



**Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2026**

Board Members: Laurie Brandt, Roy Dietz, Heath Gregory, Janan Johnson, David Liaw, Victoria Lozzi, Laurie Love, Katherine Maschler, Brooke Matson, Laurie McCarthy, Darcie McClelland, Jason Nishiyama, Daniel Shrader, Rob Van Lingen, Paul Wafer, Mark Waronek, Clay Zachry

Absent: Komal Ahmed, Karla Harness Brown, Ralph Felix, Cynthia Grande, Charlie Mitchell, McKenzie Neely-Wright, Tamara Ritchey Powers, Richard Rede, Ben Steinberger, Brenda Thames

Staff: Andrea Sala, Kate Choi, Nancy Tonner, Heidi Wang

Recorder: Nancy Tonner

President Laurie Love called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

1) Approve Consent Agenda:

Victoria Lozzi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Paul Wafer seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

I. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Laurie Love

1) President's Remarks

- Love thanked all who attended the Distinguished Alumni and Gratitude Awards Dinner on March 6, and thought the honorees were very impressive.

2) ECC Athletic Overview

- Interim Dean Jeff Baumunk, AD Abi Francisco and Flag Football Coach John Hall presented an overview of our athletic programs, specifically the new Flag Football program.

3) Join the Conversation

- Executive Director, Marketing & Communications, Ann O'Brien gave an overview of Join the Conversation, meetings to receive feedback from our community about what El Camino's priorities should be for the future.

II. BOARD GOVERNANCE

- 1) 2026-27 Nominations for Executive Committee/ Sala
 - All members received a nomination form to complete.
 - Mark Waronek volunteered to chair the Nomination Committee and Janan Johnson and Brooke Matson volunteered as members.
 - Andrea Sala will review the results and send to Waronek.
 - There are seven spots open for new Board members and Sala asked to let her know if any Board members have a recommendation.

- 2) Policy Review/ Brooke Matson for Tamara Ritchey Powers
 - Matson reviewed all changes, mostly grammatical, for the following policies:
 - Committee Structure
 - Staff Salaries
 - Fundraising
 - General Fund
 - Gift Acceptance
 - Restricted

Matson made a motion to approve the six policies as presented. Paul Wafer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. FINANCIALS

Clay Zachry – Financials approved in Consent Agenda. Shout out to achieving \$29M in assets!

IV. OPERATIONS

Laure Brandt

- 1) Scholarship Update
 - Brandt thanked all who reviewed and ranked over 1,600 scholarship applications.
 - We are now starting the selection process, with a completion date of April 17.
 - Sala read a very positive email from a faculty member who participated in the reading and ranking of applications and enjoyed the experience.
 - Former Board member Mark Burton was thanked for reviewing 100 applications. Sala also recognized the hard work and dedication of Nancy Tonner in organizing the Scholarship program and also reading over 101 applications!

V. ECC STUDENT REPORT

Charlie Mitchell – Unable to attend meeting

VI. ECC PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Brenda Thames – Unable to attend meeting

VII. STAFF REPORT

Andrea Sala/Heidi Wang

- 1) NCCCF Bernard Osher Philanthropist of the Year Award
 - The 2025 award recognizing philanthropic excellence supporting Community Colleges and will be presented to Carol and Kevin Sharer from The Sharer Foundation at the Scholarship Awards Dinner on May 14th. Sala nominated the Sharers and they were selected as the recipient. A very prestigious honor!
 - Seven students were awarded the Sharer Scholars Scholarship and Sala will invite them to speak at the May Board Meeting.

2) Tour de Pier Sponsorship

- The Foundation has sponsored event for \$2,500.
- The organizers have donated a bike to ECC Nursing students and Sala emailed ECC Scholarship recipients who are in the Nursing program asking for participation.
- The Foundation will also have a bike to ride and Sala asked for five volunteers to ride for 50 minutes.
- The annual event supports three different organizations finding a cure for cancer. The Hirshberg Foundation; the Uncle Kory Foundation, and the Cancer Support Community.

3) ECC Basketball Gym Naming Opportunity

- Sala presented the proposal to rename the ECC basketball gym in honor of former ECC Coach George Stanich at the ECCCD Board of Trustees meeting on March 18. This request was previously approved by the ECC Foundation Board and was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Sala will order plaque. Ribbon cutting and reception will be held in June.

VIII. DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

Meeting Adjourned at 5:37 pm.