Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

11:00 AM - 12:30pm
Location: Augustine Casino - 84-004 Avenue 54, Coachella, CA 92236
https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/86749201140?pwd=aqISYeCLY14fSAxCKk0RYTyH77V1wY.1
Meeting ID: 867 4920 1140
Passcode: 812401
(Guests and Public Comment Only)
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COLLEGE OF THE DESERT FOUNDATION MISSION: College of the Desert Foundation acts as advocates for the College and secures financial support enhancing educational opportunities for all students.
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COLLEGE OF THE DESERT MISSION: College of the Desert provides excellent educational programs in basic skills, career and technical education, certificate, transfer preparation, associate degrees, noncredit and distance education, which are continuously evaluated and improved. Our programs and services contribute to the success, learning and achievement of our diverse students and the vitality of the Desert Community College District, surrounding areas and beyond.
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1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

1.1 Voting Members: Tom Minder (Chair), Christine Anderson, Amanda Augustine, Bill Chunowitz, Norma Castaneda, Elisabeth Dick, Barbara Foster Monachino, Carol Fragen, Barbara Fromm, Ramraghi Fuller, Jim Greene, Ed Gubman, Paul Hinkes, Joan Lamb, Dale Landon, Jaishri Mehta, Phillip Niblo, Diane Rubin, Jane Saltonstall, Alvin J. Schonfeld, Shari Stewart, Jenell VanDenBos, Matt Walding Non-Voting Members: Catherine Abbott, Juan Falcon, Joel Kinnamon, Val Martinez-Garcia, Neil Lingle, Chip West, Corbyn Wild. Recorder: Eve-Marie Dehondt

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 February 18, 2026, with any additions, corrections, or deletions.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Approval of the January 13, 2026 Foundation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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/j/86749201140?pwd=aqISYeCLY14fSAxCKk0RYTyH77V1wY.1 Meeting ID: 867 4920 1140 Passcode: 812401 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.

5. CLOSED SESSION

5.1 Closed session from 11:10AM to 11:20AM. Closed session shall not extend past the designated time, but should the business considered in closed session require additional time, the Committee shall reserve time to continue discussion.

5.2 § 54957: Public employee appointment, employment, performance evaluation, discipline, dismissal, or release.

6. REPORT IN ACTION ITEM (if any)

6.1 Report any action item

7. MISSION MOMENT

7.1 Roadrunner Essentials Basic Needs

8. REPORT ITEMS

8.1 Board of Trustee Liaison Report - Dr. Joel Kinnamon

8.2 Superintendent/President Report - Val Martinez Garcia

8.3 Student Representative ASCOD Vice President - Juan Falcon

8.4 Board Chair Report - Tom Minder

8.5 Executive Director Report - Catherine Abbott

8.6 Directors' Reports (Verbal Updates)

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Approve the 2nd Quarter Financial Statement - October to December 2025

9.2 Approve the Minimum Donation for Named Temporary Restricted Funds and Named Endowed Funds as recommended by the Finance & Investment Committee

10. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10.1 Stepping Out for COD 2026 Report Out

10.2 List of responsibilities of the Governance and Nominating Committee

10.3 Review the 2026-27 Proposed Slate of Officers

10.4 Board Self-Evaluation Forms

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 New Board Members Orientation - Wed, April 15, 2026 - Desert Willow, Palm Desert, CA 92260- 1PM to 2:15PM.

11.2 Next Meeting: Annual Meeting - Wed, April 15, 2026 - Desert Willow, Palm Desert, CA 92260- 2:30PM to 4PM

11.3 Annual Meeting Reception at 4:30PM

11.4 Adjournment