COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2026

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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 86005. Board Chair Joey Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

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, Ms. Kirsten Mead, Dr. Adriana Flores-Church, Mr. Shane Pablo, Ms. Janel States, Ms. Dianna Sanchez, Dr. Sandra Tarbell, Mr. Tony Williams, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Ms. Randi Axler, Ms. Cathleen Banier-Goff, Mr. Keith Becker, Dr. Nolan Begaye, Mr. Ryan Bouwhuis, Dr. Mark Hartley, s. Kay Leum (via Zoom), Dr. Mark Maciha, Ms. Sonni Marbury, Mr. Kurt Stull, Dr. Amelinda Webb, and Mr. Mike Anderson.

The August 19, 2026 documents file contains reports, summaries, background materials, and other documents referenced in these minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Vice Chair Hurley moved to approve the agenda with the change of the adoption of the 2026-27 DGB/President and Administration Goals action item moved to the September regular meeting.
Second: Trustee Garcia
Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Vice Chair Hurley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Garcia to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Second: Trustee Garcia
Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response.

ACTION ITEMS

A. High Country Training Academy Cost Sharing Agreement AY26-27 – Dr. Tarbell

Dr. Tarbell presented the annual High Country Training Academy cost-sharing addendum. The agreement continues the existing cost-sharing arrangement for another year, with an update reflecting use of the Prevail Training Center for outdoor range access. Dr. Tarbell informed the Board that the HCTA program is supplemented by Proposition 207 funds, but the College is working towards a remedy.

Motion: Trustee Eikenberry moved to approve the HCTA Cost Sharing Agreement AY26-27 as presented.
Second: Vice Chair Hurley
Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Detention Academy Cost-Sharing Addendum AY26-27 – Dr. Tarbell

Dr. Tarbell presented the annual Detention Academy cost-sharing addendum, reflecting adjustments associated with current tuition rates and student fees. Dr. Tarbell noted that the credit-bearing program is reviewed annually to ensure the cost-sharing arrangement reflects current instructional costs. Currently, tuition does cover the cost of the instructional Sergent.

Motion: Trustee Garcia moved to approve the Detention Academy Cost-Sharing Addendum AY26-27 as presented.
Second: Trustee White
Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Policy Approval – Chair Smith

Policies 103-00, 104-00, and 105-00 will be revisited at the September 16, 2026 work session.

i. **102-00 Equal Employment Opportunities** – no revisions
ii. **103-00 Non-Discrimination** – minor non-substantive revisions
iii. **104-00 Americans with Disabilities Act** – minor non-substantive revisions
iv. **105-00 Sexual Harassment** – additional review

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Board Reports

i. **Arizona Association of Community College Trustees (AACCT) – Trustee Eikenberry**

Trustee Eikenberry reported that AACCT representatives were meeting in Flagstaff on August 20, 2026 and would be discussing policy matters and Board governance resources.

ii. **Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) – Trustee Garcia**

Trustee Garcia reminded the Board of the upcoming ACCT Leadership Congress in October. President Heiser shared that CCC will participate in two presentations at the conference: one highlighting the College's holistic student support work through Achieving the Dream and a panel examining successful community college bond initiatives.

iii. **Foundation Board – Trustee White**

Ms. Sanchez updated the Board regarding the CCC Foundation, including the addition of Eve Ross to the Foundation Board and recent fundraising staff additions. The annual State of the College Luncheon is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

iv. **The Alliance – Dr. Van Ess**

Dr. Van Ess reported that the next Alliance meeting will be held on September 25, 2026 and that President Heiser would be attending in her stead.

B. Business and Administrative Services – Dr. Van Ess

i. **Preliminary FY26 Budget vs. Actual**

Dr. Van Ess presented the preliminary Fiscal Year 2026 budget-to-actual report and emphasized that year-end figures remain subject to final adjustments and audit. The Board reviewed revenues and expenditures across College funds, including general, restricted, auxiliary, and capital-related funds. Discussion included property tax revenues, tuition and fee revenue, enrollment mix, compensation and benefits, grant expenditures, capital-related transfers, and other year-end expenditures. Dr. Van Ess reported that property tax and investment revenues exceeded budgeted expectations, while tuition and fee revenues were affected by changes in enrollment mix, including growth in dual enrollment and declines in higher-revenue enrollment categories. Final audited financial information is anticipated to be presented to the Board following completion of the annual audit.

C. President's Report – President Heiser

i. **State Update:** President Heiser discussed recent state policy and election developments and their potential implications for education. He also reported that Arizona community college leaders will begin developing statewide legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session, with potential priorities dependent upon the composition of the Legislature following the election. Discussion may include restoration of state funding for community colleges.

ii. **Federal Update:** President Heiser provided updates on federal policy developments affecting higher education, including congressional action related to the administration of federal grants and ongoing advocacy by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). He also reported that the College is preparing to resubmit its Rural Health Transformation Program funding request following changes to federal requirements, with proposed funding primarily supporting equipment for current programs and the future Allied Health Center.

President Heiser also reported that Workforce Pell implementation is underway and that the College continues to monitor program requirements and eligibility before determining future participation.

iii. **Statewide Community College Update:** President Heiser reported on leadership transitions among Arizona community colleges and noted that Gila Community College has achieved independent accreditation and is expected to become the 11th community college district participating in the Arizona Community College Coordinating Council (AC4).

<u>AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</u>
None

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:50 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