Graham County Community College District
Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 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; 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 Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts; Kevin Peck, Dean of Business, Technology, and Workforce Development; Nathan Smith, Director of Budgets and Purchasing; Kris McBride, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Aaron Burk, Dean of STEM and Health Sciences; Aaron Westerfield, Director of Accreditation and Effectiveness; Travis Catt, Professor of Social Sciences; Candee Skousen, Director of Residence Life; Lydia Newkirk, Director of Human Resources; 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 welcomed all in attendance.

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 Special, Regular, and Executive Session meetings held on June 11, 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: President Haynie presented the Expense and Payroll Vouchers for the period from May 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

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

PAYROLL		EXPENSE	
#P1 (May)	$2,753,301.34	#1 (May)	$2,353,050.50
#P1 (June)	$2,475,059.74	#1 (June)	$7,211,132.86

The motion passed unanimously, with Kieffer, McMaster, Moody, Montierth, 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.

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

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

Standing Business

Courses/Curricula:

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

Mr. Kieffer moved, and Dr. Montierth 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, September 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

President Haynie noted that the 2027 Profile and housing update were provided for the Board's review. He reported that residence halls are at 100% occupancy, which continues to limit enrollment and remains an area the College is monitoring and addressing.

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

- President Haynie welcomed faculty and staff back to campus and reported a successful, well-attended Opening Social held on Monday evening. He also highlighted the Monster Symposium held on Tuesday, noting that the general session concluded with remarks from Senator Ruben Gallego. Following the symposium, Eastern Arizona College hosted a community luncheon where Senator Gallego met with local community members and college representatives.
- President Haynie reported that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Cosmetology Building was held earlier that morning and was well attended by community members, college supporters, and elected officials. Representatives from Congressman Juan Ciscomani's office presented a certificate recognizing the opening of the facility, and Senator David Gowan was also in attendance. President Haynie expressed appreciation for the strong community and legislative support demonstrated throughout the week's events.
- President Haynie provided an enrollment update as the College prepares to begin the Fall 2026 semester on August 17. As of that morning, student headcount had increased by 3.7%, representing an additional 113 students, while estimated FTSE had increased by 8.4%, representing an increase of 162.8 FTSE.
- President Haynie also provided a recap of summer activities. The College hosted a variety of summer camps utilizing campus housing and food service facilities, including volleyball, soccer, and basketball camps that attracted approximately 500 participants. In addition, Brigham Young University's FSY camps brought approximately 2,540 students to campus during the summer. In total, more than 3,000 prospective students visited the EAC campus through summer programming.

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 1:12 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