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# Foundation for the Compton CCD

## Regular Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** May 22, 2025

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

**Notetaker:** Heather Parnock, Foundation Secretary

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- I. Call to Order at 5:43 p.m. (Board President)
- II. Roll Call (Secretary)
  - a. Board Members present (in-person): Edward Magee, Sheri Berger, Keith Curry, Abdul Nasser, Robert Garcia, Paul Flor, Joshua Jackson, Elizabeth Martinez, Tandiwe Mushonga, and Heather Parnock
  - b. Board Members present (remotely): Daniel Chenault and Don Mason
  - c. Absent Board Members: Sonia Lopez
  - d. Guests: Dayshawn Loudon
- III. Introductions (Board Members)
- IV. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items: *None*
- V. Review and Approve Minutes from March 27, 2025 Foundation Board Meeting
  - a. Motion to approve with no edits by S. Berger, seconded by D. Mason.
  - b. *Motion Carries*. Nine yeas, no abstentions.
- VI. Presentations: *none*
- VII. Oral Reports:
  - a. Compton College and Compton Community College District Update (Compton College president/CEO): Dr. Curry provided an update on Compton College's year-end celebrations, including commencement on June 13 – Russlynn Ali will be the keynote speaker. The college received approval for two major construction projects: a \$22 million Visual and Performing Arts project and a \$68 million Physical Education complex. Dr. Curry also highlighted new academic programs including Culinary Arts at the new Compton High School and a Fire Academy. He mentioned the Compton Community Health Professions Partnership and the Los Angeles County Nursing initiative. Registration for summer and fall semesters is strong. Dr. Curry discussed Compton College's focus on improving student outcomes and connecting students to jobs, highlighting new institutional and departmental goals for student success. He mentioned the hiring of an apprenticeship specialist and the importance of transfer partnerships within a 50-mile radius, supported by a \$1.9 million grant. (Board secretary to share the Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan with the Board)
  - b. Foundation Officers/Executive Committee Update (Board President): Dan Chenault provided and update covering financial concerns including negative net revenue, scholarship updates,

and the need to clarify officer roles and update the bylaws before July 1. A Google folder will be set up for easier collaboration.

- c. Foundation Director Report: Heather Parnock provided an update on new board members including the collection of signed Conflict of Interest Forms. She noted that completed audit reports are available online. She discussed scholarship criteria and legal requirements, explaining that scholarships must be inclusive rather than exclusive, and any demographic targeting must use language like “Including but not limited to” to comply with Prop 209 and federal regulations. The Foundation to review the policy associated with the establishment of a scholarship. New scholarships including a \$1,000 student-athlete scholarship from Al Cherry’s wife and a potential scholarship from retirees were reviewed, as well as the Joyce Duren scholarship which remains unawarded despite being fully funded. An update on the Foundation Manager position was provided, and the board was reminded that the foundation does not fundraise for capital projects, with those being funded through facilities bonds and state funding.
- d. Financial Update (Dr. Abdul Nasser and Treasurer)
  - i. Update on Annual Dues: Began collecting in Board dues a year and a half ago; \$114 each year from Board members. \$1,596 collected thus far, with one more deposit in progress. A couple of Board members have not paid their dues as of today. New members have until the end of the calendar year to pay their annual dues.
  - ii. Current Financial Statements for FY 2024 and 2025
    - 1. Dr. Nasser presented a financial report showing the foundation's assets have decreased from \$1.8 million to \$1.6 million, with a net revenue of \$689,000 in 2023. He discussed the need to increase revenues and address negative balances in some scholarship programs. Dan requested a more detailed report showing where the decreases in funds occurred. Nasser agreed to provide this information separately (a list of expenditures).
    - 2. The board discussed the need to contact donors about inactive or underutilized scholarships and potentially move funds to the unrestricted account. They also considered establishing a scholarship workgroup to review and manage these funds more effectively. Sheri recommended an action item to take action on stagnant scholarships.
    - 3. Paul asked whether students are aware of the scholarship opportunities. One application is used for all scholarships, and a checklist is applied for eligibility. The Foundation Board would like to see the application. Now that 2025-2026 application is closed, it would be a good time to look at all scholarships. Establish a subcommittee.
    - 4. With Dr. Nasser’s pending retirement (June 30, 2025), the Board still has some uncertainty regarding the accounts (labeling, fund sources, etc.)

#### VIII. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Action Taken on the Floor: Establishment of a Scholarship Review Subcommittee to review financial documents for each scholarship as well as the scholarship application process. Call for members at Annual Organizational Meeting on June 26.
  - i. Motion made by D. Chenault, seconded by S. Berger.
    - 1. *Motion Carries*. Nine yeas, no abstentions.
  - ii. Those interested in being on the committee should contact the Board Secretary.

### **Action Taken Outside of Posted Agenda**

An item was added and acted upon during the meeting without prior inclusion on the posted agenda. While the motion carried, it was noted that this procedure does not align with Brown Act requirements for urgency items. A memo clarifying proper procedures will be included in the next Board agenda packet.

- b. 2023-2024 Audit (Dr. Abdul Nasser)
  - i. Nasser presented a clean audit report, noting no findings and confirming the accuracy of financial statements.
- c. Questions for the candidate present:
  - i. Parnock asked about time commitment and reiterated this is a ‘working’ Board.
  - ii. Chenault asked why the candidate wanted to serve on the Board.
  - iii. Mason asked about the candidate’s passion and drive, and connection to Compton College.
- d. Closed Session Began at 6:50 p.m.
  - i. Potential Board Member – Recommended by the Executive Committee: Isabelle Saber
  - ii. Potential Board Member – Recommended by the Executive Committee: Dayshawn Loudon
  - iii. Motion by S. Berger and seconded by A. Nasser to table Saber’s application to the June 26 agenda.
    - 1. *Motion Carries*. Nine yeas, no abstentions.
  - iv. Motion by A. Nasser and seconded by D. Chenault to accept Loudon nomination, with a two-year term beginning June 26, 2025.
    - 1. *Motion Carries*. Nine yeas, no abstentions.
    - 2. *Upon acceptance, the Secretary sends the Conflict of Interest Form and information regarding annual dues.*
- e. Return to Open Session at 6:55 p.m.
  - i. Took action to approve one nomination.
    - 1. Loudon – *accepted*.
    - 2. Saber – *hold for June 26 Board meeting*.

### **IX. Discussion/Information Items:**

- a. Update on Brown Act guidelines (Secretary with Dr. Curry) – No update. Not sure we need it due to the Board’s ability to meet quorum in person. Waiting on options from legal counsel regarding Brown Act guidelines.

### **Reminder: Brown Act Requirements for Remote Attendance**

Under the Brown Act, Board members may only participate in meetings remotely under limited and specific circumstances. As of January 1, 2025, the rules are governed by AB 2449 and AB 2302, which outline the following permissible reasons for remote attendance:

- 1. Just Cause – Includes childcare or caregiving needs, contagious illness, disability, or travel for business or another official purpose.
- 2. Emergency Circumstances – A physical or family emergency that prevents in-person attendance.
- 3. Disability Accommodation – If a Board member has a qualifying disability under the ADA that precludes in-person attendance.

To remain in compliance, all remote attendance must be pre-approved and documented according to these guidelines.

- b. Update on Oliver W. Conner Estate

- i. Updates were provided regarding the Oliver W. Conner estate and the establishment of a holding corporation to oversee the estate's funds and properties. Dr. Curry explained that a settlement agreement resulted in \$3 million for the family and \$6 million for properties, which will now be managed by the newly created Oliver W. Conner Holding Corporation. The foundation will partner with the corporation to disburse funds for scholarships and the Promise program. Curry also discussed ongoing legal matters regarding property ownership and insurance liability, as well as plans to develop two properties on Long Beach Boulevard.
    - 1. Board secretary to share Inside Higher Education article regarding the Oliver. W. Conner Estate and Governing Board-approved Compton CCD Land Corporation resolution.
  - ii. Regarding the reference to the Promise Program in the Net Assets report, that refers to the original contract with Follette Bookstore. Money is set aside to cover the Fee Waivers for Promise program students. State dollars are utilized first.
  - iii. Next Steps: work with legal counsel to establish an MOU regarding the Foundation's role in the disbursement of scholarship funds generated by the Estate.
- c. Review of 2024-2025 Foundation Goals in preparation of the June 26 meeting and development of 2025-2026 goals. One of six completed.

X. Information Items:

- a. Compton College 2025-2026 Scholarship Program
  - i. 219 applications started, 153 completed. Awarding 26 of 47 available scholarships to 43 students.
- b. Reminders:
  - i. Academic and Scholarship Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Tues. June 3 at 6 p.m.
  - ii. Commencement will be held at Dignity Health Sports Park on Fri. June 13 at 6 p.m. (Foundation Board members must RSVP to H. Parnock by June 5 for VIP seating)

XI. Other Business

XII. Future Agenda Items from Board Members: *none*.

XIII. Next Meeting: June 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. – Annual Organizational Meeting

- a. 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule
- b. 2025-2026 Goals
- c. Annual Budget Review/Approval
- d. Establishment of Subcommittees (as needed)

XIV. Adjournment at 7:15 p.m.