
Foundation for the Compton CCD

Regular Meeting Agenda Minutes

Date/Time: April 23, 2026, 5:30 pm

Location: Board Room, Administration Building
Compton College, 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA, 90221

Notetaker: Heather Parnock, Foundation Secretary

- I. Call to Order at 5:45 p.m. (President Dan Chenault)
- II. Roll Call (Secretary):
 - a. **Board Members present (in-person):** Sheri Berger, Dan Chenault, Edward Magee, Heather Parnock, Libby Martinez
 - b. **Late Arrivals:** Dayshawn Loudon (6:17pm), Dennis Masias (6:19pm), Joshua Jackson (6:26p), Tandiwe Mushanga (6:33pm)
 - c. **Board Members present (Remote):** Keith Curry, Elizabeth Martinez, Isabelle Saber, Dorrett Lambey
 - d. **Absent Board Member:** Don Mason, Sonia Lopez
 - e. **Guest(s):** Barack Bomani
 - f. **Quorum**
 - i. A quorum was not established at the start of the meeting. Informal discussion took place while awaiting quorum. No action was taken during this time. Quorum was established following the arrival of additional members.
- III. Approval of April 23, 2026 Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve with no edits by Sheri Berger, seconded by Dan Chenault
 - b. *Motion carries.* Vote: 9-0
- IV. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items
 - a. Barack Bomani (Unearth and Empower Communities)
 - i. Presented an overview of his organization's 13 years of work serving youth in the City of Compton, emphasizing a recent focus on workforce development to create pathways to employment and higher education. He highlighted the Compton Career Pathways program, which combines training and internships and has achieved a 100% placement rate, as well as their partnership with the JTM Pre-Apprenticeship Academy to prepare participants for careers in the trades and utility sectors.
 - ii. Discussion: The Board discussed partnering with Barack Bomani's organization to create youth career pathways in the trades. To advance this, the Board directed connecting the organization with the Dean of Adult Education to coordinate job placements, leveraging their industry connections to advise on curriculum and facility modernization, and utilizing the College Promise Program to provide eligible students with free tuition.

- V. Review and Approve Minutes from February 26, 2026.
- a. Motion to approve with no edits by Sheri Berger, seconded by Edwad Magee
 - b. *Motion carries. Vote: 9-0*
- VI. Presentations: *none*
- VII. Oral Reports: *3-5 minutes each*
- a. **Executive Committee:** Dan reported on the April 9, 2026 Executive Committee meeting, where he and Heather reviewed board development matters, noted a lack of pending board applications, and finalized preparations for the April 23 Board meeting. Additionally, he reminded the Board that the upcoming June 25 meeting will serve as the Annual Organizational Meeting and directed members to review the draft 2026–2027 meeting schedule included in the agenda packet.
 - b. **Foundation Director:** Heather welcomed new Foundation Manager Libby and provided an update on the 2026–2027 scholarship cycle, noting that the Scholarship Review Committee is evaluating approximately 70 applications, with award recommendations expected by the end of the following week. Additionally, she introduced the Foundation’s new Bloomerang-integrated online giving platform, which currently supports the General and Emergency Grant Funds by enabling one-time or recurring gifts, generating automatic tax acknowledgments, and allowing donors to cover processing fees. Details regarding the platform will be distributed to board members to assist with future outreach and donor engagement.
 - c. **Scholarship Workgroup:** Joshua reported that the Scholarship Committee met to discuss strategies for increasing student participation and completion of scholarship applications. Key discussions focused on strengthening collaboration with Financial Aid to coordinate student support workshops, as well as expanding scholarship opportunities to better serve specific student populations, such as formerly incarcerated students and off-cycle enrollees. The committee will continue evaluating these initiatives and will present formal recommendations to the Board for future consideration.
- VIII. Financial Report (Dorrett Lambey, Dr. Curry, or Treasurer)
- a. Dorrett reported that the Foundation’s audit is nearing completion and preparation of the IRS Form 990 has begun, with both expected to be finalized by the next Board meeting. Additionally, she presented the financial statements through March 31, 2026, noting the Foundation remains in a strong financial position with zero outstanding liabilities, approximately \$1.56 million in total assets, and a positive net change in assets of \$3,673 driven by \$68,000 in year-to-date revenue and \$64,000 in expenditures.
 - b. Discussion: The Board reviewed financial updates, including a \$1.22 million cash balance, and confirmed that investment income stems from the endowment and scholarships from restricted assets. To improve reporting accuracy and role clarity, the Foundation is actively reconciling financial line items and developing guidelines (including a potential stewardship fee) for campus events. Additionally, the Scholarship Work Group will conduct a comprehensive review of all funds to resolve categorization errors, negative balances, and inactive accounts.
- IX. Discussion/Action Items:
- a. Approval of updated Statement of Work with the Law Offices of Alfonso Morales for Student Legal Services
 - i. Motion to approve by Dayshawn J. Loudon, seconded by Elizabeth Martinez
 - ii. *Motion carries. Vote: 9-0*

- iii. Discussion: The Board discussed the proposed legal services program, clarifying that the UndocuAlly Taskforce will handle the implementation plan while the Foundation strictly oversees funding decisions. Due to federal regulations, outreach cannot directly target specific students or imply premature legal representation. Emphasizing financial stewardship, the Board directed that no funds will be disbursed until a clear, vetted operational process is established. Finally, the Board reviewed potential intake procedures with the attorney, including the use of digital IDs for detained students—and emphasized the need for clear success metrics, reevaluation checkpoints, and strict due diligence for evaluating the third-party service provider at the one-year mark.

X. Planning/Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Audit/Finance/Investment Committee (membership appointments / meeting schedule / priorities)
 - i. The Board shall nominate and appoint members to the Audit/Finance/Investment Committee by majority vote, pursuant to the Foundation Bylaws.
 - ii. The Board shall set a meeting schedule for the committee.
 - iii. The Board shall identify immediate priorities for the committee’s work.
 - iv. Discussion:
 1. Sherri expressed that a discussion should be held for the new year, as an audit will be conducted and we need to sort out the scholarships before we start talking about all the other things associated with scholarships and funding. Clarity is needed.
 - v. Action: *Tabled to next fiscal year.*
 - vi. Motion to approve by Sheri Berger, seconded by Joshua Jackson
 - vii. *Motion carries. Vote: 9-0*
- b. Policy Updates
 - i. No items for discussion/action at this time; policies were submitted for legal review and feedback has not yet been received.
 1. Policy 100 (Scholarship Management) approved 2/26/26 with amendment; submitted to AALRR for legal review; no feedback received as of this agenda (no discussion/action).
 2. Policy 204 (Stewardship Fees) approved 2/26/26; submitted to AALRR for legal review; no feedback received as of this agenda (no discussion/action).
 3. Policy 400 (Fundraising) approved 2/26/26; submitted to AALRR for legal review; no feedback received as of this agenda (no discussion/action).
 - ii. Action: *Libby is developing a policy tracking system to document the adoption dates of Foundation policies, record any revisions or updates, and establish a regular review schedule to ensure policies remain current and compliant.*
- c. Presentation Topics for 2025-2026
 - i. The Board may recommend topics or programs the Board would like to learn more about (e.g., Foundation-supported initiatives, college programs, community partnerships).
 1. Previously suggested but not yet scheduled (timing recommendations):
 2. Oliver W. Conner College Promise Program — recommend September update (recruiting underway for 2026–2027).
 3. Compton College Scholarship Program — recommend sharing after the June 4 banquet; no earlier than the June 25 Foundation meeting.
 - ii. Discussion:
 1. Heather reported that a presentation on the Oliver W. Conner College

Promise Program has not yet been scheduled. Based on Dr. Curry's recommendation, the presentation will likely be scheduled for September when fall enrollment data is available and the number of new participants can be reported. Heather also recommended postponing a detailed discussion of the Compton College Scholarship Program until after the Scholarship Awards Banquet so that the Board can review final scholarship award data and discuss successes, challenges, and opportunities for improvement. She further noted that the Board is interested in receiving a future presentation from the UndocuAlly Task Force.

iii. Action: *Libby will coordinate the presentation schedule.*

XI. Information Items:

a. 2025-2026 Board of Directors Goals

i. Update:

1. Goal 1: Foundation Manager hired.
2. Goal 3. Givi online donor management system 90% complete and will launch at Retiree's Luncheon. Will be able to check it off by the end of the fiscal year.
3. Goal 5: Can be nominated by Dr. Curry, the union, of the academic senate
4. Goals will be developed for the next fiscal year, and current goals can be kept or modified.
5. Goal 8: Sheri suggested collaborating with Dorrett to draft a proposed budget for review at the upcoming Annual Organizational Meeting. Additionally, Heather highlighted the need for improved financial reporting to clearly separate specific allocations, such as Intellicon settlement funds used for the Bloomerang system, the Foundation Manager position, and scholarships, from unrestricted resources. Moving forward, the Foundation will focus on improving fund categorization to accurately identify the true balance of unrestricted resources, alongside a goal to increase unrestricted fundraising revenue to better support ongoing operations, outreach, and events.
6. Potential future goal regarding fundraising:
 - Alumni campaign at graduation
 - Annual gala (for 100th Anniversary)
 - Sponsors needed
 - During discussion of future Foundation events and outreach opportunities, it was suggested that the Foundation identify and engage notable alumni and individuals with strong ties to Compton College who could participate in and support Foundation activities. Examples mentioned included Tyree Weider, a Compton Community College graduate who previously served as President of Los Angeles Valley College and Interim Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District, as well as Leslie Sykes, daughter of Abel Sykes and a recent honoree recognized by the City of Compton. The Board discussed the potential value of involving distinguished alumni and community leaders in future Foundation initiatives and

celebrations.

7. Action: *Board members to review current goals and develop new ones*

- b. Oliver W. Conner Estate Update (Dr. Keith Curry)
 - i. Update: None
- c. Compton College and Compton Community College District (Dr. Keith Curry)
 - i. Update: None
- d. 2026-2027 Scholarship Program Update
 - i. Update: None

XII. Other Business

- a. 100th Anniversary
 - i. Heather reported that she and Libby will co-chair the College's 100th Celebration Committee. Planning is underway for a year-long celebration beginning on February 14, 2027. The committee is seeking broad campus and community representation and plans to include approximately five representatives from each constituent group, including faculty, staff, managers, students, retirees, and alumni.

XIII. Future Agenda Items from Board Members

- a. Establish Alumni Network

XIV. Next Meeting: June 25, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room

XV. Adjournment at 7:31 pm