

Graham County Community College District

Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.
Student Services Building - District Governing Board Room – 244

Roll Call: Present: Jeff Larson, Chair
Brad Montierth, Secretary
Lois Ann Moody, Member
Tina McMaster, Member
Vince Kieffer, Member

Absent: None

Also Present: Todd Haynie, President; Heston Welker, Vice President of Administration; Susan Wood, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs; Phil McBride, Senior Dean of Gila County Campuses; Kenny Smith, Dean of Student Services; Nathan Smith, Director of Budgets and Purchasing; Gary Sorensen, Dean of Students; Pete Chidester, Dean of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences; Kevin Peck, Dean of Business, Computers, & ITE; Keith Alexander, Chief Government Affairs Officer; Pam Woods, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs; Kris McBride, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Aaron Burk, Dean of STEM; Craig O'Donnal, Director of Support Services and Learning Technology, Information Resources; David Udall, Executive Director of the Foundation; Aaron Westerfield, Director of Accreditation and Effectiveness; Troy Ainsworth, Director of Fiscal Control/Controller; and Jodi Keim, Executive Assistant to the President and District Governing Board/Recording Secretary.

Call to Order: Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Those present at the meeting stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Chair Larson warmly welcomed all attendees including guests: Clay Emery, Superintendent of Gila Institute for Technology and Attorney Lynne Adams.

Call to The Public: There were no comments from the public.

Minutes: Mrs. Moody moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to approve the recorded minutes of the Regular and Executive Session meetings held on March 13, 2025. The motion passed unanimously with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor. (Minutes attached and incorporated into the official record.)

Financial Vouchers: Vice President Welker presented the Expense and Payroll Vouchers for the period from February 1, 2025, to February 28, 2025.

Mrs. McMaster moved, and Mr. Kieffer seconded, to accept the following vouchers:

<u>PAYROLL</u>		<u>EXPENSE</u>	
#P1	\$2,987,848.83	#1	\$1,192,089.99

The motion passed unanimously, with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor.

Reports

Greenlee County Advisory Committee:

Report attached and made part of the official minutes. Chief Alexander highlighted that nine graduates from Greenlee County and seven from Graham County successfully completed the DreamBuilder Program.



Gila County: Report attached and made part of the official minutes. Senior Dean McBride also noted that approximately 40 graduates, 50 certificate holders, and two Nursing cohorts will be honored at the Gila County campus graduations.

Foundation/Alumni: Report attached and made part of the official minutes.

Old Business

Preliminary 2025-2026 Budget Information: Vice President Welker presented an overview of the preliminary 2025-2026 District Budget in preparation for next month's budget approval. No formal action on the 2025-2026 Budget was requested at this time. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

New Business

2025-2026 ASEAC Budget: Vice President Welker presented the 2025-2026 Associated Students of Eastern Arizona College (ASEAC) Budget for approval. The budget supports our student governing body, clubs, and organizations. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Mrs. Moody moved, and Mrs. McMaster seconded, to approve the 2025-2026 ASEAC Budget as presented. The motion was unanimously approved, with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor.

Gila Institute for Technology (GIFT) Presentation: Clay Emery, Superintendent of the Gila Institute for Technology (GIFT), provided a historical overview of Career and Technical Education (CTE). He shared with the Board an overview of the CTE programs available to high school students in Graham and Greenlee Counties, noting that the majority of instruction is delivered by Eastern Arizona College. Mr. Emery thanked the Board and President Haynie for the opportunity to present and expressed his appreciation to the Academic Deans and Administration for their continued support. (Presentation attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Standing Business

Courses/Curricula: No courses or curricula were presented for consideration.

Contracts: Vice President Welker presented an intergovernmental agreement with the Morenci Unified School District for the Board's consideration. This agreement establishes a concurrent enrollment program, enabling the College to retain the full FTSE allocation. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Mr. Kieffer moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to authorize the President, or personnel designated by the President, to negotiate and sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Morenci Unified School District, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved, with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor.

Policy & Regulations: No policies or regulations were presented for consideration.

Personnel: President Haynie provided a personnel update. Vice President Wood announced that Dr. Greta Pasztor was hired this past week as the new Associate Professor of Music – Piano. (Report attached and incorporated into the official minutes.)

General Information

Chair Larson announced that the next District Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Arizona College's commencement ceremony will take place on Friday, May 9, 2025.

As permitted by A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), President Haynie provided a brief update on current events.



Our Anthology ERP implementation continues to progress as we explore additional system capabilities. Today marks our fifth payroll since go-live, and many of the initial challenges are being resolved thanks to the tremendous efforts of our talented team and the Fiscal Control Office.

Fall registration opens on Tuesday, April 15 – approximately three weeks later than originally planned. The delay was intentional, allowing the Records Office additional time to verify data within the new system and ensure a smoother registration process for students.

We are pleased to recognize Sociology Professor Mr. Travis Catt, who was recently named one of five 2025 Champion Awardees in the “Standout Faculty Members” category by the All In Campus Democracy Challenge. This honor reflects EAC’s active participation in the Campus Vote Project. Mr. Catt joins distinguished faculty from institutions in Chicago, Boston, New York, and Missouri. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Catt and also thank Dr. Gary Sorensen for his dedicated contributions to this initiative.

Eastern Arizona College’s 136th Annual Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 9, 2025. We are honored to welcome Arizona State Senate President Warren Petersen as our commencement speaker.

Additionally, the President’s Picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., and the End-of-Year Luncheon will take place on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

Executive Session

Mrs. Moody moved, and Mrs. McMaster seconded, to convene into Executive Session at 1:49 p.m. for discussion or consultation with designated representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5). The motion carried unanimously with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor.

Reconvened to the Public:

The meeting was reopened to the public at 2:25 p.m.

Board Direction to the Administration Regarding Employee Remuneration:

In the Executive Session, the Board discussed employee remuneration as it relates to the 2025-2026 Budget.

Dr. Montierth moved, and Mr. Kieffer seconded, that the Administration proceed with budget preparations concerning employee remuneration, as discussed in the Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor.

Note: Dr. Montierth exited the meeting at 2:25 p.m. to attend a previously scheduled commitment.

Board Training:

Attorney Lynne Adams conducted a training session for the District Governing Board and commended the members for their well-run and productive meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Kieffer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mrs. Moody seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, and Larson all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jodi Keim

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Recording Secretary



Attest:

/s/ Jeff Larson

Jeff Larson, Chair

/s/ Brad Montierth

Brad Montierth, Secretary

