Graham County Community College District
Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2026 – 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; 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; Kevin Peck, Dean of Business, Computers, & ITE; Nathan Smith, Director of Budgets and Purchasing; Kris McBride, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Aaron Burk, Dean of STEM and Health Sciences; David Udall, Executive Director of the Foundation; Troy Ainsworth, Director of Fiscal Control/Controller; Jodi Keim, Executive Assistant to the President and District Governing Board/Recording Secretary.

Call to Order: Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Guests: Guests included Vance Bryce, Executive Director of the Graham County Chamber of Commerce; Eric Bejarano, Safford City Manager; and Brooke Curley of the Eastern Arizona Courier.

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 May 7, 2026. 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 April 1, 2026, to April 30, 2026.

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

PAYROLL		EXPENSE	
#P1	$2,715,752.02	#1	$5,128,725.56

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

<u>Reports</u>

Greenlee County Advisory Committee: Chief Alexander proposed the reappointment of Eldon Merrell, Martha Lujan, and Laura Dorrell to serve three-year terms on the Greenlee County Advisory Committee. (Report attached and incorporated into the official minutes.)

Mrs. Moody moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to approve the reappointment of Eldon Merrell, Martha Lujan, and Laura Dorrell to three-year terms on the Greenlee County Advisory Committee, effective July 1, 2026. The motion passed unanimously, with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor.

Foundation/Alumni: The report is attached and incorporated into the official minutes.

Old Business There were no Old Business items presented for consideration.

New Business

Consider Reducing 2025 Budget to 2025 Audited Financial Statement Actuals:

Vice President Welker asked the administration to consider approving an amendment to reduce the 2025 budget to reflect actual expenditures, as permitted under GCCCD Policy 3610.00. The spreadsheet supporting this amendment is provided by the Auditor General. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes).

Mr. Kieffer moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to approve the amendment to budgeted expenditures for FY 2024-2025 to match actual expenditures in each fund, as per the audited financial statements. The motion passed unanimously with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor.

Standing Business

Courses/Curricula:

Vice President Wood presented fourteen new course proposals for the Board's consideration. (The report is attached and incorporated into the official minutes.)

Dr. Montierth moved, and Mrs. Moody seconded, to approve the new courses as presented. The motion was unanimously approved, with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor.

Contracts: There were no contracts presented for consideration.

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

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

General Information Chair Larson announced that the next District Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 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:

- Last month, 50 EAC graduates earned associate degrees while also graduating from high school, and 340 students received certificates. In future printed graduation programs, we may consider highlighting students graduating from both high school and EAC.
- Fall enrollment projections are strong, with current headcount up 0.3% and estimated FTSE up 8.5% compared to the same time last year.
- Institutional Research conducted its annual graduate satisfaction survey, with the following results:
  - 91% of Associate of Applied Science graduates reported being employed and satisfied with their jobs.
  - 90.9% indicated they would choose to attend EAC again.
  - 94.5% rated the quality of instruction as "very high."
  - The average rating for overall educational experience was 97.3%.
- Summer camps are in full swing, with the College currently in week three of FSY camps. President Haynie noted the energy and excitement of prospective students on campus. A new music camp is also being offered this summer in addition to sports camps.
- The College received recognition from the Office of Economic Opportunity and Arizona at Work, designating the Nursing AAS Program as a 2026 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act High Impact Training Program. The program was recognized for delivering outcomes that exceed expectations. President Haynie noted this as a significant achievement for the Nursing Program.

Executive Session

Dr. Montierth moved, and Mrs. Moody seconded, to convene into Executive Session at 1:26 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), and to conduct the President's Evaluation, pursuant to A.R.S. §38.431.03(A)(1). The motion was unanimously approved, with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor.

Reconvened to the Public:

The meeting was reopened to the public at 2:17 p.m.

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

In the Executive Session, the Board held a discussion regarding the potential purchase of real property and was asked to direct the Administration accordingly.

Mrs. Moody moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to direct the Administration to follow the Board's direction, as discussed in Executive Session, regarding the purchase of certain real property and to approve a resolution regarding the same. (Resolution attached and made a part of the official minutes.) The motion carried unanimously, with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor.

Board Direction to the Administration Re: President's Contract And Terms:

In the Executive Session, the Board conducted the annual evaluation of President Haynie and discussed the terms of the President's Contract.

Mrs. McMaster moved, and Mr. Kieffer seconded, to increase President Haynie's salary as directed in the Executive Session, effective July 1, 2026, and to authorize the Board Chair, on behalf of the Board, to sign an amendment to the President's current contract, with all other terms and conditions remaining unchanged. The motion was unanimously approved, with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor.

Adjournment

Mr. Kieffer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mrs. Moody seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 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