

**COCONINO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

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A Truth In Taxation Hearing of the Coconino Community College District Governing Board was held in person at Coconino Community College, 2800 S. Lone Tree Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86005. Board Chair, Mr. Joey Smith, called the hearing to order at 5:03 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. Dianna Sanchez, Dr. Sandra Tarbell, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Mr. Tony Williams, Ms. Randi Axler, Ms. Cathleen Banier-Goff, Mr. Keith Becker, Mr. Ryan Bowhuis, Dr. Mark Hartley, Mr. Craig Hunt, Ms. Jennifer Jameson, Ms. Kay Leum, Dr. Mark Maciha, Ms. Sonni Marbury, Mr. Kurt Stull, Ms. Yolanda Yazzie, Mr. Mike Anderson, Mr. Brian Blue, and Mr. David Spence.

The May 20, 2026 documents file contains reports, summaries, background materials, and other documents referenced in these minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2026/2027 BUDGET and PRIMARY PROPERTY TAX LEVY and RATE –

Dr. Van Ess

In accordance with A.R.S. §42-17151, the District Governing Board is required to set the property tax rate each year. The District may levy the maximum 2% increase allowed, provided that the truth in taxation notice and hearing have been followed according to A.R.S. §15-1461.01.

Dr. Van Ess explained that although the maximum allowable levy increases due to statutory growth and new construction added to the tax rolls, the tax rate decreases because assessed property values have increased at a greater rate than the levy. The proposed levy is incorporated into the College's fiscal year 2026–2027 budget. The Primary Property Tax Levy and Rates for FY27 were calculated as follows (FY26 is shown for comparison only):

Primary Tax Rate	TY 2026 FY 2027	TY 2025 FY 2026	Difference
Maximum Allowable Levy	\$ 16,803,936	\$ 16,303.029	\$ 500,907
Tax Rate per \$100 primary NAV	0.6641	0.6711	.031

Vice Chair Hurley made a motion, seconded by Trustee White to approve the fiscal year 2026-2027 primary property tax levy as presented by roll call vote.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. David Spence, Flagstaff City Councilmember speaking as a private citizen, addressed the Board regarding the potential use of heat pump technology in future College construction projects. He discussed energy efficiency, long-term operating costs, workforce development opportunities, and environmental considerations associated with modern heating and cooling systems.

Mr. Brian Blue, CCC Foundation Board Chair addressed the Board and expressed appreciation for the College's positive impact on the community, students, and workforce development efforts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Kirsten Mead conducted a Roll Call Vote:

- Chair Smith - AYE
- Vice Chair Hurley - AYE
- Trustee Eikenberry - AYE
- Trustee Garcia - AYE
- Trustee White - AYE

The motion carries unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Truth In Taxation Hearing adjourned at 5:14 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