
Foundation for the Compton CCD

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: March 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Room 113, Student Services Building
Compton College, 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton CA, 90221

Notetaker: Heather Parnock, Foundation Secretary

- I. Call to Order at 5:37 p.m. (Board President)
- II. Roll Call (Secretary)
 - a. Board Members present (in-person): Dan Chenault, Don Mason, Paul Flor, Sheri Berger, Abdul Nasser, Heather Parnock, Elizabeth Martinez, Edward Magee, and Keith Curry
 - b. Board Members present (remotely): Sonia Lopez
 - c. Absent Board Members: none
 - d. Guests: Robert Garcia, Tandiwe Mushonga, Joshua Jackson, and Dayshawn Loudon
- III. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items: *None*.
- IV. Review and Approve Minutes from January 23, 2025 Foundation Board Meeting
 - a. Motion to approve with one edit (Item VIII.c.vii – AALRR) by S. Berger, seconded by A. Nasser.
 - b. *Motion Carries*. Six yeas, no abstentions.
- V. Presentations: *none*
- VI. Oral Reports:
 - a. Compton College and Compton Community College District Update (Dr. Keith Curry)
 - i. 20 years w/ Compton CCD; \$80M student housing project (on-time, and on-budget) – management company to assist District w/ filling 250 beds (criteria and selection), will be completed in spring 2027 and open for fall 2027; two other construction projects = Physical Education (award project at April Board meeting) and Visual & Performing Arts complexes; enrollment is up 12% over last year; Saturday, April 26 open house; press release today re the LA County Nursing Partnership and 2035 plan to address nursing shortage; hiring for culinary arts and fire tech programs.
 - b. Foundation Officers/Executive Committee Update (Board President)
 - i. Request for introductions of guests and Board members present at this meeting.
 - ii. Reviewed applications for the Board – three nominations; discussed revisions to the Foundation’s Bylaws (bring to the Board as a whole vs individual edits/additions); new scholarship requests (funding received by Business Office)
 - c. Foundation Director Report
 - i. Hiring of a Foundation Manager – narrowed it down to two candidates (goal is to have the position filled April/May); 2025-26 scholarship application deadline is March 31 (228

applications started, only 121 completed), hopefully we award more scholarships than last year, including the new ones.

1. Students struggle with personal statement – open workshops in the Reading & Writing Center; schedule shared via Canvas
 2. D. Mason has noticed a decrease in requests for recommendation letters.
- d. Financial Update (Dr. Abdul Nasser and Treasurer)
- i. 2024 FY Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activity, Ending Assets
 1. Expenditures (incl scholarships), Revenue (including Intelecom Settlement)
 2. Unrestricted Funds (incl Foundation Manager salary), Scholarships
 - a. Mis-categorized funds, ex. free tax event – transferred funds to unrestricted.
 - b. Africa Trip (Ghana A²MEND trip)– all funds spent.
 - i. Keep as line item for future fundraising.
 - ii. Priority should remain on the emergency grants program.
 - c. Hoe Down, Senior Spa Day, Wake Up Play – should have been unrestricted. Closed those accounts.
 - d. Voices of Compton – still waiting on sponsorship check.
 - i. Separate trust funds from scholarship accounts.
 - ii. Donations to the Foundation and the College are both considered charitable donations.
 - e. Spieker scholarship in the negative. Need a resolution for the Board to determine what to do with the scholarships after contacting the family for their wishes.
 3. Review of legacy scholarships and determine their funding status. Need to contact donors. Establish Scholarship Review committee.
 4. Need funds for operational/payroll expenses.
 5. Collecting info required for the annual report.
 - ii. 2025 FY Financial Statements
 1. Board Dues – shown as cash basis/collection activity; some Board members paid two years at a time.
 - a. Provide list of who has paid to the Foundation Director for tracking purposes.
 2. Donations directed by individuals (2024 Giving Tuesday campaign) and payroll deductions.
 3. Payroll Expenses
 4. Current 2025 Assets
 5. Meeting with Auditor tomorrow. It should be completed by June 30, 2025.

VII. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Questions to both candidates:
 - i. Availability (time commitment) for bimonthly meetings and attendance at least two College events (scholarship awards banquet ad commencement)
 - ii. Community connections and partnerships to grow the board and fundraising.
 - iii. Note: this is a working Board, still growing; focus on our mission.
- b. Closed Session Began at 6:34 p.m.
 - i. Potential Board Member – Recommended by the Executive Committee: Robert Garcia
 - ii. Potential Board Member – Recommended by the Executive Committee: Tandiwe Mushonga
 - iii. Potential Board Member – Recommended by the Executive Committee: Joshua Jackson

- iv. Motion by S. Berger and seconded by D. Chenault to accept all three nominations, with two-year terms beginning May 22, 2025.
 - 1. *Motion Carries*. Seven yeas, no abstentions.
 - 2. *Upon acceptance, Secretary sends Conflict of Interest Form and Dues*.
- c. Return to Open Session at 6:49 p.m.
 - i. Took action to approve three nominations.
 - 1. Garcia – *accepted*.
 - 2. Mushonga – *accepted*.
 - 3. Jackson – *accepted*.

VIII. Discussion/Information Items:

- a. Update on Brown Act guidelines (Secretary with Dr. Curry) – *no update*.
 - i. CA law requires in-person meetings with limited eligibility for virtual attendance.
- b. Update on Oliver W. Conner Estate
 - i. The Governing Board approved the establishment of a Land Corporation to manage the Conner properties at February 2025 Board of Trustees meeting.
 - 1. Similar to [West Valley-Mission District Land Corporation](#).
 - ii. Agreement between the Governing Board and Foundation regarding transfer of funds to establish scholarships with estate revenue.
 - iii. Second property to be demolished. One property has been vacant for a while.

IX. Information Items:

- a. Compton College Scholarship Program
 - i. Update on the disbursement of 2024-2025 Scholarships
 - 1. Awarded \$43k out of \$80k.
 - ii. Update on the 2025-2026 Scholarship application
 - 1. Concerns with the quantity of applications received; continues to be low.
- b. Academic and Scholarship Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3 at 6 p.m. (attendance is recommended)

X. Other Business

- a. Dr. Nasser announced his retirement from Compton CCD effective June 30, 2025.
 - i. Search process underway.
- b. RFP for 3-4 marquees on campus (leased to vendor for 35 years) – they pay for the construction of the marquees, and we receive a percentage of the profits generated from advertising plus base amount. Will be on the April 21, 2025 Board of Trustees agenda.

XI. Future Agenda Items from Board Members

- a. Update on 2025-2026 Scholarships
- b. Oliver W. Conner College Promise Program (invite dir. of Educational Partnerships)
- c. 2024-2025 Audit
- d. Introduction of the new Foundation Manager (tentative)
- e. Review Goals in preparation for Annual Organizational Meeting in June
- f. Plan for Board Retreat

XII. Next Meeting: May 22, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. (in SSB Room 113) – *relocation pending technology in renovated Board Room*.

XIII. Adjournment at 7:11 p.m.