

Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (Wednesday, February 19, 2025)

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Procedural, Call to Order/Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 3PM

1.1 Roll Call: Barbara Foster Monachino, Barbara Fromm, Bill Chunowitz, Carol Fragen, Christine Anderson, Dale Landon, Diane Rubin, Donna MacMillan, Ed Gubman, Elisabeth Dick, Jaishri Mehta, Jane Saltonstall, Jenell Vandebos, Jim Greene, Joan Lamb, Marge Dodge, Norma Castaneda, Paul Hinkes, Ramraghi Fuller, Rob Moon, Shari Stewart, Tom Minder. **NON-VOTING:** Val Martinez Garcia, Corbyn Wild, Mary Jane Salchez-Fulton, Juan Falcon

Members Present: Barbara Foster Monachino, Barbara Fromm, Christine Anderson, Dale Landon, Diane Rubin, Donna MacMillan, Ed Gubman, Elisabeth Dick, Jane Saltonstall, Jim Greene, Joan Lamb, Marge Dodge, Norma Castaneda, Paul Hinkes, Ramraghi Fuller, Shari Stewart, Tom Minder

Members Absent: Carol Fragen, Bill Chunowitz, Liz Dick, Donna MacMillan, Jenell VanDenBos

Members on Zoom: Jaishri Mehta

Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Jane Sanchez-Fulton, Juan Falcon

Non-Voting Members Absent: Val Martinez-Garcia

Guests: Cathrine Abbott, Amber Libertini, Elena Moiseeva, Kirstien Renna, Eddie Hernandez, Darcy Carozza, Liz Chambers

Recorder: Juli Maxwell

2. AGENDA

Procedural: 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)

Action, Procedural: 2.2 Confirmation of Agenda: Approval of agenda for the Foundation Board of Directors Meeting of February 19, 2025, with any additions, corrections, or deletions.

Barbara Foster Monachino made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Barbara Fromm seconded.

Motion carried.

3. MINUTES

Action, Minutes: 3.1 Approval of the January 22, 2024 Foundation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Joan Lamb made a correction to page 6, item 7.5, should be written as "Joan Lamb, William Rutherford and the Lamb Family Foundation". 7.6 Rob "M"oon needs to be capitalized. "Recommendation" to the board. "With" Ferguson" "and".

Add "the custody of the assets will be with Charles Schwab and Company." Close parenthesis after top 100.

Minutes were approved with corrections.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information: 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=b0tLbzNRWWhyL284NHo2MmtnUXE5UT09&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.

There were no public comments.

5. SPECIAL ACTION ITEM

Action, Information: 5.1 Election to the Board of Phillip Niblo

Jane Saltonstall made a motion for the board to approve of Phillip Niblo as an addition to the board of directors. Ramraghi Fuller seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Phillip Niblo addressed the board and talked about why he wanted to be on the Board of Directors of the COD Foundation.

6. MISSION MOMENT

Action, Information: 6.1 Update on COD Paramedic Program

Walt Meyer presented to the board the update on the Paramedic Program. The program currently has 19 students. Ryan Hurt, a paramedic student from the program, shared his experiences being in the program.

7. REPORT ITEMS

Reports: 7.1 Board of Trustee Liaison Report - Mary Jane Sanchez-Fulton

Mary Jane reported that she, along with Trustee Mark Meyer, went to Washington DC representing the district. They met with Congressman Ruiz and Senators Alex Padillo and Adam Schiff. Mary Jane will be reporting more about this at the trustee meeting.

Reports: 7.2 Acting Interim Superintendent/President Report - Val Martinez Garcia

Cathy reported on behalf of Val Martinez Garcia who is currently attending the Association for California Community College Administrators Conference.

- Val recently attended the California's Community colleges Conference and attended a number of training sessions related to governance and board and CEO roles and responsibilities, etc.
- Val has several additional board training sessions scheduled.
- This month featured season openers for many of our athletic teams.
- Football stadium is expected to be completed by next summer.
- Our Caring Campus is a part of the Caring Campus initiative that connects classified professionals, faculty, leadership and students to create an inclusive culture and

learning environment. Val thanked Dr. Carrie Tate-Meyer and her committee for leading the Caring Campus initiative.

Reports: 7.3 Student Representative ASCOD Vice President - Juan Falcon

Juan introduced himself and reported that the first Inter Club Council meeting was held last week, and it was a great success. The club is enthusiastic about planning more events to enhance student life. Next week, they are also hosting their first club rush for the year. Indio campus will have a club rush on February 26, and Palm Desert will be February 27 from 10am to 1pm. Juan will be attending the upcoming ASAC Washington DC conference from March 15 to 18.

Reports: 7.4 Board Chair Report - Diane Rubin

Diane introduced staff members Amber Libertini and Darcy Carozza to the board. Diane turned the mic over to Tom Minder. Tom read a thank you letter from a student, thanking the Foundation for help through the student emergency fund. Tom then read an application from a student that was very meaningful as to why the fund exists.

Reports: 7.5 Executive Director Report - Catherine Abbott

Cathy reported:

- Stepping Out numbers are still not finalized.
- Eddie Hernandez and Cathy are starting a Podcast for the Foundation called All Things Foundation (ATF). Paramedic program, campus tours and focus on alumni will be first the first shows.
- Foundation is moving to new offices in April. The new offices are located at the old Palm Desert Library.
- Eddie Hernandez reported on the Campus tours that are in full swing. Private tours are available also.

Reports: 7.6 Directors' Reports (Reports may be submitted by emailing the Foundation at codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu)

Shari Stewart -Advancement and Stewardship

Shari highly recommends the campus tours to the board.

150k secured of the 225k goal. 25 members so far, with several pledges in progress. Advancement committee is currently making calls and contacting people who have been members in the past, asking them to join. There was a team competition and Shari Stewart's team won and will have a donation to the Child Development Center made in their name. Next event is Pizza and Putting at Shadow Mountain Golf Club on March 16.

Marge Dodge - Academic Angels

Roundup Newsletter

The Academic Angels held a mixer on February 12 at Catalan that was fun and engaging for all that attended.

April 10 will be the next mixer, location TBD.

May 6 will be the spring into summer event at the Springs.

Marge suggested to the board that the Academic Angels help with Stepping Out event next year by soliciting all of the auction items over the summer and early fall.

Jane Saltonstall - Nominating Committee

Jane did a "first read" of Alvin Schonfeld as a board member recommendation.

Barbara Foster Monachino - Secretary

No Report

Paul Hinkes - Finance and Investment Committee

No Report

March 19 is the next Finance meeting.

Chris Anderson - Planned Giving

Chris reported that Legacy Leaders will be having a 2nd financial advisory group lunch at Mitch's on March 13. Another event will be held on May 3.

Barbara Fromm - Parliamentary

Barbara had no report but congratulated Shari on her win.

8. ACTION ITEMS

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Reports: 9.1 Update on Transition to New Investment Advisor - Kirstien Renna

Kirstien reported that she is working with Ferguson Wellman on getting the new accounts established and the transfers done between the three accounts to the one. Ferguson Wellman will be monitoring the transfers as they come in and reporting out to the Foundation.

Action: 9.2 First Read - Alvin Schonfeld as a Foundation Board Member

Jane gave this report previously in her directors' report.

Reports: 9.3 Foundation Upcoming Events

Gradfest is April 10.

COD graduation is May 27.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: 10.1 Next Meeting: Board of Directors Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 3:00 PM at Multi-Purpose Room, Cravens Student Services Center

Procedural: 10.2 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.