



**Foundation Governance Committee Meeting
(Mon, May 11, 2026)
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present: Liz Dick (Chair), Bill Chunowitz, Barbara Foster Monachino, Ramraghi Fuller (remotely), Tony Ogden, Shari Stewart.

Voting Members Absent: Christine Anderson and Gib Hentschke.

Guest: Catherine Abbott.

Recorder: Eve-Marie Dehondt.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026 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

There was no report in action taken.

7. DISCUSSION ITEM

7.1 2026/27 Committee Schedule

The Committee selected the following dates and times for their 2026-27 meeting schedules:

- 10/5/2026 - 4PM
- 11/9/2026 - 4PM
- 12/7/2026 - 4PM
- 2/01/2027 - 4PM
- 3/15/2027 - 4PM
- 4/12/2027 - 4PM

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Review the process and timeline for presenting and approving new board member nominations and officer slates.

This item will be included in the next Governance Committee meeting, in October 2026. The current process and timeline documents will be distributed and printed for that meeting.

8.2 Discuss the size of the Board.

The current Foundation by-laws only require a minimum of 16 board members, but no maximum. There are 24 board members as of May 11, 2026. An Ad-Hoc Committee composed of Ramraghi Fuller, Chris Anderson, Shari Stewart and Catherine Abbott, has been formed to evaluate the size of the Board and report back to the Committee with their recommendation at their October 2026 meeting.

8.3 Terms on Term Limits

The Ad-Hoc Committee mentioned above on agenda item 8.2, will also work on terms on term limits. This Committee will provide input on what term limits should be, if they are necessary and best practices, and will report on their recommendations to the Committee in the Fall.

8.4. Creating a Skills Matrix to pursue Board candidates.

The Committee suggested creating a skills matrix, in order to better understand expertise gaps before pursuing new board candidates. Cathy Abbott will work on that project and get back to the Committee at their next meeting in October 2026.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

8.1 Next Meeting:

October 5, 2026 in the Foundation Conference Room, Palm Desert COD Campus.