



Foundation

Cuesta College Foundation Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, July 7, 2025

3:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

A. Call To Order

Foundation President Craig Darnell called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

B. Introductions, Announcements, and Roll Call: Establishment of Quorum

Board Members Present:

Craig Darnell, Chair

Grigger Jones

Stuart Campbell

Jeff Darnton

Scott Lathrop

Jill Stearns

Debbie Perrault (late)

Board Members Absent:

Janice Fong Wolf

Mary Strobridge

Jim Anderson

Foundation Staff Present:

Rick Camarillo, Director of Foundation Fiscal Services

Jessica Strano, Director of Development

Mary Kelting, Director of Development

Andrea Horvath, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present: none

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve as presented: Grigger Jones/Scott Lathrop– passed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and unanimously by those members present supporting the agenda for the meeting of Monday, July 7, 2025.

Yes – (6) Darnell, Jones, Campbell, Darnton, Lathrop, and Stearns.

No – (0) There is none to report.

Absent – (4) Fong Wolf, Anderson, Strobridge, Perrault.

Abstention – (0) There is none to report.

D. Public Comment

None.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve as presented: Stuart Campbell/Grigger Jones – passed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and unanimously by those members present supporting the agenda for the meeting of Monday, May 5, 2025.

Yes – (6) Darnell, Jones, Campbell, Darnton, Lathrop, and Stearns.

No – (0) There is none to report.

Absent – (4) Fong Wolf, Anderson, Strobridge, Perrault.

Abstention – (0) There is none to report.

F. Business Agenda

A. Financial Agenda

Rick Camarillo presented the updated financial statements to the committee.

G. Action Items

A. Program for the August Board meeting

Jeff Darnton suggested that, given August typically has lower attendance due to summer schedules, the Board forgo having a program for the August meeting.

B. Committee Assignments for 2025-2026

Committee assignments for the 2025–2026 term will be managed by the incoming Executive Director, Katie Osman.

C. Meet and Greet for new Board members following the August Board meeting

D. Full Board Agenda (attached)

Motion to approve as presented: Scott Lathrop/Jill Stearns – passed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and unanimously by those members present supporting the April 2025 Board agenda.

Yes – (6) Darnell, Jones, Campbell, Darnton, Lathrop, and Stearns.

No – (0) There is none to report.

Absent – (4) Fong Wolf, Anderson, Strobridge, Perrault.

Abstention – (0) There is none to report.

H. Reports

A. Foundation President (Craig Darnell)

Craig Darnell updated the committee. He has met with Katie Osman prior to her arrival on July 21st.

B. Superintendent/President (Dr. Jill Stearns)

Cuesta College is having an incredible summer. For the first time in the College's history, we have 1,000 full-time students enrolled—making this the largest summer enrollment on record. This milestone is due in part to several key initiatives, including the return of the LVN program as a year-round offering, the launch of the new Commercial Driving Program, strong participation in career education courses, and expanded non-credit programs that

support high school students who are behind on credits needed for graduation.

C. Committee Reports

1. Alumni Relations Committee

None to report.

2. Development Committee

Jeff Darnton provided an update celebrating the successful achievement of the \$250,000 goal for the Cuesta Fund. The 52nd Annual Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th at the new SLO Campus Center and will feature a superhero theme. Proceeds from the event will support a new play structure at the Children's Center, and the Development team is currently seeking sponsors. Jeff also shared recent grant highlights and introduced "Cuesta Gold," a new initiative to encourage legacy giving and long-term support for Cuesta College.

3. Nominating Committee

Scott Lathrop provided an update.

4. Endowment Committee

Rick provided an update. The Foundation is crossing over the threshold of 50 million. Huge achievement.

I. Comments by Staff

None to report.

J. Comments by Committee Members

Craig formally introduced Andrea Horvath. Andrea, the new Administrative Assistant, gave a brief update on her professional background. She is excited to contribute to the work of the Foundation team and is excited for the Executive Director to arrive.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: Monday, September 1, 2

