



## Board Meeting Minutes May 27, 2025

**Board Members:** Komal Ahmed, Laurie Brandt, Gino DiGregorio, Kelsey Iino, Janan Johnson, David Liaw, Laurie Love, Victoria Lozzi, Wesley Marshall, Laurie McCarthy, Darcie McClellan, McKenzie Neely-Wright, Richard Rede, Clay Zachry

**Absent:** Roy Dietz, Cynthia Grande, Katherine Maschler, Brooke Matson, Jason Nishiyama, Ann O'Brien, Tamara Ritchey Powers, Daniel Shrader, Ben Steinberger, Brenda Thames, Rob Van Lingen, Paul Wafer, Mark Waronek

**Staff:** Andrea Sala, Kate Choi, Nancy Tonner, Heidi Wang

**Recorder:** Nancy Tonner

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President Janan Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1) Approve Consent Agenda:

*Komal Ahmed made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Laurie Brandt seconded. Motion passed.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

### NON-CONSENT AGENDA

#### I. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janan Johnson

1) Board Member Thank You

- Thanked Student Rep Wesley Marshall for his service and introduced new Student Rep Charlie Mitchell.
- Thanked Gino DiGregorio for his nine years of service on the Board as he finished three three-year terms.

2) Robert Williams, ECC Student Equity & Achievement (SEA)/Athletics Counselor, answered questions Board members had regarding his request for \$30,000 to support 20 students' participation in the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) annual conference made at the March Board meeting.

- Discussion ensued with many questions and concerns about the conference.

*Komal Ahmed made a motion to fund cost of registration up to \$11,000 for 16 students and 3 faculty to attend the conference. Vote taken – Wesley Marshall abstained, six members voted yes and six members voted no. Since it was a tie, motion did not pass.*

## II. BOARD GOVERNANCE

Laurie Love

### 1) Angie Gilbride Board Resignation

- Love read an email from Angie Gilbride serving as her resignation from the Board due to business responsibilities.

*Love made a motion to accept the resignation from Angie Gilbride. Janan Johnson seconded. Motion passed.*

### 2) On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Janan Johnson presented the 2025-26 Executive Committee

- President Laurie Love
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Board Governance Tamara Ritchey Powers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Operations Laurie Brandt
- Secretary Richard Rede
- Treasurer Clay Zachry
- Immediate Past President Janan Johnson
- Member-at-Large Laurie McCarthy
- Member-at-Large Paul Wafer
- Member-at-Large Mark Waronek

### 3) Annual Resolutions presented by the Board Governance Vice President Laurie Love. Resolutions 1 - 4 were read aloud by Love:

- Resolution 1 covered the term of office for members of the Board of Directors 2025 - 2026.
- Resolution 2 identified the elected Officers of the Foundation to serve for one year on the Executive Committee until their successor have been duly appointed and qualified on or after the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- Resolution 3 resolved that all actions reported to the Board and captured in approved minutes since July 23, 2024 are approved and ratified by the Board.
- Resolution 4 authorized signatures of representatives who may withdraw funds on all El Camino accounts at Malaga Bank, Graystone/Morgan Stanley. and other institutions where accounts may be established during the fiscal year 2025 – 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026).

*Love made the motion to approve the 2024-25 Annual Resolutions as presented. Komal Ahmed seconded the motion. Motion passed. See attached for Annual Resolutions document.*

## III. FINANCIALS

Clay Zachry

### 1) April 2025 Financials

- Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, and the Operating Budget were reviewed. We are 83% through the year and numbers look strong. April was a strong month despite the market volatility.

### 2) Finance Committee Meeting Update

- Laurie McCarthy gave an overview of the Finance Committee Meeting with Graystone. There is currently a lot of uncertainty in the markets right now but we are very well positioned and Graystone continues to fine tune investments.

#### **IV. OPERATIONS**

Nancy Tonner for Brooke Matson

1) Scholarship Awards Dinner Recap

- Scholarship Dinner was a huge success in large part due to Andrea Sala being our MC and writing the script, and Nancy Tonner's attention to every detail.
- Awarded over 160 scholarships that evening.
- Received many kind comments and emails from donors and students after the dinner.

2) Scholarship Numbers

- As of today, we have awarded 593 scholarships for a total of \$956,779.
- We anticipate awarding an additional 51 scholarships in the fall, making our 2025-26 awarded total over \$1M.

#### **V. ECC STUDENT REPORT**

Wesley Marshall – No Report – Had to Leave for ECC Board of Trustees Meeting

#### **VI. ECC PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Dr. Brenda Thames – Unable to Attend due to the ECC Board of Trustees Meeting

#### **VII. STAFF REPORT**

Andrea Sala/Heidi Wang

1) American College Dance Association National Conference Funding

- ECC Dance Department and Center for the Arts at El Camino hosted the American College Dance Association Conference from April 15 - 18. Five ECC students won at the Gala, which is a huge honor, and were asked to represent the Baja Region at the National Conference in Washington DC May 2 - 4.
- Faculty member Liz Adamis contacted the Foundation to inquire if we had funds to cover the trip and Sala approved \$7,500 for five students and two faculty members to attend.
- Johnson read a thank you letter from the instructor and student participants.

2) Sharer Scholars Update

- Awarded our first cohort of six students and they are thrilled.
- Our six students attended a luncheon at Santa Monica College with the SMC awardees to learn about the scholarship procedures, etc. Sala and Tonner attended as well.
- Met with students to go over contract, ACH payments and review important dates.
- Sala will be having lunch with the Sharer Foundation Board in June.

3) ECCCD Bond

- The state of California has allocated \$29 million for the Music Building remodel that requires a match from ECC. The ECCCD Board of Trustees is considering a Bond in 2026 to enable the match as well as other facility needs for ECC. ECC Trustees may request funds for the marketing campaign from the Foundation, which could be \$100,000 or more. This is standard practice since the College cannot fund the campaign with public funds. Sala waiting to hear from the Trustees.

4) President's Circle/Community Partners Update

- Will present a FY end report at the July meeting.

5) President Thank You

- Sala thanked Johnson for her service as Board President for the last two years and presented her with a gift.

#### **VIII. DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 pm**