

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

RETREAT

JUNE 4, 2026



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MINUTES OF A RETREAT
OF THE
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A Retreat of the Coconino Community College District Governing Board was held in person on **Thursday, June 4, 2026**, at Lowell Observatory, 1400 W. Mars Hill Rd., Flagstaff, AZ, 86001. Board Chair, Mr. Joey Smith, called the meeting to order at 9:13 am.

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

ABSENT: None

Also Present: President Eric Heiser, Dr. Mary Spilde, Ms. Kirsten Mead, Mr. Keith Becker, and Dr. David Borofsky

Reports, summaries, background material, and other documents referred to in these minutes can be found in the June 4, 2026, documents file.

RETREAT DISCUSSION

The District Governing Board participated in Day Two of its annual retreat to review Board governance practices, receive training on Arizona Open Meeting Law requirements, discuss Board effectiveness, and establish priorities for the upcoming year.

ARIZONA OPEN MEETING LAW AND BOARD ROLE TRAINING - Dr. David Borofsky

- **Open Meeting Law Training**
The Board participated in a review of Arizona Open Meeting Law requirements and governance best practices. Trustees discussed Board member responsibilities related to public meetings, communications, transparency, and accountability, and emphasized the importance of maintaining public trust through compliance with state laws and effective governance practices.
- **Board Governance and Effectiveness**
The Board participated in a discussion regarding effective governance practices and Board responsibilities. Discussion focused on strategic leadership, policy oversight, fiscal stewardship, and supporting student success. Trustees emphasized the importance of collaboration, effective communication, informed decision-making, and maintaining a clear distinction between governance responsibilities and day-to-day College operations. The discussion also reinforced the Board's commitment to advancing the College's mission and serving the needs of students and the community.

FY27 BOARD GOALS AND PRIORITIES

• **Board Goals FY 2026–2027**

- Provide oversight of bond-funded capital projects
- Promote effective governance and Board development
- Support strategic planning and institutional sustainability
- Strengthen community engagement and transparency

• **Board Goals for President and Administration Action**

The Board reviewed progress on its FY 2025-2026 District Governing Board Goals for President and Administration Action and discussed priorities for FY 2026-2027. Trustees identified four areas of continued emphasis:

- Anticipate and Adapt to Change
- Advance Student Success Through Comprehensive Support
- Strengthen Long-Term Institutional Sustainability
- Support Data-Informed Decision-Making

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Smith adjourned day two of the Board Retreat at 1:43 pm.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Ms. Cathleen Banier-Goff
Board Recorder

ATTEST and APPROVED:

Mr. Patrick Hurley
Vice Chair/Secretary of the Board

Mr. Joey Smith
Board Chair