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## Cuesta College Foundation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, Oct. 6, 2025 | 3 p.m.

Cuesta College North County Campus

Dallons Hall, Building N3200, Room N3201

**Zoom Meeting:** <https://cuesta->

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### A. Call To Order

Foundation Board President Craig Darnell called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

### B. Roll Call: A quorum was present.

#### Board Members

##### Present:

*Executive Committee*

Craig Darnell, Chair

Jim Anderson

Stuart Campbell

Jeff Darnton (Late)

Janice Fong Wolf

Grigger Jones

Scott Lathrop (Zoom)

Debbie Perrault (Late)

Jill Stearns, Ph.D.

Mary Strobridge

#### *Board Members*

Michael Boyer

Andrea Devitt

Susan Dressler, Ph.D.

Cyndee Edwards

Erica Flores Baltodano

Rob Garcia

Patricia Gordon, Ph.D.

(Zoom)

Eric Holmen

Mary E. Howell

Robyn Letters

Steve McGrath

George Pudlo

John Rolph

Lisa Rubio-Castillo

(Zoom)

Cheryl Vines (Zoom)

Marcy Woolpert Rourke

#### Board Members

##### Absent:

Ryan Ashlock

Elizabeth Coria, Ph.D.

Barbara Martinez

Pragna Patel-Mueller

Isaac Pummil

#### Foundation Staff

##### Present:

Rick Camarillo

Andrea Horvath

Katie Osman

Jessica Strano

##### Guests Present:

Mia Ruiz, Dean, Student  
Success and Support  
Programs, North County  
Campus

Wes Martin, Director,  
Continuing &  
Community Education



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## **C. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Approve as presented. (Jones/Strobridge)

**Result:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **D. Public Comment**

None.

## **E. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Approve minutes from Aug. 4, 2025 (Garcia/Boyer)

**Result:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **F. Program**

Mia Ruiz and Wes Martin provided an update on the Commercial Truck Driving Program, including enrollment, demand, and current program status. Board members briefly visited the parking area to meet program faculty and view the training truck. No action taken.

## **G. Business Agenda**

### **1. Biannual Gift Report**

Katie provided the January–June 2025 Biannual Gift Report summarizing gifts over \$200 and total giving for the period. No action taken.

### **2. Budget Update**

Rick provided an update on Annual Fund giving and fiscal year-to-date financial performance. No action taken.

## **H. Action Items**

### **1. FY26 Budget Revision**

Katie and Rick presented a revision to reallocate a portion of the unused Director of Philanthropy salary funds to consulting services supporting marketing and communications, events, and database operations, with the remaining funds returned to reserves.

**Motion:** Approve FY26 Budget Revision. (Boyer/Fong Wolf)

**Result:** Motion passed unanimously.



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## **2. Resolution of Appreciation for Nella Girolo**

Craig presented the Resolution of Appreciation for Nella Girolo.

**Motion:** Approve resolution as presented. (Dressler/Jones)

**Result:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **I. Executive Reports**

### **1. Foundation Board President**

Craig shared brief updates since the previous meeting, including attendance at the Scholarship Reception. No action taken.

### **2. Superintendent/President**

Dr. Stearns provided campus and facilities updates, including progress on the new building at the North County Campus and the planned expansion into Arroyo Grande. No action taken.

### **3. Foundation Executive Director**

Katie provided updates on upcoming Foundation initiatives, including spring fundraising planning, advancement of the strategic planning process, and development of a board survey that will inform the board retreats. She also shared progress on strengthening donor stewardship, corporate engagement, and operational infrastructure to support future growth. No action taken.

## **J. Representative Reports**

### **1. Board of Trustees (Strobridge)**

Report provided on the enthusiasm about the expansion into South County.

### **2. Faculty Report (Devitt)**

Update provided on the Scholarship Reception, new Counseling Department Scholarship, and recent Study Jam events.

## **K. Committee Chair Reports**

### **1. Alumni Relations Committee (Fong Wolf)**

Brief update provided on Honored Alumni features in the Cuesta Magazine.



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**2. Development Committee (Darnton)**

Brief update on fundraising progress and encouragement of board giving.

**3. Finance Committee (Campbell)**

Update provided on investment performance and upcoming meeting with Mercer.

**4. Nominating Committee (Lathrop)**

Report on upcoming nomination cycle planning.

**L. Comments by Staff**

None.

**M. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.