



TIME**	ITEM	ENC.*	ACTION	PRESENTER
5:45 p.m.				
	I. Call to Order			Porter
	II. Native Lands Acknowledgement	2a.1*		Porter
	III. Roll Call			Alberg
	IV. Agenda Changes			Porter
	V. Public Comment			Alberg
	VI. Consent Agenda***			
	1. Regular Meeting Minutes (12.10.25)	6a.1-6*	X	Matthews ^A
	VII. Information Items			
	1. Monthly Budget Status	7a.1-4*		LaLonde ^A
	2. New Hire Reports	7b.1-2*		Boehme ^A
	VIII. New Business			
	1. Construction Manager/General Contractor Services for the Redmond Campus Renovation	8a.1-3*	X	LaLonde/ Clawson ^A
	2. Neighborly Ventures Ground Lease Agreement	8b.1-5*	X	LaLonde ^A
	3. Mileage and Meal Per Diem Rates	8c.1*	X	LaLonde ^A
	4. Budget Committee Nominees	8d.1-5*	X	LaLonde ^A
	5. Room and Board Rates	8e.1-2*	X	Moore/Davis ^A
	6. Academic Program Changes	8f.1-7*	X	Hamlin ^A
	IX. Board of Directors' Operations			
	1. Recommended Changes to GP 4: Chair– person/Vice–Chairperson Role, 2 nd Reading	9a.1-4*	X	Craska Cooper
	2. Recommended Changes to BEP 7: Communication and Counsel to the Board	9b.1-2*		Craska Cooper
	3. Committee Updates			
	a. Advocacy Committee			Foote Morgan
	b. Audit and Finance Committee			Unger
	c. Policy Review Committee			Craska Cooper
	d. Real Estate Committee			Krenowicz
	4. Board Member Activities			
	X. President's Report			Pereira

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XI. Dates

Porter

1. Monday, January 19 – Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
2. Tuesday, January 20 – Season for Nonviolence: Cleve Jones – 6:30 p.m. at the Tower Theatre in Bend
3. Friday, January 30 – Inside Look at the COCC Madras Campus' New Building at 3:00 p.m.
4. Wednesday, February 11 – Board of Directors' Meeting – Boyle Education Center Boardroom at 5:45 p.m.
5. Saturday, February 28 – Board of Directors' Retreat (Location and time to be announced)

XII. Adjourn to Executive Session

Porter

ORS 192.660 section 2, subsection d, Labor Negotiations

ORS 192.660 section 2, subsection e, for the purpose of discussing real property transactions

XIII. Adjourn to Open Session

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XIV. Open Session

XV. Adjourn

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Purpose: To acknowledge someone is to say, “I see you. You are significant.” The purpose of a land acknowledgement is to recognize and pay respect to the original inhabitants of a specific region. It is an opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you exist in.

COCC Land Acknowledgement

(Condensed Version)

COCC would like to acknowledge that the beautiful land our campuses reside on, are the original homelands of the **Wasq’ú** (Wasco), and the **Wana Lama** (Warm Springs) people. They ceded this land to the US government in the Treaty of 1855. The **Numu** (Paiute) people were forcibly moved to the Warm Springs Indian Reservation starting in 1879. It is also important to note that the Klamath Trail ran north through this region to the great Celilo Falls trading grounds. Descendants of these original people are thriving members of our communities today. We acknowledge and thank the original stewards of this land.



CENTRAL OREGON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Board of Directors' Meeting – MINUTES
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – 5:45 PM
Boyle Education Center Boardroom / YouTube

TIME**	ITEM	ENC.*	ACTION	PRESENTER
5:45 p.m.	I. Called to Order at 5:46 p.m.			Skatvold
	II. Native Lands Acknowledgement	2a.1*		Skatvold
	III. Roll Call			Alberg
	<u>Board members, staff and guests:</u> Erica Skatvold (Chair), Jim Porter (Vice-Chair), Laura Craska Cooper, Joe Krenowicz, Alan Unger, Erin Merz, Greg Pereira (President), Zak Boone, Laura Boehme, Alicia Moore, Annemarie Hamlin, Michael LaLonde, Mark Cork, Kim Olson, Jennifer Lubin, Sean Rule, Paul Taylor, Kyle Matthews, Lucas Alberg, Becky Plassman			
	IV. Agenda Changes			Skatvold
	None.			
	V. Information Items			
	1. Introduction to Mahlum Architects			Cork ^P
	a. Cork shared an overview of Mahlum's plans for consultation on COCC's facilities master plan. They plan to survey the College's facilities, identify needs, and make recommendations for capital projects and deferred maintenance. They will meet with various College committees and members of the community for feedback.			
	b. Craska Cooper asked if improving building utilization over construction could be a solution. Cork confirmed this.			
	c. Skatvold asked how the qualities of a building's conditions are defined and how risks are determined.			
	i. Cork said that a lot of this work was done at COCC in 2022 by another consultant. Known risks are ranked from least to greatest need for deferred maintenance. Cork and his team will be touring the campuses and interviewing personnel to update this data.			
	2. Open Educational Resources and Developmental Education			Rule ^P
	a. Rule shared copies of his open educational resource (OER) textbook, which he completed during his sabbatical in the Spring 2025 term. A link to the digital OER was also emailed to the Board prior to this meeting.			

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The purpose of this OER is to be a no-cost textbook for students enrolled in a developmental mathematics course at COCC. It can also be edited as deemed necessary.

- b. Rule also shared his concerns regarding State funding for developmental education. The Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) and Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) recently announced that co-requisite courses would be replacing developmental courses. However, Rule noted that, in the research presented by these organizations, students who require remediation while taking co-requisite courses were more likely to drop out of public colleges than those who enroll in developmental courses, and students with the lowest scores were less likely to earn short-term certificates. Rule suggested that both co-requisite and developmental courses are needed to best serve COCC's students. He recently discussed this with Hamlin and Pereira, and Pereira has discussed it further with the Oregon Presidents' Council (OPC). One possibility that is being negotiated is reducing two developmental courses into one.
- c. Plassman said that, in her time teaching developmental courses at COCC, she has observed the majority of her students successfully completing the course, moving on to more advanced courses, and eventually graduating.

VI. Public Comment

Alberg

1. Sara Henson, President of the Faculty Forum, shared a handout with the Board members that showed comparisons on salaries and costs of living for faculty at Linn-Benton Community College and Mt. Hood Community College. This was intended to be a follow-up from her comments at the previous Board meeting regarding how wages for COCC's employees have not kept up with the rising cost of living in Central Oregon. The handout also included a survey on bargaining agreements with the Faculty Forum. Henson also shared that 65% of the faculty have taught at COCC for less than ten years and 16% of the faculty could be retiring in the next few years, so competitive salaries will be an important factor in recruiting new faculty.

VII. Consent Agenda***

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| 1. Work Session Minutes (11.12.25) | 7a.1-5* | X | Matthews ^A |
| 2. Regular Meeting Minutes (11.12.25) | 7b.1-8* | X | Matthews ^A |
| 3. Motion to approve consent agenda. | | | |
| a. 1 st : Laura Craska Cooper | | | |
| b. 2 nd : Jim Porter | | | |
| c. In favor: Erica Skatvold, Jim Porter, Joe Krenowicz, Laura Craska Cooper, Alan Unger, Erin Merz | | | |
| d. Opposed or abstained: none | | | |

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VIII. Information Items

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| 1. Monthly Budget Status | 8a.1-4* | LaLonde ^A |
| No questions. | | |
| 2. New Hire Reports | 8b.1-2* | Boehme ^A |
| No questions. | | |

IX. New Business

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|---------------------------------------|-------|---|---------------------|
| 1. Emeritus Status for Retiring Staff | 9a.1* | X | Boehme ^A |
|---------------------------------------|-------|---|---------------------|
- a. Boehme proposed emeritus status for Sharla Andresen, who will be retiring on December 31 after 34 years on service at COCC in Financial Aid, Campus Safety, and most recently in Human Resources as Director of Risk Management.
 - b. Motion to approve emeritus status for Sharla Andresen.
 - i. 1st: Joe Krenowicz
 - ii. 2nd: Laura Craska Cooper
 - iii. In favor: Erica Skatvold, Jim Porter, Joe Krenowicz, Laura Craska Cooper, Alan Unger, Erin Merz
 - iv. Opposed or abstained: none

X. Board of Directors' Operations

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|---|----------|---|---------------|
| 1. Recommended Changes to GP4: Chair– person/Vice–Chairperson Role, 2 nd Reading | 10a.1-4* | X | Craska Cooper |
|---|----------|---|---------------|
- a. Matthews distributed a revised version of the proposed changes at the start of this meeting. This version included recommended changes from the Board during the first reading of this proposal.
 - b. Merz suggested tabling this reading as the full Policy Review Committee was not able to convene after the first reading. Craska Cooper and Porter concurred.
 - c. The Policy Review Committee will plan to convene and discuss this further before the next regular Board meeting in January.
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|-----------------------|----------|--|------|
| 2. Committee Updates | | | |
| a. Advocacy Committee | 10b.1-5* | | Merz |
- i. Merz said the Committee has primarily discussed potential budget cuts from the State. Enclosed in this meeting's packet is a draft of a sign-on letter for the Board to consider supporting. The letter would be addressed to Oregon's legislators and signed by Pereira and the President of COCC's student government. Members of the community would be encouraged to support this letter, asking for the legislators to reconsider reducing the budget for Oregon's community colleges. The legislature is currently proposing a 2.5% overall cut. The Committee is recommending publishing this letter in January before the legislative session begins. The letter also points out how the state funding model disproportionately affects COCC.
 - ii. Alberg added that the student government will be promoting the letter among the student body for their support. Alberg will also send out a press release to promote the letter and it will be shared on COCC's social media accounts. The letter will also address the potential discontinuation of the Oregon Promise Grant.

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- iii. Merz asked if there was anticipation to publish the letter before the next regular Board meeting in January.
 - 1. Alberg recommended publishing in early January, before the next Board meeting, in order to raise as much support for the letter as possible. Unger concurred.
 - iv. Alberg asked if the Board members would be interested in co-signing this letter, or in signing the letter as private citizens, or if Skatvold could co-sign as Chair of the Board on their behalf.
 - 1. Skatvold recalled that the full Board has co-signed such letters in the past.
 - 2. Craska Cooper suggested that any of the options that Alberg suggested would be allowed as long as the full Board concurs.
 - v. Motion to authorize Erica Skatvold to co-sign the letter to Oregon's legislators on behalf of COCC's Board of Directors.
 - 1. 1st: Laura Craska Cooper
 - 2. 2nd: Jim Porter
 - 3. In favor: Erica Skatvold, Jim Porter, Joe Krenowicz, Laura Craska Cooper, Alan Unger, Erin Merz
 - 4. Opposed or abstained: none
 - vi. Alberg will revise the draft accordingly and send it to the Board for their review.
- b. Policy Review Committee Merz/Skatvold
- i. Along with proposed revisions to Governing Policy (GP) 4, the Committee also discussed proposed revisions to GP 9: Board Operations, in regards to nomination procedures for the Chair and Vice-Chair.
 - ii. Skatvold added that the Committee discussed potential revisions to the Board's internal calendar to align with the Board's policies, as well as proposed revisions to Board Expectations for the President (BEP) 7: Communication and Counsel to the Board. These proposed revisions will be presented to the Board at their next regular meeting.
3. Board Member Activities
- a. Alan Unger
 - i. May 5-7: OCCA annual conference
 - b. Erin Merz
 - i. November 20: Meeting with Pereira and Rep. Jason Kropf
 - ii. November 26: Advocacy Committee meeting
 - iii. November 26: Policy Review Committee meeting
 - iv. December 5: OCCA Board meeting
 - 1. Top priorities identified by the OCCA Board were preventing budget cuts to the Community College Support Fund, preserving the Oregon Promise Grant, and protecting career pathway programs from elimination.
 - 2. Other issues were approved to be monitored and evaluated. Merz will send details to the Board via email.

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3. One monitored issue that the HECC will be voting on the day after this meeting is dual-credit instructor qualifications and parity.
- v. December 9: Meeting with Pereira, Rep. Emerson Levy, LaLonde, Cindy Lenhart, Amy Ward and Cory Darling at the Redmond campus.
- vi. December 9: Watched recording of COCC's staff's "Let's Chat" event, hosted by Pereira.
- vii. December 9: Listened to Pereira's interview on the *Bend Don't Break* podcast.
- c. Jim Porter
 - i. November 20: OCCA lunch and learn event on preparing for 2026
 - ii. November 21 and December 3 and 5: Meetings with Skatvold and Pereira
- d. Laura Craska Cooper
 - i. Meeting with Pereira (date unknown)
 - ii. November 21: Meeting with Cindy Lenhart and Suzie Kristensen at the Prineville campus regarding stakeholder feedback on the future of the campus
- e. Erica Skatvold
 - i. November 21 and December 3 and 5: Meetings with Porter and Pereira
 - ii. November 21: Interview with *The Broadside* student newspaper
 - iii. November 26: Advocacy Committee meeting
 - iv. November 26: Policy Review Committee meeting

XI. President's Report

Pereira

1. Enrollment for the Fall 2025 term saw a 3% increase. A similar rate appears to be happening for Winter 2026.
2. Pereira was interviewed on the *Bend Don't Break* podcast, where he publicly discussed for the first time COCC's goal to become a first-choice college. Pereira has received positive feedback from community members.
3. Pereira and Boone attended a Bend Rotary Club meeting on the day of this Board meeting. Pereira gave a presentation on COCC's first-choice college goal.
4. In a recent OPC meeting, Oregon's universities released a financial sustainability report. The report made a recommendation for the legislature to direct the HECC and all of the state's higher education institutions to develop a public institutional integration. This was not expected by the OPC. Pereira contacted his counterparts at OSU-Cascades, who followed-up with their colleagues in Corvallis. They learned that this information was not shared with the university presidents before the HECC's announcement to the OPC. This recommendation has since been pulled from the agenda for tomorrow's HECC meeting. Pereira suggested that there is no immediate concern on this matter.
5. Pereira thanked Merz and Erin Foote Morgan for participating in meetings with Oregon legislators. The legislators had a lot of questions and suggested that

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Oregon's community colleges will indeed be facing budget cuts, but the significance of the proposed cuts is still unclear. They were also surprised to learn that COCC is the oldest community college in the State and how the state's equalization model disproportionately affects COCC. One legislator also suggested that COCC should be allowed to change its name, despite the fact that a law was passed in 1965 that required all community colleges in Oregon have the word "Community" in their names. Pereira also thanked LaLonde, Lenhart, Ward and Darling for presenting during Rep. Levy's visit to the Redmond campus.

XII. Dates

Skatvold

1. Sunday, December 14 – Redmond Community Choir Performance – Redmond High School Auditorium at 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
2. December 22–26, Closed for Winter Break
3. Thursday, January 1, Closed for New Year's Day
4. Wednesday, January 7 – Real Estate Committee Meeting – Remotely via Zoom at 4:30 p.m.
5. Wednesday, January 14 – Board of Directors' Meeting – Boyle Education Center Boardroom at 5:45 p.m.
6. Thursday, January 20 – Season for Nonviolence: Cleve Jones – 6:30 p.m. at the Tower Theatre in Bend
7. Friday, January 30 – Inside Look at the COCC Madras Campus' New Building at 3:00 p.m.

XIII. Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:07p.m.

Skatvold

ORS 192.660 section 2, subsection d, Labor Negotiations

XIV. Adjourn to Open Session

Skatvold

XV. Open Session

XVI. Adjourn

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Central Oregon Community College
Monthly Budget Status
Highlights of November 2025
Financial Statements

Cash and Investments

The College's operating cash balances currently total \$45 million. The November average yield for the Local Government Investment Pool decreased to 4.34 percent from 4.57 percent in the prior month.

General Fund Revenues

The College received \$21.8 million in property tax revenues in November, which represents 89.7% of anticipated collections. Winter term registration began in mid-November, resulting in an increase in tuition and fee revenues of \$4.3 million over the prior month. Additionally, the College received its second Employee Retention Tax Credit payment of \$3.2 million.

General Fund Expenses

The expenses through November 2025 include the majority of the required budgeted inter-fund transfers-out for the fiscal year. The remaining \$6.6 million transfer out will be made to support the Madras build at the completion of the project.

Budget Compliance

All general fund appropriation categories are within budget.

Central Oregon Community College
Monthly Budget Status
November 2025

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<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Activity</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>	<u>Percent of Budget Current Year</u>	<u>Percent of Budget Prior Year</u>
Revenues					
District Property Taxes:					
Current Taxes	\$ 24,330,000	\$ 21,819,069	\$ (2,510,931)	89.7%	88.6%
Prior Taxes	283,000	310,043	27,043	109.6%	67.0%
Tuition and fees	22,430,000	12,527,554	(9,902,446)	55.9%	58.9%
State Aid	13,279,000	6,344,148	(6,934,852)	47.8%	44.9%
Program and Fee Income	100,000	20,644	(79,356)	20.6%	24.1%
Interest & Misc. Income	974,000	3,288,339	2,314,339	337.6%	4.7%
Transfers-In	5,588,744	2,903,957	(2,684,787)	52.0%	2.2%
Total Revenues	\$ 66,984,744	\$ 47,213,754	\$ (19,770,990)		
Expenses by Function					
Instruction	\$ 28,154,525	\$ 9,594,174	\$ 18,560,351	34.1%	32.7%
Instructional Support	5,554,985	1,996,829	3,558,156	35.9%	37.1%
Student Services	7,883,478	2,774,552	5,108,926	35.2%	32.6%
College Support	7,475,399	3,121,156	4,354,243	41.8%	36.1%
Campus Services	6,140,941	2,310,358	3,830,583	37.6%	40.7%
Information Technology	7,947,140	3,111,266	4,835,874	39.1%	44.4%
Financial Aid	200,000	51,069	148,931	25.5%	62.1%
Contingency	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	0.0%	0.0%
Transfers-Out	19,070,532	12,445,532	6,625,000	65.3%	100.6%
Total Expenses	\$ 83,427,000	\$ 35,404,936	\$ 48,022,064		
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ (16,442,256)	\$ 11,808,818	\$ 28,251,074		

Central Oregon Community College
Monthly Budget Status
November 2025

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	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Activity</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>	<u>Percent of Budget Current Year</u>	<u>Percent of Budget Prior Year</u>
<u>Non General Funds</u>					
Debt Service Fund					
Revenues	\$ 6,152,755	\$ 4,446,876	\$ (1,705,879)	72.3%	72.3%
Expenses	6,087,037	1,597,193	4,489,844	26.2%	18.4%
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ 65,718	\$ 2,849,683	\$ 2,783,965		
Grants and Contracts Fund					
Revenues	\$ 6,034,347	\$ 1,416,519	\$ (4,617,828)	23.5%	22.3%
Expenses	6,738,055	2,896,430	3,841,625	43.0%	49.7%
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ (703,708)	\$ (1,479,911)	\$ (776,203)		
Capital Projects Fund					
Revenues	\$ 23,234,020	\$ 10,694,718	\$ (12,539,302)	46.0%	17.6%
Expenses	24,338,954	6,074,629	18,264,325	25.0%	16.0%
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ (1,104,934)	\$ 4,620,089	\$ 5,725,023		
Enterprise Fund					
Revenues	\$ 5,349,792	\$ 1,881,258	\$ (3,468,534)	35.2%	38.3%
Expenses	7,655,167	4,800,423	2,854,744	62.7%	43.1%
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ (2,305,375)	\$ (2,919,165)	\$ (613,790)		
Auxiliary Fund					
Revenues	\$ 6,504,732	\$ 3,949,507	\$ (2,555,225)	60.7%	51.7%
Expenses	9,749,773	3,078,704	6,671,069	31.6%	23.6%
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ (3,245,041)	\$ 870,803	\$ 4,115,844		
Reserve Fund					
Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Expenses	25,000	-	25,000	0.0%	0.3%
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ (25,000)	\$ -	\$ 25,000		
Financial Aid Fund					
Revenues	\$ 22,103,924	\$ 5,087,312	\$ (17,016,612)	23.0%	32.1%
Expenses	22,171,067	5,196,635	16,974,432	23.4%	35.1%
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ (67,143)	\$ (109,323)	\$ (42,180)		
Internal Service Fund					
Revenues	\$ 85,000	\$ 48,668	\$ (36,332)	57.3%	14.8%
Expenses	94,000	26,296	67,704	28.0%	27.4%
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ (9,000)	\$ 22,372	\$ 31,372		
Trust and Agency Fund					
Revenues	\$ 18,200	\$ 9,383	\$ (8,817)	51.6%	103.0%
Expenses	75,000	-	75,000	0.0%	57.4%
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ (56,800)	\$ 9,383	\$ 66,183		

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Central Oregon Community College

Cash and Investments Report

As of November 30, 2025

College Portfolio	Operating Funds	Trust/Other Funds
Cash in State Investment Pool		
4089 - General operating fund	\$ 40,438,818	
3624 - Robert Clark Trust		\$ 406,565
6729 - Redmond Expansion		\$ 4,211,955
November Average Yield 4.34%		
Cash in USNB	\$ 430,705	
Cash on Hand		
Total Cash	<u>\$ 40,869,523</u>	<u>\$ 4,618,520</u>



Board Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Exhibit: 7b.1

**Central Oregon Community College
Board of Directors
Faculty and Administrators New Hire Report**

Administrator Full-Time		
Jodie Lawrence	Director TRiO Student Support Services	January 5, 2026
Sue Pierce	First Generation Student Support Services Success Coach	January 5, 2026
Matt Skarzynski	TRiO Student Support Services Success Coach	January 2, 2026

Administrator Part-Time		
Agatha Ventura	Interim Director Small Business Development Center	January 2, 2026



Central Oregon Community College

Board of Directors
New Hires Report
Date of Hire: December 1-31, 2025

Name	Hire Date	Job Description	Department
Classified Full-Time			
Steingrandt, Anna M	12/1/2025	Administrative Assistant	Nursing Office
Reeds, Maximus Logan	12/8/2025	Bookstore Course Material	Bookstore
Temporary Hourly			
Smith, Caitlin Rory	12/5/2025	Student Ambassador	Student Outreach & Contact
Brown, Todd Alan	12/29/2025	Fitness Attendant	Club Sports
Lee, Ji Whon Michael	12/29/2025	Basic Flight Instructor	Aviation Program
Lee, Ji Whon Michael	12/29/2025	CFI Non-Instructional	Aviation Program

Redmond Campus Expansion CM/GC

Next Steps:

- COCC will enter into contract for design & development stage with SunWest Builders.
- SunWest will submit a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) proposal when design development is complete.
- An amendment to the Board will be presented with the final cost for construction.

Planned Budget:

Construction (GMP): \$5.6M

Permits, Consulting, FF&E,
Contingency: \$2.4M

Total Project Cost = \$8M

Funding:

\$4M Grant from HECC

\$4M match from the College

Central Oregon Community College
Board of Directors

RESOLUTION

Prepared by:

Angie Anderson-May, Operations & Finance Project Manager

Josh Clawson, Director of Campus Services

A. Action Under Consideration

Award RFP #1615-25 for Construction Manager/General Contractor Services (CM/GC) for the Redmond Campus Building 3 Remodel & Expansion to SunWest Builders, and authorize contract negotiation.

B. Background Information

On October 15, 2025, Central Oregon Community College issued RFP #1615-25 to solicit proposals for CM/GC services for the Redmond Campus Remodel & Expansion Project.

The project includes renovation and expansion of existing facilities to support academic programs, student services, and campus operations, consistent with the College's long-term facilities planning and capital improvement goals.

A total of seven (7) proposals were received in response to the solicitation. An evaluation committee reviewed and scored each proposal in accordance with the published evaluation criteria and conducted interviews with a select group of proposers. Following this process, the evaluation committee ranked SunWest Builders as the highest-ranked and responsible proposer.

C. Options/Analysis

1. Authorize the College President or designee to negotiate and execute a contract for CM/GC services with SunWest Builders in accordance with RFP #1615-25; or
2. Do not authorize contract negotiation and execution at this time.

D. Timing

Board approval at this time will allow the College to proceed with contract negotiations and begin preconstruction services as soon as practicable, supporting the project schedule and overall campus planning objectives.

E. Recommendation

Be it resolved that the Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors hereby authorizes the College President or designee to negotiate and execute a contract for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) services for the COCC Redmond Campus Remodel & Expansion Project pursuant to RFP #1615-25 with SunWest Builders, subject to successful contract negotiations and compliance with applicable procurement requirements.

F. Budget Impact

Project funding is anticipated to come from a combination of institutional capital funds, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) grant funding, and/or other approved funding sources, consistent with Board-approved capital planning and budget authorizations.

FOURTH AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS FOURTH AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT (the “**Amendment**”), made and entered into on the last date signed below, is by and between **Central Oregon Community College District**, an Oregon community college district, hereinafter referred to as “**Landlord**,” and **Neighborly Development, LLC**, an Oregon limited liability company, together with its successors or assigns, hereinafter referred to as “**Tenant**.”

RECITALS:

- A. This Amendment is entered into by Landlord and Tenant as an amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement dated September 23, 2022, as amended on February 6, 2023, September 22, 2023, and February 13, 2025, for those certain premises described as Development Tract B in the Outcrop subdivision, City of Bend, Deschutes County, Oregon, commonly known as Tax Lot 171125CD02200, approximately 2.81 acres in size (the “**Ground Lease**”).
- B. Landlord and Tenant desire for additional time for the Rent Commencement Date to follow commencement of the lease as set forth herein.
- C. Landlord and Tenant also desire for additional time for the Due Diligence Period to allow the parties to obtain building permits and the necessary land use approvals from the City.

AGREEMENT:

In consideration of the mutual covenants, terms, and conditions set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Amendment to the Ground Lease

1.1 Rent

Section 3.2 of the Ground Lease shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

3.2 Rent. Beginning on the earlier of (a) 75 percent occupancy of all multifamily units approved in the Facility by the City of Bend or (b) 12 months following issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the first residential unit in the Facility (the “**Rent Commencement Date**”), the lease fee for the Premises shall be eight percent (8%) of the agreed upon fair market value of the Land (defined below) per year, which the Parties agree shall be valued initially at \$1,393,900.00. This results in the initial amount of a monthly payment of \$9,292.67 (the “**Rent**”), subject to the adjustments set forth in this Section 3; provided, however, in no event shall the Rent Commencement Date be deemed to have occurred later than March 1, 2028, except as may be permitted under Section 22.10 below. The initial payment of Rent shall be paid on the first day of the month following the Rent Commencement Date. Thereafter, each monthly payment of Rent is due in advance on the 1st day of the month, becoming delinquent if unpaid by the 15th day of the month. If not paid by the 15th day of the month, a late fee of five percent (5%) of the monthly amount, shall be assessed and be paid as part of the Rent.

Delinquent payments shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum and shall be due and payable without demand. The Rent payment shall be payable without any right of offset.

1.2 Due Diligence Period

Section 5 of the Ground Lease shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“SECTION 5. DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD

Tenant shall have until February 15, 2027 to complete Tenant’s Due Diligence (the “***Due Diligence Period***”).”

2. Miscellaneous

- 2.1** All capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Ground Lease unless otherwise defined herein.
- 2.2** It is the intent of the parties that this Amendment shall control as to any conflicting terms or conditions set forth in the Ground Lease.
- 2.3** All other terms and conditions of the Ground Lease shall remain unchanged.
- 2.4** This Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment as of the last date signed below.

LANDLORD:

CENTRAL OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

By: _____
Dr. Greg Pereira, President

Date: _____

TENANT:

NEIGHBORLY DEVELOPMENT, LLC

BY: NEIGHBORLY VENTURES, INC., MEMBER

By: _____
Brian G. Moore, President and CEO

Date: _____



Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors: Resolution

Subject	Neighborhood Development Ground Lease
Strategic Plan Initiatives	College Sustainability
Prepared By	Michael LaLonde, Vice President of Finance and Operation

A. Background

COCC entered into a ground lease with Neighborhood Development dated September 23, 2022 as amended on February 6, 2023, September 22, 2023 and February 13, 2025, for those certain premises described as Development Tract B in the Outcrop subdivision, City of Bend, Deschutes County, Oregon, commonly known as Tax Lot 171125CD02200, approximately 2.81 acres in size.

The Tenant desires additional time for the Due Diligence Period to allow the parties to obtain building permits, the necessary land use approvals of the city and to further evaluate the market potential for this development.

Neighborhood Development asked for and received a similar extension in September of 2023 with a payment of \$30,000 to the College and in February, 2025 with no payment to the College. There is no financial consideration with this amendment.

The Board is asked to consider the lease amendment for three reasons:

1. Neighborhood Development has shown interest in expanding their development beyond Phase I and Phase II.
2. Neighborhood Development has worked with the City of Bend to provide low-income housing in this development.
3. The market conditions are unfavorable to find a new developer that would agree to the terms of this lease.

B. Options/Analysis

Do not amend the lease, and pursue a new developer for this Tax Lot.

C. Timing

The lease would be amended to extend the Due Diligence Period to February 15, 2027.

D. Budget Impact

The college did not project revenue for this project in 2025, so there will be no budget impact

for this fiscal year.

E. Proposed Resolution

Be it resolved that the Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors approves the Fourth Amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement between Central Oregon Community College and Neighborly Development, LLC extending the Due Diligence Period until February 15, 2027.

**Central Oregon Community College
Board of Directors: Resolution**

Subject:	Notification of mileage rate and approval of meal per-diem rates.
Strategic Plan Connection:	College Sustainability – COCC creates processes and systems to foster high-quality and operationally sustainable work, learning and natural environments.
Prepared by:	Cathleen Knutson, Controller

A. Background

Mileage Rate: The College's general business procedures (B-2-6.1) require the Board be notified of the personal car mileage rate annually. The College follows the approved federal mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS's standard mileage rate is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The federal mileage rate for 2026 increased to 72.5 cents (\$0.725) per mile from the 2025 rate of 70 cents (\$0.70) per mile.

Meal Per-Diem Rates: General business procedures (B-2-6.1) require the reimbursement for the cost of employee meals shall be at the rate established by the Board. The College follows the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) standard rates for Oregon's in-state per-diem rates. The out-of-state meal per-diem rates represent 125% of Oregon's in-state meal per-diem rates. There are no requested changes to the proposed in-state and out-of-state per-diem rates provided below:

	In-State Rates*	Out-of-State Rates**
Breakfast	\$16.00	\$20.00
Lunch	\$19.00	\$23.75
Dinner	\$28.00	\$35.00
Total	\$63.00	\$78.75
* In-State rates reflect the GSA Federal standard rates for Oregon		
** Out-of-State rates are 125% of GSA Federal in-state rates for Oregon		

B. Options

- 1) Approve proposed mileage and meal per-diem rates
- 2) Do not approve proposed mileage and meal per-diem rates

C. Timing

Approval of this resolution will allow the updated federal mileage rate and continued use of GSA's standard meal per-diem rates for Oregon in 2026.

D. Budget Impact

Costs associated with the mileage rate and meal per-diem rates will be managed within the adopted budget.

E. Proposed Resolution

Be it resolved that the Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors hereby approve the proposed mileage and meal per-diem rates presented in Section A.

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EXPERIENCE

FIRST INTERSTATE BANK, Billings, MT

Senior VP / Director of Corporate Real Estate

Apr 2017 – June 2025

Recruited to support \$32B publicly traded, state-chartered financial institution during period of rapid growth. Member of Senior Leadership Team contributing to enterprise-wide strategy, interdepartmental peer engagement, and operational efficiencies. Report to CFO and Bank Board subcommittee which includes the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Banking Officer.

- Managed \$445M corporate real estate portfolio consisting of 321 retail branches and 12 operations / administrative facilities, totaling approximately two million square feet across 14 states, and \$11.5M in annual lease commitments.
- Oversaw retail expansion from 80 to 321 locations, executing CRE strategy through 5 bank acquisitions with comprehensive due diligence oversight.
- Navigated facilities integration following 2 mergers of equals that each doubled the bank's total assets; leveraged portfolio expertise and strategic planning to optimize space planning, cost reductions, and consolidations.
- Delivered consistent annual net gains on asset dispositions, achieving multi-million-dollar results.
- Generated \$2.5M reduction in operating expense through targeted consolidation effort following acquisition, streamlining 12 retail and operational locations, negotiating sale of 2 assets with \$3.3M gain on sale.
- Drove ongoing portfolio optimization and value creation for lease portfolio of 127 leases as tenant and 116 leases as landlord, generating annual rent income of \$3.4M.
- Led creation of enhanced portfolio optimization metrics, integrating tracking modules within the Integrated Workplace Management System to improve visibility and provide a data-driven approach to evaluating financial impact, ensuring alignment with broader corporate objectives.
- Established and led a high-performing Corporate Real Estate team, achieving top-quartile engagement scores and long-term organizational stability.
- Created over \$1M in operational cost savings by executing strategic legacy lease termination, enabling direct landlord-tenant agreements.
- Standardized and elevated facility management processes across all locations by spearheading outsourcing to CBRE.
- Negotiated a 15-year lease extension with the GSA, securing a \$2.3 million financial impact and long-term portfolio stability.
- Directed 28 major construction projects, encompassing new developments, substantial remodels, and significant tenant improvements.
- Developed and oversaw \$50M annual capital improvement budget covering new builds, tenant improvements, maintenance, and remodels, including managing as many as 14 simultaneous projects.
- Strengthened strategic position of bank through frequent, ongoing cross-functional collaboration with Risk Management, Compliance, Business Continuity Planning, Disaster Recovery, regulatory filings, internal and external audit, and SOX.
- Improved GAAP compliance, tracking, and corporate governance by building company-wide real estate and fixed asset policy and all related procedures in collaboration with Finance team.

BANK OF THE CASCADES, Bend, OR**Senior VP Construction Management, Corporate Real Estate & Facilities**

Apr 2016 – Apr 2017

VP Construction Management, Corporate Real Estate & Facilities

Jul 2013 – Mar 2016

Oversaw all corporate real estate and facilities across 56 branches and 10 administrative facilities in 6 states.

Member of Revenue Leadership Team and IMPACT Team focused on bank culture and employee engagement, as well as non-voting member of internal loan committee.

- Drove strategic growth through M&A activity; facilitated completion of 4 acquisitions with 47 branches.
- Achieved cost savings by overseeing branch consolidations and tracking savings to proforma expectations.
- Repositioned Real Estate Owned portfolio, selling off \$29M in assets in 10 months.
- Oversaw credit risk management oversight of ~250 loans in a \$283M commercial and residential construction portfolio including commercial CRE, builder finance, and consumer residential loans.
- Negotiated all new leases and lease renewals improving the Bank's terms, and directed all facility maintenance.
- Created and maintained policies and procedures in collaboration with internal and external auditors.

VP, Other Real Estate Owned Manager

Feb 2009 – Jun 2013

- Exceeded net proceeds benchmarks in successful disposition of over \$100M in OREO assets.
- Leveraged knowledge of portfolio-level and individual asset management to bring resolution to complex real estate issues, including entitlements, title challenges, and tenant conflicts.
- Gained exposure to state and federal regulatory issues, as well as internal, external, SOX and compliance audits.

PAHLISCH FAMILY OF COMPANIES, Bend, OR**VP, Business Development | Elk Horn Land Development, Inc.**

Nov 2007 – Dec 2008

- Successfully positioned regional developer's land holdings for sale and creative joint venture opportunities.

VP, Corporate Communications | Full Suite of Companies

Nov 2006 – Oct 2007

- Created a competitive edge through community strategy, PR, and alliances with key community leaders and businesses.
- Worked directly with president to manage all aspects of Community Relations, Corporate Communications and Business Development.

VP, Sales & Marketing | Pahlisch Homes, Inc.

Jan 2005 – Oct 2006

- Drove record net profits and highest annual closings for industry-leading company by formulating sales and marketing strategic planning, including vision, annual goals, corporate brand image, and campaigns for all community home sales.
- Hired, trained, and managed on-site sales agents in all planned communities, establishing a team recognized for setting the standard in professionalism, superior customer care, and broker relations.

Project Manager / Sales Manager | Pahlisch Homes, Inc.

Mar 2002 – Dec 2004

- Established satellite startup; identified opportunities through market research and built key relationships with local engineers, title companies, real estate brokers, construction firms, and public officials.

EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP**WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE****Bachelor of Science, Biology & Physical Science**Professional Development:

- Leadership, University of Washington, Foster School of Business
- Pacific Coast Banking School

Industry Leadership:

- Economic Development for Central Oregon | Board Member, 2018–2025 | President, 2024
- Deschutes Public Library Foundation | Board Member, 2019–2024 | President, 2022–2024



Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors: Resolution

Subject	Budget Committee Members
Strategic Plan Initiatives	College Sustainability
Prepared By	Michael LaLonde, Vice President of Finance and Operations

A. Background

1. The College currently has two vacancies on the Budget Committee. The Zone 1 Committee member has resigned as she is now a part-time instructor for the College. That term expires on 6/30/2026, as she was completing a term for a previous member who had resigned. The other open position is for Rebekah Lambert from Zone 2, who would like to resign. This position's term also expires on 6/30/2026.

Name	Zone	Location	Term Expires
Vacant	1		6/30/2026
Vacant	2		6/30/2026
Tobias Colvin	3	Redmond	6/30/2028
Jade Mayer	4	Bend	6/30/2028
Debi Harr	5	Bend	6/30/2026
Bill Hall	6	Sisters	6/30/2028
Jim Lanzarotta	7	Sisters	6/30/2028

2. We have two applicants for the two open budget committee seats. One applicant resides in Zone 1, and one applicant resides in Zone 2.

3. The Candidates are

- a. **William Robathan (Zone 1)**

William Robathan is currently the Owner of Probus Research which provides document filings, retrievals, application processing, background due diligence to facilitate legal immigration of Mexican nationals with services for Mexican attorneys. Prior business experience includes, energy conservation products, insulation contractor and as an independent ice cream distributor. Bill's education includes:

1981 - 1983:

Hastings College of the Law (Re-named University of California College of the Law)

Golden Gate University Law School, San Francisco

1973 - 1981:

University of Oregon

University of California, Berkeley

Merritt College, Oakland, CA (A Community College)

Laney College, Oakland, CA (A Community College)

University of California, Santa Cruz, BA Politics*, with Economics Minor

(*UCSC titles its political science department and major "Politics".)

Bill also has extensive volunteer experience with the following organizations:

1998-2002: Board Member, Board Secretary, National Public Records Research Association (elective position)

1996: Deanery, Diocesan Rep., Saint Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA

1984-1986: Board Member and Board Secretary, Budget Committee, Yoga Society of San Francisco (appointed position)

1981: Board Member, Santa Cruz Westside Community Health Center (elective position)

1980: Founder, Santa Cruz Alternative Health Network

1978-1980: Board Member and Board Secretary, Santa Cruz Westside Food Coop, a California Cooperative Corporation (elective position)

b. Brian D. Bergler (Zone 2)

See attached resume, item 8d.1-2.

4. COCC's Vice President of Finance and Operations and a board member have met with each candidate and recommend them for the open Budget Committee positions.

B. Options/Analysis

1) Appoint William Robathan for Zone 1 to finish the current open term. Appoint Brian D. Bergler for Zone 2 to finish the current open term or 2) continue searching for interested budget committee members.

C. Timing

The Budget Committee will be invited to meet with the Vice President of Finance and Operations for an optional orientation before the Budget Committee meetings scheduled for the second Wednesday of April and May at 5:45 p.m.

D. Budget Impact

None.

E. Proposed Resolution

Be it resolved that, the Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors appoints William Robathan for Zone 1 and Brian D. Bergler for Zone 2 to the Central Oregon Community College Budget Committee to finish the current open term ending 6/30/2026.



Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors: 2026-27 Wickiup Hall Rates Resolution

Subject	2026-27 Wickiup Hall Rates
Strategic Plan Initiatives	Access: COCC expands access by providing students with equitable opportunities and the resources needed to achieve their goals.
Prepared By	Andrew Davis, Dean of Student Engagement Alicia Moore, Vice President of Student Affairs

Each year, student residence hall room and meal plan rates are brought to the Board of Directors for review and approval. The following resolution recommends 2026-27 rates for meal plans, room rates and summer conference housing rates.

Meal Plan

The meal plan rates are designed to provide comprehensive food options (dining hall, café and market), give students a choice about how their meal plan is structured (four options, each of which includes “flex cash” to be spent in the café and market), create sufficient revenue to cover the food service management contract fees (COCC contracts with Sodexo as its food service provider), and provide funds to maintain and replace food service equipment and small-wares. Historically, meal plan rates increase each year based on the CPI-U West Region’s annual increase for *Food Away from Home* index, although the last two years were smaller rates given historical savings that covered operational needs:

- 2022-23: 4.5%
- 2023-2024: 5.2%
- 2024-2025: 1.5%
- 2025-2026: 0%

After two years of minimal or no increases, staff recommends a 4% increase in order to maintain these reserves and continue to cover the increasing cost of food away from home. This is in close alignment with the CPIU Western region rate of 3.9%.

Room Rates

The residence hall room rates are designed to provide a positive living environment, maintain competitive pricing to sustain high occupancy levels, cover operational expenses and debt service, and develop building reserves. With these goals in mind, staff recommend a 3% increase for the 2026-27 academic year. This will allow the College to continue building housing reserves and to absorb potential capital expenses while still generating income to cover unexpected circumstances.

Combined Meal Plan and Room Rates

The proposed room and meal plan rate recommendations are below, with students choosing their combination of room and meal plan options.

Meal Plans (Academic Year)	2025 - 26	2026 - 27	\$ Change	% Change
Starter (7 meals/week + \$500 flex cash)	\$ 4,806	\$ 4,998	\$ 192	4%
Basic (9 meals/week + \$400 flex cash)	\$ 5,010	\$ 5,210	\$ 200	
Standard (14 meals/week + \$200 flex cash)	\$ 5,476	\$ 5,695	\$ 219	
Preferred (19 meals/week + \$100 flex cash)	\$ 5,945	\$ 6,183	\$ 238	
Room Rates (Academic Year)				
Quad Double	\$ 7,584	\$ 7,812	\$ 228	3%
Quad Single	\$ 10,806	\$ 11,130	\$ 324	
Room Rates (Summer)				
Quad Double	\$ 1,769	\$ 1,822	\$ 53	3%
Quad Single	\$ 2,653	\$ 2,733	\$ 80	

The typical COCC Wickiup Hall student signs up for a quad double room (four people per suite, two per bedroom) and the standard meal plan. Using this model, the combined 2026-2027 academic year room and board rate is \$13,507. While no exact comparable room style and meals plans exist, other relatively similar Oregon 2025-26 residence hall room and board packages include:

- Southwestern Oregon Community College: \$8,688
- Western Oregon University: \$12,465
- Oregon State University – Cascades Campus: \$14,208
- Southern Oregon University: \$17,574

Summer Conference Housing Rates

Wickiup Hall hosts several summer conferences in July and August. Room rates remained the same for several years as summer conferences rebounded post-COVID with a \$2 per night (+7.4%) in 2025. To address costs associated with summer conference supports, staff recommend a \$2 per night increase for both 2026 single and double rooms.

	2025-2026	2026-2027	\$ Change	% Change
Quad Double	\$29/night	\$31/night	\$2/night	6.9%
Quad Single	\$44/night	\$46/night	\$2/night	4.5%

Options/Analysis

- Approve proposed room and meal plan rates
- Recommend alternate room and meal plan rates

Timing

Approval at the January Board of Directors' meeting allows the College to update residence hall promotional materials, offer contracts to students, and respond to prospective student inquiries.

Budget Impact

These increases will allow for sufficient operational funds, debt service and reserves; cover the cost of COCC's management contract with Sodexo and generate revenue to cover unanticipated circumstances.

Proposed Resolution

Be it resolved that the Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors hereby approve the proposed 2026-2027 meal plan, room and summer conference rates as shown in Section A.

Academic Program Changes for COCC Board of Directors

January 14, 2026

Action required:

- Notification of New Program: Welding Technology Career Pathway Certificate of Completion (CPCC)
- Notification of Suspension of a Program: Welding Technician Career Pathway Certificate of Completion (CPCC)

For information and acknowledgement:

- Notification of New Major Transfer Map: English Associate of Arts Transfer (AAT)
- Notification of Suspension of Existing Major Transfer Map: Suspension of English Literature Associate of Arts Transfer (AAT)
- Notification of Renaming of Exploratory Degrees (AAOT and AGS)

See details in the following pages.

Notification of New Program

8f.2

Subject	New Program: Welding Technology Career Pathway Certificate of Completion (CPCC)
Strategic Plan Connections	• Student-Ready College • Workforce Development
Prepared By	Dr. Annemarie Hamlin, Vice President of Academic Affairs

A. Background

Excerpt from Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR 589-006-0150): *Community college boards are responsible for approving the requirements for all of their college's certificate and degree programs.*

This proposed new Career Pathway Certificate of Completion (CPCC) in Welding Technology meets COCC, state, and regional accreditation (Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities) standards. Manufacturing Technology aims to provide a faster path for students to gain valuable skills to seek entry level employment with this CPCC, which was designed with local and regional workforce needs in mind. Upon approval by the COCC Board this program will be submitted to the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission/Office of Community College and Workforce Development and then to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities as required.

B. Options/Analysis

Approve the proposed new program.
Decline approval of the new program.

C. Timing

The new program will be available in the 2026-27 Catalog that begins with the Fall 2026 term.

D. Budget Impact

The proposed certificate contains only existing courses and will be taught by current faculty. There is no need to hire additional faculty. Accordingly, the budget impact is anticipated to be negligible.

E. Proposed Resolution

Be it resolved that the Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors approves the new Career Pathway Certificate of Completion in Welding Technology, effective Fall 2026.

Notification of Suspension of a Program

Subject	Suspension of Welding Technician Career Pathway Certificate of Completion (CPCC)
Strategic Plan Connections	• Student-Ready College • Access • Workforce Development
Prepared By	Dr. Annemarie Hamlin, Vice President of Academic Affairs

A. Background

Excerpt from Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR 589-006-0150): *Community college boards are responsible for approving the requirements for all of their college's certificate and degree programs.*

The Curriculum Committee has voted to suspend the Welding Technician Career Pathway Certificate of Completion (CPCC) in accordance with the proposal submitted by Manufacturing Technology, which intends to replace this certificate with the Welding Technology CPCC. Suspension will remove this program from the catalog, thus avoiding confusion for students, advisors, faculty, and others. Upon approval by the COCC Board this program change will be submitted to the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission/Office of Community College and Workforce Development and then to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities as required.

B. Options/Analysis

Approve the proposed suspension of this academic program.

Decline to approve the proposed suspension this academic program.

C. Timing

Suspension will take effect in the 2026-27 academic year. The 2026-27 Catalog and subsequent catalogs will no longer include this program.

D. Budget Impact

Suspension of this program does not require an extensive teach-out plan. There is no need to hire additional faculty. Accordingly, the budget impact is anticipated to be negligible.

E. Proposed Resolution

Be it resolved that the Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors approves the suspension of the Welding Technician Career Pathway Certificate of Completion, effective Fall 2026.

Notification of New Major Transfer Map

Subject	English Associate of Arts Transfer (AAT)
Strategic Plan Connections	• Student-Ready College • Access
Prepared By	Dr. Annemarie Hamlin, Vice President of Academic Affairs

A. Background

Excerpt from Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 715-025-0040, Effect of Major Transfer Map Curriculum Articulation Policy Adoption on Institutions (1): *All institutions offering a program leading to a two-year certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree, excluding an applied baccalaureate degree, that is the subject of a CAP shall be bound by the terms of the CAP, except as provided in OAR 715-025-0060.*

This is a notification to the Board of Directors regarding the new Associate of Arts Transfer (AAT) degree in English. Per OAR 715-025-0040, this program must be available at the College by Fall 2027. This degree has been developed as part of the Major Transfer Map Curriculum and Articulation Policy (MTM CAP) process, which means it was developed by faculty in relevant disciplines from Oregon's community colleges and public universities under the guidance of Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) staff. This statewide effort intends to create degrees that will be accepted by Oregon Public Universities (OPUs) and provide students with junior standing once they matriculate at their chosen transfer university. As a result, the proposed degree meets COCC, state, and accreditation standards and has already been approved by HECC. Upon approval by the COCC Board, this program will be submitted to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

B. Options/Analysis

None. This is only an information item.

C. Timing

The new program will be available in the 2026-27 Catalog that begins with the Fall 2026 term.

D. Budget Impact

The proposed AAT contains only existing courses and will be taught by current faculty. There is no need to hire additional faculty. Accordingly, the budget impact is anticipated to be negligible.

E. Proposed Resolution

No resolution is required since the state of Oregon has already adopted this change.

Notification of Suspension of a Major Transfer Map

Subject	Suspension of English Literature Associate of Arts Transfer (AAT)
Strategic Plan Connections	• Student-Ready College • Access
Prepared By	Dr. Annemarie Hamlin, Vice President of Academic Affairs

A. Background

Excerpt from Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 715-025-0040, Effect of Major Transfer Map Curriculum Articulation Policy Adoption on Institutions (1): *All institutions offering a program leading to a two-year certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree, excluding an applied baccalaureate degree, that is the subject of a CAP shall be bound by the terms of the CAP, except as provided in OAR 715-025-0060.*

The Curriculum Committee has voted to suspend the English Literature (AAT) degree in accordance with the launch of the new English AAT degree developed by the Major Transfer Map Curriculum and Articulation Policy (MTM CAP) process. Suspension will remove this program from the catalog, thus avoiding confusion for students, advisors, faculty, and others. There is little impact to students as they will be able to pursue the new English AAT. Upon approval by the COCC Board this program change will be submitted to the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission/Office of Community College and Workforce Development and then to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities as required.

B. Options/Analysis

Acknowledge the proposed suspension of this academic program.

C. Timing

The 2026-27 Catalog and subsequent catalogs will no longer include this program.

D. Budget Impact

Suspension of this program does not require an extensive teach-out plan as students will be able to switch to the new English AAT. There is no need to hire additional faculty. Accordingly, the budget impact is anticipated to be negligible.

E. Proposed Resolution

No resolution is required since the state of Oregon has already adopted this change.

GP 4: CHAIRPERSON / VICE CHAIRPERSON ROLE

Approved: ~~June 9, 1993~~

~~6/9/1993~~; Revised: ~~March 13, 1996; December 9, 2015~~

~~Revised: December 10, 2025~~ 3/13/1996; 12/9/2015; ___/___/2026

The role of the Chair is, primarily, to ensure the integrity of the Board's process and, secondarily, to occasionally represent the Board to outside parties. The Chair is the only Board Member authorized to officially speak for the Board (beyond simply reporting Board decisions), other than in rare and specifically-authorized instances.

1. Chair Authority & Limits.

- A. The Chair is empowered to chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position (e.g., ruling, recognizing, etc.).
- B. The Chair is responsible, in consultation with the Vice-Chair and the College President, for setting the Board meeting agenda and facilitating the Board meetings to ensure the Board remains proactive, forward looking and value-added in its deliberations. In setting agendas, the Chair shall consider agenda and information requests from other Board members and, as reasonable, appropriate, and feasible, determine whether to include such requests on a future Board agenda. If the Chair does elect to put an item on the agenda, they may choose whether it will be at a regular board meeting, work session or a retreat. In the Chair's discretion, they may elect to address an agenda or informational request by coordinating with the President to provide responsive information to all Board members. The Chair has no authority to make unilateral decisions about policies and no authority to individually supervise or direct the President.
- C. When the Chair determines that it is reasonably necessary, the Chair shall have the authority to make and carry out decisions on behalf of the Board, provided, however, such decisions fall within and are consistent with a reasonable interpretation of Board policies on Governance Process and on the Board-President Relationship. The foregoing authority shall not apply to those situations in which the Board has specifically authorized another individual to make and/or carry out decisions relating to a specific issue or matter. The Chair may represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating Chair decisions and interpretations within the area delegated.
- D. The Chair may call special meetings as required.
- E. The Chair shall communicate regularly with the President and the Vice-Chair on matters that may require Board consultation, setting Board agendas (as provided in Section 1.B above), and identifying issues that require the attention of the whole Board. In order to minimize Board disruptions and to better prepare the Vice-Chair to step in as necessary in the Chair's absence and/or to become Chair in the future, the Chair will communicate regularly with the Vice-Chair on current issues and concerns and, as appropriate, will mentor the Vice-Chair.

- F. The Chair will make themselves reasonably open and accessible to other Board members who have concerns about, or wish to discuss, Board governance or operations issues.
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2. Indicators of Effective Chair. The indicator of an effective Chair is that the Board operates consistent with its own policies on governance and Board/staff relationship and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization.
- A. Meeting discussion content will only be those issues which, according to Board policy, clearly belong to the Board to decide, not the President, except to the extent the President seeks the advice of the Board.
 - B. Deliberation will be timely, fair, orderly and thorough, but also efficient, limited to time allotted and kept to the point.
 - C. The Board's policies concerning individual and group behavior will be enforced appropriately.
3. Roles of Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair will assume responsibilities of the Chair in the event of Chair's absence or inability to serve.
- A. The Vice-Chair will communicate regularly with the Chair and act as a second voice to inform and assist the Chair in setting agendas and addressing Board issues, particularly governance matters.
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4. Election of Chair & Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board will be elected at the Annual Meeting in July.
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 - B. interest in serving;
 - C. availability and willingness to commit time and energy;
 - D. good judgment;
 - E. team-oriented, cooperative and dedicated to collaboration;
 - F. seeks to find common ground;

- G. expresses disagreement in a productive, respectful way, avoiding personal attacks and other divisive approaches;
- H. strong listening and speaking communication skills within the Board;
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GP 4: CHAIRPERSON / ~~VICE-CHAIRPERSON~~ VICE CHAIRPERSON ROLE

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The role of the Chair is, primarily, to ensure the integrity of the Board's process and, secondarily, ~~occasional representation of~~ to occasionally represent the Board to outside parties. The Chair is the only Board Member authorized to officially speak for the Board (beyond simply reporting Board decisions), other than in rare and ~~specifically-authorized~~ specifically-authorized instances.

- ~~1. The outcome of an effective Chair is that the Board behaves consistent with its own policies on governance and Board/staff relationship and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization.~~

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Draft Board Policy- Communication and Counsel to the Board

BEP 7: COMMUNICATION & COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

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The President shall provide counsel and keep the Board informed. Accordingly, the President must:

1. Avoid surprises. Make the Board aware of relevant trends, all anticipated adverse media coverage, information which might have political consequences, material external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established.
2. Provide data. Submit the required monitoring data (see policy on Monitoring Executive Performance) in a timely, accurate and understandable fashion, directly addressing provisions of the Board policies being monitored.
3. Add perspective. Gather and share diverse points of view from internal and external stakeholders, as needed for ~~fully-informed~~fully-informed Board choices, particularly with respect to faculty opinion on instructional matters.
4. Present information. Clearly present relevant or requested information in a concise format with minimal jargon.
5. Communicate with the Board. Provide regular written and verbal updates to the entire Board, attend and participate in committee meetings and communications, provide ~~monthly~~regular opportunities to meet individually with Board members.
6. Report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.

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