COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 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 6:03 pm.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Patrick Hurley, Vice Chair

Also Present: President Eric Heiser (Zoom), Ms. Kirsten Mead, Dr. Adriana Flores-Church, Mr. Shane Pablo, Ms. Dianna Sanchez, Ms. Janel States, Dr. Sandra Tarbell, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Mr. Tony Williams, Ms. Cathleen Banier-Goff, Dr. Nolan Begaye, Mr. Keith Becker, Mr. Ryan Bowhuis, Dr. Mark Hartley, Ms. Jennifer Jameson, Ms. Kay Leum (Zoom), Dr. Mark Maciha, Ms. Sonni Marbury, Mr. Kurt Stull, Dr. Amelinda Webb, Mr. Thomas Carlson (RBC), and Mr. Jim Giel (Gust Rosenfeld P.L.C.).

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Trustee Eikenberry moved to approve the agenda as presented.
Second: Trustee Garcia
Vote: The motion was unanimously approved (Trustee Eikenberry, Trustee Garcia, Chair Smith, and Trustee White voting in favor).

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Trustee Eikenberry moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Second: Trustee Garcia
Vote: The motion was unanimously approved (Trustee Eikenberry, Trustee Garcia, Chair Smith, and Trustee White voting in favor).

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds – Dr. Van Ess

Dr. Van Ess presented a resolution authorizing the first issuance and sale of up to $50 million in District general obligation bonds to support planned construction. She described the anticipated bond issuance schedule and the continuing disclosure and tax compliance procedures associated with the transaction.

Trustees discussed delegated authority and the completion of financing documents following pricing. Mr. Giel explained that the resolution limits the initial issuance to $50 million, with a term not exceeding 20 years and a yield not exceeding 6%. Any issuance outside those parameters would require further Board consideration. President Heiser and Dr. Van Ess would be authorized to finalize specified transaction details within the approved parameters. The Board would consider a subsequent bond issuance separately.

Chair Smith read a statement from absent Vice Chair Hurley expressing support for the bond sale and the College's capital projects.

Motion: Trustee White moved to approve the resolution authorizing issuance and sale of the District's general obligation bonds as presented.
Second: Trustee Garcia
Vote: The motion was unanimously approved (Trustee Eikenberry, Trustee Garcia, Chair Smith, and Trustee White voting in favor).

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Board Reports

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

Nothing to report.

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

Trustee Garcia announced the upcoming National Legislative Summit in February. Information will be shared with trustees who will communicate with the Office of the President regarding their plans to attend or not.

iii. Foundation Board – Trustee White

Trustee White reported on Foundation fundraising planning and support for the College's two building projects.

iv. The Alliance – Dr. Van Ess

Nothing to report.

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B. Student Services

i. Enrollment Full-Time Student Equivalent (FTSE) Report – Mr. Williams

Early spring registration reflected 686 continuing or returning students compared with 640 at the same point the prior year. Trustees discussed retention, workforce partnerships, expanded evening course offerings, and strategies to better serve part-time students, who comprise approximately 77% of enrollment.

Mr. Williams provided an enrollment update, noting growth in annual FTSE for academic year 2025–26 but a decline in fall enrollment. He discussed demographic trends, declining NAU enrollment, and local affordability challenges as potential contributing factors.

C. President's Report – President Heiser

i. State and Federal Update

President Heiser discussed state and federal funding priorities, the impact of historical state appropriations on the College budget, and possible legislative advocacy concerning community college funding and dual enrollment. He reported plans to pursue a $5 million congressionally directed spending request in support of the College's capital projects.

ii. Construction Update

President Heiser reported that value engineering had reduced the projected Allied Health Building cost by approximately $7 million to $7.5 million, bringing it within approximately 1% to 2% of the original $52.5 million budget. The Fourth Street project remained under design review and was projected to exceed its initial $37.5 million budget. Project representatives presented renderings, floor plans, materials, and program spaces for the Allied Health Building, noting that cost reductions were being pursued without eliminating planned academic programs.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

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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

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