

Graham County Community College District

Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.
Student Services Building - District Governing Board Room – 244

Roll Call: Present: Jeff Larson, Chair
Lois Ann Moody, Member
Vince Kieffer, Member

Absent: Brad Montierth, Secretary
Tina McMaster, Member

Also Present: Todd Haynie, President; Heston Welker, Vice President of Administration; Susan Wood, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs; Aaron Westerfield, Director of Accreditation and Effectiveness; Kenny Smith, Dean of Student Services; Keith Alexander, Chief Government Affairs Officer; Craig O'Donnal, Director of Support Services and Learning Technology, Information Resources; Gary Sorensen, Dean of Students; Pete Chidester, Dean of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences; Joel Robinson, Director of Small Business Development Center; David Udall, Executive Director of the Foundation; Kevin Peck, Dean of Business, Computers, & ITE; Nathan Smith, Director of Budgets and Purchasing; Jodi Keim, Executive Assistant to the President and District Governing Board/Recording Secretary.

Call to Order: Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and excused board members Brad Montierth and Tina McMaster for their absence.

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

Guests: Chair Larson welcomed all attendees. Guests included representatives from the Chamber of Commerce: Vance Bryce, Kay Ekvall, Torey Cranford, and Taylor Banks.

Call to The Public: Vance Bryce, Executive Director of the Graham County Chamber of Commerce, and Taylor Banks recognized Torey Cranford for her service to the Chamber.

Minutes: Mrs. Moody moved, and Mr. Kieffer seconded, to approve the recorded minutes of the Regular meeting held on February 19, 2026. The motion passed unanimously with Kieffer, Moody, 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 of January 1, 2026, through January 31, 2026.

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

| <u>PAYROLL</u> | | <u>EXPENSE</u> | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| January | \$3,098,345.14 | January | \$3,181,644.78 |

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

Reports



Greenlee County Advisory
Committee:

The report is attached and incorporated into the official minutes.

Foundation/Alumni:

The report is attached and incorporated into the official minutes. Homecoming is scheduled for the last week of September 2026 (September 25–26).

Old Business

Preliminary 2026-2027
Budget Information:

Vice President Welker presented an overview of the preliminary 2026–2027 District Budget. No formal action on the 2026–2027 budget was requested at this time. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

2026-2027 Tuition
& Fee Schedule:

Vice President Welker presented the 2026–2027 Tuition and Fee Schedule for adoption, including a comparison with other community colleges. No increase in tuition was proposed for this year. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Mrs. Moody moved, and Mr. Kieffer seconded, to approve the 2026-2027 Tuition and Fee Schedule and to authorize the Administration to update meal, board, and other non-course related fees. The motion passed unanimously with Kieffer, Moody, and Larson voting in favor.

New Business

Consider Workforce
Development Plan:

Vice President Welker presented the Eastern Arizona College 2026-2027 Workforce Development Plan for consideration, as mandated by state statute. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Mr. Kieffer moved, and Mrs. Moody seconded, to approve Eastern Arizona College's 2026-2027 Workforce Development Plan in accordance with the provisions of A.R.S. §15-1472. The motion passed unanimously with Kieffer, Moody, and Larson voting in favor.

Nontax-Supported Programs:

Vice President Welker presented information on current nontax-supported programs. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Mrs. Moody moved, and Mr. Kieffer seconded, to approve the guidelines for nontax-supported programs as presented. The motion passed unanimously with Kieffer, Moody, and Larson voting in favor.

Standing Business

Courses/Curricula:

Vice President Wood presented five new course proposals and one new curriculum for the Board's consideration and noted that the new courses will support the new bachelor's programs. (Report attached and incorporated into the official minutes.)

Mr. Kieffer moved, and Mrs. Moody seconded, to approve the new courses and curriculum as presented. The motion passed unanimously with Kieffer, Moody, and Larson voting in favor.

Contracts:

Vice President Welker presented the proposed 2026-2027 District contracts. (Report attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

Mrs. Moody moved, and Mr. Kieffer seconded, to authorize the President, or personnel designated by the President, to negotiate contracts and sign agreements with external entities as presented, in accordance with GCCCD Policy No. 2010.00. The motion passed unanimously, with Kieffer, Moody, and Larson voting in favor.

Policy & Regulations:

No policies or regulations were presented for consideration.



Personnel: President Haynie provided an update to the Board on personnel. (Report attached and incorporated into the official minutes.)

General Information

Chair Larson announced that the next District Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

As permitted by A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), President Haynie provided a brief summary of current events and updates:

- President Haynie reported that EAC’s women’s basketball team lost last night to AZ Western, 51–50, ending a 29-game winning streak. The team still anticipates receiving an at-large bid to compete at the National Tournament in Lake Charles, Louisiana, in two weeks and looks forward to that opportunity. Despite last night’s loss, we are incredibly proud of our women’s basketball team, currently ranked No. 1 in the nation—the first time in EAC history.
- Next week, March 16–20, 2026, is spring break; all campus offices will be closed.
- EAC commencement will be held on Friday, May 8, 2026.

Executive Session

Mrs. Moody moved, and Mr. Kieffer seconded, to convene into Executive Session at 1:27 p.m. for discussion, consultation, and consideration of its position to instruct representatives regarding negotiations concerning the purchase, sale, or lease of real property, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(7). The motion passed unanimously, with Kieffer, Moody, and Larson voting in favor.

Reconvened to the Public: The meeting was reopened to the public at 2:03 p.m.

Board Direction to the Administration Re: the Sale of Property:

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed the sale of real property and was asked to provide direction to the Administration.

Mrs. Moody moved, and Mr. Kieffer seconded, to direct the Administration to follow the Board’s direction as discussed in Executive Session regarding the sale of property owned by the District. The motion passed unanimously, with Kieffer, Moody, and Larson voting in favor.

Adjournment

Mrs. Moody moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Kieffer, Moody, and Larson voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 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

