “closing the loop” to ensure continuous improvement.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

- Professional development training for Board in May after TNT Special Meeting.
- April 15, 2026 DGB meeting was initially scheduled to be held in Page, AZ but has been reverted to Lone Tree Campus due to new construction architectural presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Ms. Cathleen Banier-Goff
Board Recorder

ATTEST and APPROVED:

Mr. Patrick Hurley
Vice Chair of the Board

Mr. Joey Smith
Board Chair