COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2025

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A Regular Meeting of the Coconino Community College District Governing Board was held in person in the Board Room at Coconino Community College, 2800 S. Lone Tree Rd., Flagstaff, AZ. Board Chair Joey Smith called the meeting to order at 5:51 pm.

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

Also Present: President Eric Heiser, Ms. Kirsten Mead, Dr. Adriana Flores-Church, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Dr. Sandra Hinski, Ms. Dianna Sanchez, Mr. Shane Pablo, Ms. Alimah Damgaard, Ms. Amelinda Webb, Ms. Cathleen Banier-Goff, Mr. Eric Macry, Ms. Gail Lowe, Ms. Joanne Keene, Mr. Joe Wagner, Ms. Kay Leum, Mr. Keith Becker, Ms. Kris Haris, Mr. Kurt Stull, Mr. Lance Roberts, Mr. Noah Hayes-McKeirnan, Ms. Phefelia Nez, Ms. Randi Axler, Mr. Ryan Bouwhuis, Mr. Sam Proctor, and Ms. Sonni Marbury.

The October 15, 2025 documents file contains reports, summaries, background materials, and other documents referenced in these minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee White moved to approve the consent agenda, and Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as presented (Trustee Eikenberry, Trustee Hurley, Chair Smith, and Trustee White voting in favor) and Trustee Garcia abstained, as she was not present for the meeting the minutes are for.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Dianna Sanchez introduced Mr. Noah Hayes-McKeirnan.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Noah Hayes-McKiernan spoke to the Board about a Federal grant that the NAU Institute for Human Development received, in great part due to the College's letter of support.

ACTION ITEMS

A. **Policy Updates – Chair Smith**
Not needed at this meeting, as edits to policies reviewed in the Work Session were negligible.

FOUNDATION BOARD UPDATE – Ms. Sanchez

Ms. Sanchez reported on year-over-year successes, including:

- **Student Emergency Fund** (utilization and fundraising progress)
- **Summer Camps** (middle-school outreach, capacity/demand)
- **Investments and fundraising momentum** (overall asset growth and performance)

The Board discussed:

- Introductions between the Foundation Board and the DGB
- The Foundation's plan to raise $10M over three years to support administrative/operational needs associated with the bond (if passed)
- President Heiser's appreciation for the momentum and work of Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Kris Harris, and for the Foundation Board's engagement on behalf of the College

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Board Reports

i. **Arizona Association of Community College Trustees (AACCT) – Trustee Eikenberry**
   - Will attend the **ACCT Leadership Congress** next week and report back next month

ii. **Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) – Trustee Garcia**
   - The ACCT National Leadership Congress convenes next week; expressed thanks for the state report prepared by Dr. David Borofsky, representing Arizona community colleges

iii. **Foundation Board – Trustee White**
   - Deferred to Ms. Sanchez's presentation

iv. **Alliance Report – Dr. Van Ess**
   - No meeting since the last Board meeting

v. **Other Reports**
   - None

B. Business Administration – Dr. Van Ess

Dr. Van Ess reviewed the FY26 first quarter financial reports. Dr. Van Ess's presentations can be found in the October 15, 2025.

i. Budget Status Through September 2025 (QTR 1)
ii. Budget Assumptions and Next Fiscal Year Outlook

Trustee Eikenberry acknowledged and appreciated the thank-you letters sent by staff and faculty regarding this fiscal year's increase in compensation.

C. President's Report – President Heiser

- **Federal Update:** With the federal government shut down, there is nothing new to report at this time

- **Campus Highlights:** President Heiser played the September Comet Chronicles video

EXECUTIVE SESSION At 7:32 pm a motion was made by Trustee Hurley and seconded by Trustee White to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(9) (discussion or consultation with College representatives to discuss security plans, procedures, assessments, measures, or systems relating to or having an impact on the security or safety of buildings, facilities, or operations) The motion was unanimously approved (Trustee Eikenberry, Trustee Hurley, Chair Smith, and Trustee White voting in favor). Trustee Garcia left the meeting before the Executive Session.

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION at 8:09 pm.
Trustee Hurley motioned to reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Trustee White and unanimously (Trustee Eikenberry, Trustee Hurley, Chair Smith, and Trustee White voting in favor). The meeting resumed in open session at 8:09 pm. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

FOLLOW UP

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Ms. Kirsten Mead
Board Recorder

ATTEST and APPROVED:

Mr. Patrick Hurley	Mr. Joey Smith
Vice Chair/Secretary of the Board	Board Chair