



Foundation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, April 3, 2023

TIME: 3:00 p.m. — Call to Order

ASA Conference Center, building 5401

Highway 1, San Luis Obispo, California

APPROVED MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Foundation President Grigger Jones called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

B. INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND ROLL CALL

<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angelica Fortin (late)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Martinez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erich Tucker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rob Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bill Mortimer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Cabassi (no longer a member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nella Girolo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pragna Patel-Mueller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cheryl Vines
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Carpenter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patricia Gordon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Debbie Perrault	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cara Wright
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Craig Darnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Howell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunter Perry		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Darnton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Darius Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	George Pudlo		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Dressler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grigger Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Richerson		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cyndee Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dee Lacey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Rolph		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Silvio Favoreto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Lathrop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jill Stearns		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janice Fong Wolf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robyn Letters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Strobridge		

☒ - Present ☐ - Not Present

ADVANCEMENT STAFF: Shannon Hill, Rick Camarillo, Katie Osman, Jessica Strano, Melissa Ross, and Bonnie Morris

GUESTS: Alice Jones and Jo Malizia

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION ITEM

Motion to approve as presented: Strobridge/Fong Wolf — **Passed** by a majority vote of the Foundation Board of Directors and unanimously by those members present to approve the Foundation Board of Directors agenda for Monday, April 3, 2023, as presented.

- **Yes – (21)** Darnell, Darnton, Dressler, Favoreto, Fong Wolf, Garcia, Girolo, Gordon, Howell, Jones, Lathrop, Letters, Martinez, Mortimer, Patel-Mueller, Perrault, Pudlo, Rolph, Strobridge, Tucker, and Vines.
- **No – (0)** none to report.
- **Absent – (12)** Anderson, Boyer, Carpenter, Edwards, Fortin, Lacey, Perry, Richerson, Jones-Rogness, Stearns, Veloz-Passalacqua, and Wright.
- **Abstention – (0)** none to report.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

Motion to approve as presented: Rolph/Tucker— **Passed** by a majority vote of the Foundation Board of Directors and unanimously by those members present to approve the Foundation Board of Directors minutes for the regular meeting of Monday, February 6, 2023.

- **Yes – (21)** Darnell, Darnton, Dressler, Favoreto, Fong Wolf, Garcia, Girolo, Gordon, Howell, Jones, Lathrop, Letters, Martinez, Mortimer, Patel-Mueller, Perrault, Pudlo, Rolph, Strobridge, Tucker, and Vines.
- **No – (0)** none to report.
- **Absent – (12)** Anderson, Boyer, Carpenter, Edwards, Fortin, Lacey, Perry, Richerson, Jones-Rogness, Stearns, Veloz-Passalacqua, and Wright.
- **Abstention – (0)** none to report.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

No Comment.

PROGRAM

Shannon Hill provided information on the increasing needs of students for emergency grants.

George Pudlo pledged \$800 to the CASE Fund.

G. BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Quarterly Financial Report

Rick Camarillo summarized the quarterly financial statements presented at the meeting.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Slate of Officers and Renewal of Current Board Members

Susan Dressler introduced recommendations from the Foundation Nominating Committee for renewal and the slate of officers for 2023-2024.

Motion to approve as presented: Darnell/Perrault — **Passed** by a majority vote of the Foundation Board of Directors and unanimously by those members present to approve the 2023-2024 slate of officers and renewal of current board members as presented.

- **Yes – (22)** Darnell, Darnton, Dressler, Favoreto, Fong Wolf, Fortin, Garcia, Girolo, Gordon, Howell, Jones, Lathrop, Letters, Martinez, Mortimer, Patel-Mueller, Perrault, Pudlo, Rolph, Strobridge, Tucker, and Vines.
- **No – (0)** none to report.

- **Absent – (11)** Anderson, Boyer, Carpenter, Edwards, Lacey, Perry, Richerson, Jones-Rogness, Stearns, Veloz-Passalacqua, and Wright.
- **Abstention – (0)** none to report.

2. Nomination of New Board Members for 2023-2024

Susan Dressler introduced two new potential members as recommended by the Foundation Nominating Committee. Additional recommendations will come at the June meeting.

Motion to approve as presented: Darnell/Perrault— **Passed** by a majority vote of the Foundation Board of Directors and unanimously by those members present to approve the nomination of new board members for 2023-2024 as presented.

- **Yes – (22)** Darnell, Darnton, Dressler, Favoreto, Fong Wolf, Fortin, Garcia, Girolo, Gordon, Howell, Jones, Lathrop, Letters, Martinez, Mortimer, Patel-Mueller, Perrault, Pudlo, Rolph, Strobridge, Tucker, and Vines.
- **No – (0)** none to report.
- **Absent – (11)** Anderson, Boyer, Carpenter, Edwards, Lacey, Perry, Richerson, Jones-Rogness, Stearns, Veloz-Passalacqua, and Wright.
- **Abstention – (0)** none to report.

3. State of Investment Policy

Rob Garcia presented information on a recommendation to update the Statement of Investment Policy.

Motion to approve as presented: Dressler/Darnell— **Passed** by a majority vote of the Foundation Board of Directors and unanimously by those members present to approve the Statement of Investment Policy as presented.

- **Yes – (22)** Darnell, Darnton, Dressler, Favoreto, Fong Wolf, Fortin, Garcia, Girolo, Gordon, Howell, Jones, Lathrop, Letters, Martinez, Mortimer, Patel-Mueller, Perrault, Pudlo, Rolph, Strobridge, Tucker, and Vines.
- **No – (0)** none to report.
- **Absent – (11)** Anderson, Boyer, Carpenter, Edwards, Lacey, Perry, Richerson, Jones-Rogness, Stearns, Veloz-Passalacqua, and Wright.
- **Abstention – (0)** none to report.

I. REPORT FROM FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Foundation President Grigger Jones reported the following:

- Celebration of two significant milestones and contributions to the community:
 - 100-year anniversary of the Atascadero Chamber of Commerce.
 - 50-year anniversary of the Cuesta College Foundation. The event will take place on May 4th. The fundraising goal is to create a CASE Endowment Fund. To support the ongoing need for students in emergency situations.

J. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

Superintendent/President Jill Stearns was absent.

L. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Shannon Hill reported the following:

- Melissa Ross was introduced as the new Foundation Account Technician.
- Bonnie Morris is retiring after 22 years of service to the college.
- Retire Social for former college employees will be held on April 12th.

M. REPORTS

ASCC

President of the Associated Students of Cuesta College, Darius Jones, was absent.

Alumni Relations Committee

Vice President of Alumni Relations Janice Fong Wolf reported the following:

- Shared the newly selected Honored Alumni who will be honored at the Cuesta College Foundation 50th Celebration on May 4.
 - Adam Watkins, Caren Ray Russom, Evan Norton, and Karl Wittstrom.

Board of Trustees

San Luis Obispo County Community College District Board of Trustees Mary Strobridge reported the following:

- Cuesta Chamber Singers & Voce students are headed to France July 1-15, 2023. They will perform eight concerts in various locations.
- The college will hold the 58th Commencement Ceremony on May 19th.
- Athletics – come out to a game! Check out the schedule [here](#).

Classified Employees

Classified employee Hunter Perry was absent.

Development Committee and Cuesta Fund Campaign

Vice President of Development Jeff Darnton reported the following:

- The Cuesta Fund goal for FY23 is \$250,000 with the new goal to raise \$300,000. We have raised \$270,000 to date.
- Join us at the [Cuesta College Foundation 50th Anniversary Celebration](#) on May 4th.
 - 24 tickets are remaining.
 - Several wonderful sponsors and in-kind donations.
- We have exceeded the scholarship goal of raising \$35,000.
- We have been bringing in more Business Partners. Please help us to identify others in the community. Check out the list [here](#).
- The Day of Giving held on March 29th was successful, earning over \$27,263.96 in support which featured 12 projects.

Faculty

Academic Senate appointed faculty member Silvio Favoreto and Erich Tucker reported the following updates:

- STEM faculty and students have been working to create more support and boast the STEM Club.
- Fellowships are being offered for the summer by the Bio Science Institute which include \$20 hour with housing.
- Two Cuesta faculty members have been invited to curate at the International Movie Festival.

Finance Committee

Secretary-Treasurer Rob Garcia reported the following updates:

- The February 2023 quarterly Endowment Allocation and Performance Report reflected that the market value of the endowment fund was over \$35.5 million.

Nominating Committee

Vice President of Membership Susan Dressler had nothing more to include.

N. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Mary Howell mentioned the [Library](#) and the Book of the Year.

O. REPORTS BY STAFF MEMBERS

None.

P. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

R. MINUTES

Minutes submitted by Cuesta College Director of Philanthropy Jessica Strano and reviewed by Cuesta College Foundation/Institutional Advancement Executive Director Shannon Hill.

The next meeting will be held: Monday, June 5, 2023 – at 3:00 pm
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