



Board Meeting Minutes May 19, 2026

Board Members:	Komal Ahmed, Laurie Brandt, Karla Harness Brown, Cynthia Grande, Heath Gregory, Janan Johnson, David Liaw, Victoria Lozzi, Laurie Love, Laurie McCarthy, Darcie McClelland, McKenzie Neely-Wright, Jason Nishiyama, Richard Rede, Tamara Ritchey Powers, Ben Steinberger, Brenda Thames, Mark Waronek, Clay Zachry
Absent:	Roy Dietz, Ralph Felix, Katherine Maschler, Brooke Matson, Charlie Mitchell, Daniel Shrader, Rob Van Lingen, Paul Wafer
Staff:	Andrea Sala, Kate Choi, Nancy Tonner, Heidi Wang
Recorder:	Richard Rede

President Laurie Love called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approve Consent Agenda:

Victoria Lozzi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mark Waronek seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

I. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Laurie Love

- 1) Student Spotlights

- Sharer Scholars Scholarship recipients, Rahat Khan, Minh-Tuan Nguyen, Ulises Renteria Contreras and Anthony Taboada shared their educational journey.

- 2) Yerenia Armira, Operation Helping Hands Recipient

- Unfortunately, Yerenia was not able to join us. Andrea Sala explained about her journey at El Camino. She received the Operation Helping Hands (OHH) Scholarship for homeless students for \$1,000 per month while attending ECC. She was also undocumented, and with help from Operation Helping Hands, she received her papers. She is transferring this fall and is a semi-finalist for the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship.

- 3) Recognition of "Retiring" Board Members

- Laurie McCarthy, Richard Rede, and Mark Waronek are terming off the Board after nine years of volunteering for ECCCCF. Rob Van Lingen will not continue on the

Board due to work commitments. Love and Sala thanked them for their time and commitment to serve on the Board.

II. BOARD GOVERNANCE

Tamara Ritchey Powers

1) Nominating Committee 2026-27 Slate of Officers

- On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Chair Mark Waronek presented the 2026-27 Slate of Officers/Executive Committee:
 - President Laurie Love
 - 1st Vice President Board Governance Tamara Ritchey Powers
 - 2nd Vice President Operations Laurie Brandt
 - Secretary Victoria Lozzi
 - Treasurer Clay Zachry
 - Member-at-Large Heath Gregory
 - Member-at-Large Paul Wafer
 - Immediate Past President Janan Johnson

2) 2026-27 New Board Members Recruitment

- Ann O'Brien, ECC ED Marketing Communication, ECC Alumna; Sabrina Steele, The Aerospace Corporation, ED Corporate Affairs and Communications, ECC Distinguished Alumni; and Kasey Stinson, Velera, VP Sales Enablement and Product Marketing were approved to begin a three-year term in July 2026.

3) Annual Resolutions

The ECC Foundation Annual Resolutions were read aloud by Ritchey Powers.

Ritchey Powers made the motion to approve the 2026-27 Annual Resolutions as presented. Mark Waronek seconded the motion. Motion passed. See attached for Annual Resolutions document.

III. FINANCIALS

Clay Zachry

1) April 2026 Financials

- Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, and the Operating Budget were reviewed. April saw a 19% year over year increase.

Zachry made the motion to approve the April 2026 financial overview as presented. Mark Waronek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. OPERATIONS

Laure Brandt

1) Scholarship Update

- Brandt reported that the Scholarship Awards Dinner was a wonderful event.
- Sala reported that Carol and Kevin Sharer from The Sharer Foundation were honored to be awarded the NCCCF Bernard Osher Philanthropist of the Year Award at the Scholarship Awards Dinner.
- Sala shared an email from a student who is very grateful for the help she was given.

V. ECC STUDENT REPORT

Charlie Mitchell – Unable to attend meeting

VI. ECC PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Brenda Thames

- Thames commented that the Scholarship Awards Dinner was one of her favorite events and was delighted to meet Carol and Kevin Sharer and present them with their award.
- Due to the size of our graduating class, we will hold two graduations this year; Wednesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 11.
- Nursing Pinning Ceremony and Fire Academy Graduations will take place next month.
- The Public Safety Training Center/ECC Fire Academy's first structures are on campus waiting to be moved to their final location in Lot L.
- Community conversations are continuing to take place.
- Congressman Ted Lieu is helping to get faster security clearance at aerospace companies after our students complete their internships.
- 80-90% of those enrolled in early college dual enrollment have completed the program. The first cohort from North High School will graduate this year. It is a very popular program.

VII. STAFF REPORT

Andrea Sala/Heidi Wang

1) Tour de Pier, Saturday, May 17, 2026

- The Foundation was a sponsor of the event.
- ECC Nursing students, Board members, families and friends participated in the event that supports three different organizations supporting cancer research. The Hirshberg Foundation; the Uncle Kory Foundation, and the Cancer Support Community.
- Sala showed a video one of our Nursing faculty made of the event. A fun time was had by all for a great cause.

2) Bond Funding Request

- Funding is needed for our campaign to inform people about the bond. We may need to vote to help ECC with this funding. Our share would be approximately in the \$275,00 range based on our annual contributions. Our auditors will provide the exact donation amount.

3) Emergency Fund Increase Request

- We have had lots of requests for emergency help for students in the last year. Sala would like the flexibility to increase the maximum amount to \$1,000.

Laurie Brandt made the motion to approve the maximum amount of \$1,000 for emergency grants. Janan Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4) ECC Basketball Gym Naming June 18, 4 pm, West Gymnasium

- Invites have been sent and all Board members have been invited.

VIII. DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

Meeting Adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Victoria Lozzi made the motion to adjourn. Richard Rede seconded. Motion passed.