



Board Meeting Minutes March 25, 2025

Board Members:	Komal Ahmed, Roy Dietz, Laurie Brandt, Gino DiGregorio, Kelsey Iino, Janan Johnson, Laurie Love, Victoria Lozzi, Wesley Marshall, Brooke Matson, Laurie McCarthy, McKenzie Neely-Wright, Jason Nishiyama, Ann O'Brien, Richard Rede, Tamara Ritchey Powers, Daniel Shrader, Brenda Thames, Rob Van Lingen, Paul Wafer, Clay Zachry
Absent:	Angie Gilbride, Cynthia Grande, David Liaw, Katherine Maschler, Ben Steinberger, Mark Waronek
Staff:	Andrea Sala, Kate Choi, Nancy Tonner, Heidi Wang
Recorder:	Nancy Tonner

President Janan Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approve Consent Agenda:

Kelsey Iino made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Paul Wafer seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

I. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janan Johnson

- 1) President Thames presented a \$50,000 funding request to join the California Community Colleges Digital Center for Innovation, Transformation and Equity Consortium.
 - After President Thames left meeting, discussion ensued. Andrea Sala explained that this type of funding would normally come out of the President's discretionary fund with the Foundation, but since we are no longer receiving funds from our now expired contract with Coca-Cola, the fund only has a balance of approximately \$17,000. Sala suggested transferring \$100,000 from the Jacalyn and John Harris estate gift that was received last year to fund this request and allow the President's Discretionary account to have funding for the future.

Komal Ahmed made a motion to fund \$50,000 to join the California Community Colleges Digital Center for Innovation, Transformation and Equity Consortium, and transfer \$50,000 into the Foundation President's Discretionary Fund. McKenzie Neely-Wright seconded. The vote was 16 Yes; 4 No; 1 Abstain. Motion passed.

- 2) Jose Flores, ECC Student Success Coordinator, MICASA Center, on behalf of Robert Williams, ECC Student Equity & Achievement (SEA)/Athletics Counselor, presented a funding request for \$30,000 to support 20 students' participation in the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) annual conference.
 - After the presentation, discussion ensued with many questions and concerns about the conference.
 - The item was tabled so Sala can discuss the concerns with Robert Williams and review the request. Sala will ask Williams to attend the May Board meeting to provide more details.

II. BOARD GOVERNANCE

Laurie Love

1) 2024-25 Board Policy Review

- Scholarship Management and Disbursement Policy #100: The Board Governance Committee presented recommended updates to the policy.

Love made a motion to accept the revised Scholarship Management and Disbursement Policy #100. Roy Dietz seconded. Motion passed.

- ECC Foundation Bylaws: The Board Governance Committee presented recommended updates to the Bylaws.

Love made a motion to accept the revised Bylaws. Brooke Matson seconded. Motion passed.

2) Mark Burton Board Resignation

- Love read an email from Mark Burton serving as his resignation from the Board due to personal responsibilities.

Love made a motion to accept the resignation from Mark Burton. Janan Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

3) 2025-26 Nominations Executive Committee

- Sala distributed the Nomination Form for the 2025-26 ECCF Executive Committee and asked members to complete and return to staff.
- Mark Waronek has volunteered again this year to chair the Nomination Committee. Richard Rede and Janan Johnson volunteered to participate on the committee.

4) 2025-26 New Board Members

- Health Gregory and Karla Brown will be joining the Board in July.
- Gino DiGregorio and Ann O'Brien will end their nine-year terms this year.

III. FINANCIALS

Clay Zachry

1) 2024 Tax Return – Filed last month

IV. OPERATIONS

Brooke Matson

1) Scholarship Update

- Completed the review and ranking of all 1,602 scholarship applications and thanked all members who participated. Shared the following comment from one of our faculty regarding the process: *"Just worked through the first 15. Really glad I volunteered for this! I'm learning so much about our students and really getting inspired to teach them."*
- Donors are now in the process of selecting their recipients, which will be followed by the department selections and then the non-donor selections.

- Applicants will be informed if they did or did not receive a scholarship on April 15.
- Scholarship Awards Dinner will be held on May 15. Encouraged all Board members to attend.

V. ECC STUDENT REPORT

Wesley Marshall

- ASO held Welcome Week in February.
- ASO holding officer elections and new ECC Foundation student representative will be introduced at the May Board meeting.

VI. ECC PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Brenda Thames – No Report

VII. STAFF REPORT

Andrea Sala/Heidi Wang

1) Sharer Scholars Scholarship

- Eighty-two students qualified for the five \$16,000 scholarships, 14 applications were reviewed and ten students were selected to be interviewed.
- Conducted interviews on March 20 and five students were awarded the scholarship. A sixth student was recommended as well, but will need more funds. This will be confirmed by the Sharer Foundation president who will confirm with the Sharer Foundation Board of Directors
- Thanks to Nancy Tonner, Laurie McCarthy and Paul Wafer for joining Sala and Sharer Foundation President Laura Steffen on the selection committee.
- Laurie McCarthy and Paul Wafer described their experiences in interviewing this group of exceptional students.

2) President's Circle/Community Partners Update

- Community Partners – YTD Actuals total \$45,500, 65% of goal. Have pledges totaling \$5,000, to end Q3 at \$50,500 (72%).
- President's Circle – YTD Actuals total \$172,280, 96% of goal. Have eight new members, five upgraded donors and three re-engaged donors.

VIII. DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:48 pm