

Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (Wednesday, November 20, 2024)

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Members present

Christine Anderson, Bill Chunowitz, Marge Dodge, Barbara Foster Monachino, Barbara Fromm, Ramraghi Fuller, Ed Gubman, Paul Hinkes, Joan R Lamb, Dale Landon, Tom Minder, Diane Rubin, Jane Saltonstall, Shari Stewart, Jenell VanDenBos, Jake Wuest.

Non-voting: Rod Garcia, Catherine Abbott, Kaden Olson. Recorder: Elena Moiseeva.

On Zoom: Jaishri Mehta, Norma Castaneda, James Greene.

Absent (voting members): Rob Moon, Carol Fragen.

Absent (non-voting members): Ruben Perez, Laura Hope.

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

1.1 Call to order

1.2 Roll Call

2. AGENDA

2.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), the Board 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 Foundation Board of Directors Meeting of November 20, 2024 with any additions, corrections, or deletions.

Diane Rubin proposed to move agenda item "8.1 Presentation and acceptance of the audited financial statements of JUNE 30, 2024" to follow after agenda item "6.6 Executive Directors Report".

Diane Rubin also asked to add agenda item "8.2 American Dreamers" Art by Mary Ingebrand-Pohlad for "Invisible Valley" Movie screening".

Tom Minder moved to approve the Agenda as proposed. Jake Wuest seconded.

Aye: Christine Anderson, Bill Chunowitz, Marge Dodge, Barbara Foster Monachino, Barbara Fromm, Ramraghi Fuller, Ed Gubman, Paul Hinkes, Joan R Lamb, Dale Landon, Tom Minder, Diane Rubin, Jane Saltonstall, Shari Stewart, Jenell VanDenBos, Jake Wuest.

Motion carried; Agenda stands as adjusted.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Approval of the September 25, 2024 Foundation Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes.

September 25, 2024 Meeting minutes stand as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4.1 Public Participation and Public Comment: In person and remote public participation is allowed and will be accepted in person, by email to codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu and submitted for the record during public comment or by using the raise your hand function by joining the Zoom link <https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/my/julimaxwell?pwd=b0tLbzNRWWWhyL284NHo2MmtnUXE5UT09&omn=89926983480>. 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. Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities: Persons with disabilities may make a written request for a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in the Board meeting. All requests should be directed to the Foundation Office in advance via email to codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu.

No comments from public.

5. MISSION MOMENT

5.1 Presentation on New Paramedics Program - Laurie Green

Barbara Fromm introduced Laurie Green, Paramedic Program Director for College of the Desert.

Laurie Green gave overview of Paramedic Program at COD. Up and coming program is crucial as there is a heavy need of Paramedics on daily basis and we have full support of industry partners, including Fire Department and Eisenhower. Class is set to start January 27, 2025. Graduations is set for January or February 2026. The financial commitment per student will roughly be around \$13000. Instructor ratio is 6 to one, compared to EMTs 10 to 1.

6. REPORT ITEMS

6.1 Board of Trustee Liaison Report - Ruben Perez

Ruben Perez - absent.

6.3 Interim Superintendent/President Report - Laura Hope

Laura Hope was absent due to participation at the conference. Rod Garcia informed everyone that Palm Springs Campus Groundbreaking took place on November 14, and Athletic Stadium Project groundbreaking on December 19, 2024. Also, Cathy Abbott and Rod Garcia are scheduled for a walk-through of the future J. Schnitzer Museum site together with Jordan himself.

6.4 Student Representative ASCOD President - Kaden Olson

Kaden Olson informed everyone about few events ASCOD got to attend: State level California Community Colleges Student Senate, EOPS Fair, South Annex Party, Halloween event with International Club.

6.5 Board Chair Report - Diane Rubin

Diane thanked Kirstien Renna for bringing delicious treats to the meeting.

Jake Wuest is set to depart to Colorado and handed his resignation letter, Diane thanked him for years of service.

Diane also informed that there was a meeting of Desert Financing Corporation, where Jan Harnik was welcomed as a new director.

Diane mentioned the Presidential Search Committee is still in process of reviewing applications.

Diane also informed that Jerry Fogelson resigned from the Board as he moved out of Coachella Valley and thanked Jerry for his service.

6.6 Executive Director Report - Catherine Abbott

Cathy acknowledged the Lisa Wendel Memorial Fund, as Diane and Jerry Wendel made another contribution of \$50000 to Textbook Rental Program and \$7500 towards the purchase of new golf carts.

Cathy continued with information that College is a recipient of portion of a 4,5-million-dollar gift from the estate of Jane Lykken Hoff. Jane was a beloved Palm Springs philanthropist, who passed away at the age of 103. We have to thank Liz Chambers for maintaining that relationship for as many years as she did. Jane left her donation with the Inland Empire Community Foundation, and so, although 2.5 million is allocated to the college, the funding will stay with the Inland Empire Community Foundation, and we will receive annual investment activity from that that fund. Those funds will be supporting nursing scholarships, the nursing program and the veterans program.

Invitation to Jordan Schnitzer's Vip reception for this Friday at the Palm Springs Art Museum was sent out, it's a David Hockney exhibit.

A new effort was started that is called the Power Hour, and this is an opportunity for the foundation, and the board is invited to learn more about what is happening on the campus with our programs, in our student service support programs and departments. It's a great way for board members to have a seat at the table and learn a lot more in this setting, and to be able to be better fundraisers for some of our programs here at the college.

On Monday Foundation launched employee giving competition, over 800 employees were broken up into about 5 different groups, everyone is competing for raising the most money to help support our students as of today \$2,240 from employees around the campus was raised. This is Foundation's step of creating a culture of philanthropy on the campus.

Cathy also reminded everyone to visit Jay Mclaughlin on Friday between 11am and 3pm, 15% of sales that day will support the foundation, thanks to Leslie Ramirez for always thinking of COD Foundation.

Cathy concluded her report expressing gratitude to Foundation Board members and their support over past years.

6.7 Directors' Reports (Reports may be submitted by emailing the Foundation at codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu)

Rob Moon - absent. Shari Stewart reported and encouraged Board Members to join President's Circle, as it would be great to have 100% participation from Board. Shari talked about President's Ambassadors Vision Exchange - P.A.V.E. works on expanding President's Circle at fun working sessions, and last session took at Rob Moons residence. Shari invited the Board to join P.A.V.E. Friday Night Fiesta took place on November 8 and next event will be Pizza and Putting on March 16, 2025.

Marge Dodge reported that Academic Angels Welcome Back Tea took place at Willie's Modern Fair on October 27th and was a really great event, regular and new members attended, and around \$3000 was raised in pledges towards Learning to Lead Scholarships. Marge informed everyone that 2025 is the 40th Anniversary of Academic Angels, and we are still hoping to get Grant from Coeta Barker Foundation in the amount of \$5000 as we do each year.

Paul Hinkes informed everyone regarding upcoming scheduled interviews with Financial Management companies on November 21, 8 am and the second day of interviews on December 12, 12:30 pm. Diane Rubin invited everyone to observe.

Chris Anderson informed that Annual Legacy Leader recognition Reception took place on November 19, and we all had a great event, thanks to everyone who participated. Also Chris informed that the other Legacy Leaders event was Planned Giving Advisory Group working lunch. Chris reported on great numbers and thanked Liz Chambers for her work.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Presentation and acceptance of the audited financial statements of JUNE 30, 2024 - Eide Bailly LLP

Bill Chunowitz reported on recent Audit, thanked team and Kirstien Renna for clean Audit as always. Kirstien introduced Danielle Howard and Emily Taylor, representing Eide Bailly. Danielle congratulated the Board with another successful Audit and reported that no adjustments or recommendation were made into that Audit report.

Diane Rubin asked for motion to approve the audited financial statements of JUNE 30, 2024.

Bill Chunowitz moved; Barbara Fromm seconded.

Aye: Christine Anderson, Bill Chunowitz, Marge Dodge, Barbara Foster Monachino, Barbara Fromm, Ramraghi Fuller, Ed Gubman, Paul Hinkes, Joan R Lamb, Dale Landon, Tom Minder, Diane Rubin, Jane Saltonstall, Shari Stewart, Jenell VanDenBos, Jake Wuest.

Motion carried.

8.2 "American Dreamers" Art by Mary Ingebrand-Pohlad for "Invisible Valley" Movie screening.

Tom Minder informed everyone about upcoming screening of Invisible Valley on December 4 at PS Cultural Center. Producer, Mary Ingebrand-Pohlad, is very passionate about education, and she kindly donated the art "American Dreamers" to auction it off at the screening. Tom proposed that Board Members voluntarily donate \$150 each towards the purchase of the art in order to preserve its value and have it purchased by Board and donated to COD and asked for motion to approve.

Bill Chunowitz moved; Jane Saltonstall seconded.

Aye: Christine Anderson, Bill Chunowitz, Marge Dodge, Barbara Foster Monachino, Barbara Fromm, Ramraghi Fuller, Ed Gubman, Paul Hinkes, Joan R Lamb, Dale Landon, Tom Minder, Diane Rubin, Jane Saltonstall, Shari Stewart, Jenell VanDenBos, Jake Wuest.

Motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 First Read - Elizabeth Dick as a Foundation Board Member

Jane Saltonstall presented first read of Elizabeth Dick BIO.

9.2 Presentation and Discussion - Stepping Out for COD - Bill Chunowitz/Carol Fragen, Eddie Hernandez

Carol Fragen - absent.

Bill and Eddie presented the Stepping Out Gala vision and numbers, asked all Board members to be involved and participate and help to fill up the tables.

Eddie showed presentation informing everyone of the program, awards, timings, auction items, etc.

Jaishri Mehta offered a jewelry item from El Paseo Jewelers for the auction.

Diane Rubin proposed that for Holiday Party everyone is welcome to bring a bottle of wine (at least \$25) or a gift card that will be donated to silent auction.

9.3 Report on CSUSB Conference - Ramraghi Fuller/Barbara Foster Monachino

Barbara Monachino reported on participation at CSUSB conference together with COD Foundation staff. The first part was about building the strong foundation, the second part was about boosting the philanthropic efforts and finally third, there were breakout groups discussing various functions of foundations.

Ramraghi Fuller continued, saying it was an amazing experience: discussions on partnerships, updated communications, tapping into new generation of donors, donor appreciations were the highlight of the conference.

Kirstien Renna described the breakout discussion group that she led at the conference.

9.4 Invisible Valley Screening - December 4, 2024

9.5 Upcoming Events

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1 Next Meeting: Board of Directors Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2024, at 3:00 PM at Multi-Purpose Room, Cravens Student Services Center

10.2 Adjournment