



Foundation Governance Committee Meeting (Wed, December 1, 2025) MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present: Bill Chunowitz (Chair), Barbara Foster Monachino, Jane Saltonstall, Shari Stewart.

Voting Member absent : Christine Anderson

Guests: Catherine Abbott, Tom Minder

Recorder: Eve-Marie Dehondt

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2025 Governance Committee meeting.

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CLOSED SESSION

Public Employee Appointment (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

The Committee went on Closed session at 2:05PM.

6. REPORT IN ACTION TAKEN

The Governance Committee discussed the roles and responsibilities of the committee led by Jane Saltonstall, clarifying that it should focus on governance matters such as board structure, member evaluation, committee structure and bylaws, while the Nominating Committee is led by Bill Chunowitz and focused on finding and recommending new Board members according to the needs defined by the Governance Committee. The group debated the structure of the committee, considering whether to maintain the current "Governance and Nominating Committee" name or split it into separate committees.

- The Committee members agreed to **hold a separate Governance meeting** to further define the committee's responsibilities and structure, with Jane Saltonstall tasked to organize this meeting. One of the topic of the meeting will be to update the Executive Committee Organizational Chart. Tom Minder recommended placing State of the College under the Advancement Committee group.
- Bill Chunowitz will **organize a Nominating Committee meeting in January 2026** before the February Board meeting to discuss the updates made on the Board candidates after this December 1 meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01

8.1 Next Meeting:

January 9, 2026 in the Foundation Conference Room, Palm Desert COD Campus.