



**COD Foundation: Academic Angels Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 2:30 PM

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Voting Committee Members:

Marge Dodge (Chair), Norma Castaneda, and Jane Saltonstall

Non-Voting Committee Members:

Shari Stewart, Cynthia Cottrell, Nancy Harris, and Linda Weakly

Foundation Staff:

Catherine Abbott, Liz Chambers, Gailya Brown, Elena Moiseeva (recorder).

Quorum (51%): 2

Subject to Brown Act: Yes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

1.1 Call to Order

The Chair called meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

1.2 Roll Call

Marge Dodge, Norma Castaneda.

Non-Voting: Shari Stewart, Cynthia Cottrell.

2. Agenda

2.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), the Committee may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda, upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a).

2.2 Confirmation of Agenda: Approval of agenda for the Academic Angels Committee Meeting of March 14, 2023, with any additions, corrections, or deletions.

Cathy Abbott requested to table item 5.1. Memberships Updates

3. Minutes

3.1 Approval of the Academic Angels Committee Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2023.

Confirmation of the minutes as presented.

4. Comments from the Public

4.1 Public Comments: In accordance with Senate Bill 361 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation is allowed and will be accepted by email to codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu and read into the record during public comment or by using the raise your hand function by joining the Zoom link. There is a time limit of three (3) minutes per person. All comments must be submitted or brought forward prior to the end of the public comments section.

No Public Comments.

5. Action & Discussion Item

5.1 Learning to Lead 2023/24 Roll Out

Marge Dodge to coordinate the workshops with Katie.

5.2 April 10, 2023, Spring Lancheon

Marge Dodge presented final quote from Acrisure Arena and it was over the budget

as many unexpected items were charged such as Admin Fee (\$828) and others, together with \$2500 charge for the venue, total of \$8314.42. The Committee decided to look for another options such as Big Horn, Vintage and others. Decision was made to try to book with Big Horn even if the date has to be moved, and cancel Arena right after that.

5.3 March Monthly Mixers Review

The Academic Angels were hosting the Mixer at Mitch's on March 1, 2023. Event was a big success; goal was to enroll 2 new members and this goal was achieved. Discussion took place that it would be great to enroll not only female but male Angels as well, Norma Castaneda added that marketing should change accordingly in order to attract male candidates.

5.4 May Monthly Mixers

Marge Dodge proposed to host the next event on May 3, 2023. Discussion took place regarding the potential venue and format of the event. It was decided to check with two potential venues – Cuistot and Wildest, and decision was taken to serve drinks and hors d'oeuvre.

As for the Mixers next year, discussion took place that events should happen on COD Campus as well, and having a theme will always be beneficial.

6. Adjournment

6.1 Next Meeting: April 11, 2023, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

6.2 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 03:30 PM.