

CCC BOARD OF EDUCATION – TOPIC SUMMARY	
Topic:	Minutes of the Executive, Work, and Regular Sessions from February 18, 2026
Date:	March 18, 2026
Division/Department:	President’s Office
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Approval of the Minutes for February 18, 2026



**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 18, 2026**

**Clackamas Community College  
Roger Rook Hall – room RR 111 A & B  
19600 Molalla Ave,  
Oregon City, OR 97045**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Jo Crenshaw called the Executive Session of the Clackamas Community College Board of Education to order at 5:32 p.m. on February 18, 2026. Present were Board members Josephine “Jo” Crenshaw, Alina Krollenbrock, Jane Reid, Ryan Ingersoll, and Rob Wheeler, along with President Tim Cook, Vice President David Plotkin, Vice President Jeff Shaffer, Chief Human Resources Officer Melissa McCormack, and Board Recorder Kattie Riggs.*

*Items discussed were pursuant to:*

*ORS 192.660(2)(e), To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.*

*ORS 192.660(2)(d), To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.*

*Chair Jo Crenshaw adjourned the Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.*

**WORK SESSION**

*Chair Jo Crenshaw called the Work Session of the Clackamas Community College Board of Education to order at 6:35 p.m. on February 18, 2026.*

## **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** 5 – Board Members Josephine “Jo” Crenshaw, Ryan Ingersoll, Alina Krollenbrock, Jane Reid, and Rob Wheeler

**ABSENT:** 2 – Board Members Irene Konev and Wade Hathhorn

## **COLLEGE**

**REPRESENTATIVES:** 9 – President Tim Cook, Vice President David Plotkin, Vice President Jeff Shaffer, Chief Culture and Impact Officer Casey Layton, LEAP Program Manager Csea Leonard, LEAP Program Coordinator Christina Francisco-Evans, Executive Assistant Jessi Alley-Snell, Recorder Kattie Riggs, and other CCC staff

## **I. COUGAR LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, AND ADVOCACY FOR PROGRESS OFFICE PRESENTATION**

*Casey Layton, Chief Culture and Impact Officer, introduced Csea Leonard, LEAP (Leadership, Education, and Advocacy for Progress) Program Manager and Gabby Sloss, Workforce Development Manager.*

*Csea shared information regarding the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, subcommittees, and education and training opportunities. Csea also highlighted the success of the "Snack and Learn" program, which transitioned to a panel-style format featuring internal college experts to foster community and meet Oregon's cultural competency requirements.*

*Gabby shared information regarding how Workforce Development partners with the Leadership, Education, and Advocacy for Progress (LEAP) office and the DEI Committee to strengthen the work they do. Gabby explained how the "Cougar Pause" structured reflection process has been integrated into their operations. This framework ensures that the allocation of declining federal and state training funds remains equitable and transparent, specifically helping community members navigate complex systems like job loss and economic instability.*

*The Board inquired about the logistics of reaching a consensus within a DEI committee of over 50 members. Casey and Csea clarified that while final decisions may rest with the leadership, the process is highly collaborative, with the bulk of project-specific work and topic selection occurring within smaller, interest-based subcommittees. Additionally, the Board asked about the evaluation process for meeting the legislative requirements of House Bill 2864. The presenters explained that while the college technically evaluates its own progress through these board reports, they consistently aim to exceed the statute's baseline standards. They noted that while the bill was intended to be the first of several, subsequent state funding and external evaluation structures have yet to be fully realized by the legislature.*

*Chair Jo Crenshaw adjourned the Work Session at 6:56 p.m.*

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Jo Crenshaw called the regular meeting of the Clackamas Community College Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. on February 18, 2026.*

## II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 – Board Members Josephine “Jo” Crenshaw, Ryan Ingersoll, Alina Krollenbrock, Jane Reid, and Rob Wheeler

ABSENT: 2 – Board Members Irene Konev and Wade Hathhorn

## COLLEGE

REPRESENTATIVES: 7 – President Tim Cook, Vice President David Plotkin, Vice President Jeff Shaffer, ASG President Samuel Power, Classified President Jennifer Pope (Virtually), Executive Assistant Jessi Alley-Snell, Recorder Kattie Riggs, and other CCC staff

*Chair Crenshaw called upon Jane Reid to say a few words about the late CCC Board member Judy Ervin and asked that the audience join the Board in a moment of silence to honor Judy who passed in December 2025.*

## III. LABOR AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*Chair Crenshaw called upon Jane Reid and Rob Wheeler to read both the land and labor acknowledgments.*

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Chair Crenshaw called upon those wishing to speak before the Board.*

*There were none.*

## V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. The Board considered the approval of the following:
  - a. Minutes (Work and Regular Sessions) 01.21.26
2. The Board acknowledged the acceptance of the following:
  - a. Monthly Financial Reports
  - b. Personnel Report
  - c. Bond Update
  - d. Fall Enrollment

**R25/26-24 Motion made by Rob Wheeler, seconded by Ryan Ingersoll, to approve and accept Consent Agenda items 1a through 2d. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 5 – Board Members Jo Crenshaw, Alina Krollenbrock, Jane Reid, Rob Wheeler, and Ryan Ingersoll**

## VI. NEW BUSINESS – FIRST READ

1. Tuition and Fees for 2026/2027

*Christy Owen, Dean of Business Services, shared information regarding the policies and use of tuition and fees and cost modeling showing a \$6 per credit hour increase. The proposal includes a 4.6% tuition increase—moving from \$130 to \$136 per credit hour—and a \$1 increase in*

*universal fees split between general fee, student technology fee, and the college services fee. Despite these adjustments, Clackamas Community College (CCC) remains in the bottom third of Oregon's 17 community colleges for affordability and stays below the state average of \$6,913 for a full-time student. Board members and Associated Student Government President Samuel Powers discussed the "difficult balance" of maintaining institutional sustainability and essential student services like tutoring while minimizing the financial burden on students navigating the high cost of living in the Portland metro area. While Vice President Jeff Schaefer noted that state funding levels remain an "unknown" until the upcoming legislative short session, the Board reaffirmed its historical commitment to keeping CCC tuition competitive with local peers like PCC and Mt. Hood. This was a first read and would come back to the Board during the March 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for final approval.*

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION**

1. Resolution No. R25/26 – 25, Authorizing to Contract with GT Bladeworks, Inc. for the Bond Project Improving the Douglas Loop Walking Trail

*Ron Prince, Dean of Campus Services, and Dale Kuykendall, CCC's Owner's Representative, presented Resolution R25-26, which authorized an \$859,000 contract with GT Blade Works, Inc. for improvements to the Douglas Loop Walking Trail. Ron explained that the project aimed to enhance safety and ADA accessibility by creating a continuous path that integrates with the Oregon City Master Trail Plan. Although the City required additional enhanced lighting as a permit condition, the team reported that the project remained under budget due to competitive bids coming in lower than anticipated. The Board discussed the integration of safety cameras and community-requested features such as benches, artwork, and a pet-friendly drinking fountain, ultimately praising the project as a valuable campus and community amenity.*

**R25/26-25 Motion made by Rob Wheeler, seconded by Jane Reid, approving Resolution No. R25/26-25, authorizing to contract with GT Bladeworks, Inc. for the bond project improving the Douglas Loop walking trail. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 5 – Board Members Jo Crenshaw, Alina Krollenbrock, Jane Reid, Rob Wheeler, and Ryan Ingersoll**

## **VIII. STUDENT/FACULTY PRESENTATIONS**

1. Veteran Services Center Presentation with Student(s)

*Aubrie Balkwill, Veteran Services Coordinator, provided some background information about the CCC Veteran Services Center's mission to serve as both a "landing space and a launch pad" for military-connected students, which includes prior service members, active-duty personnel, and their immediate family members. The VET Center was recognized as the number one community college for veterans in Oregon and recently received a grant of nearly \$18,000 to further support campus services. Beyond administrative support, Aubrey described a vibrant community atmosphere fostered through events like paintball, car-bash fundraisers, and shared meals, emphasizing that the center's holistic approach helps remove barriers to education while strengthening a sense of belonging among its 2,500 annual visitors.*

*Aubrie introduced two students, Kadya Hutchinson and Johnathan Bernard, to share their stories and experiences with the CCC Vet Center. Kadya, a mother of three and military spouse, credited the college's flexibility and the center's welcoming environment with allowing her to pursue a degree in social sciences with the goal of becoming a counselor. Johnathan, a veteran and student work-study employee, described the center as a "solid foundation" that provided essential work-life balance and a supportive peer network during his transition from the corporate world. The session concluded with Board members expressing their gratitude for the presentation and the vital role the "crown jewel" Vet Center plays in the success of the college's diverse student population.*

## **IX. ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

### **1. Associated Student Government (ASG)**

*Samuel Power, ASG President, shared that the leadership has had a few transitions over the last month. They have hosted three trivia events, a valentine's day event, and participated in lobby day.*

### **2. Classified Association (ACE)**

*Jennifer Pope, Classified President, shared the participation of classified members in recent regional retention efforts and the success of managing the professional development funds. Jennifer commended the campus services engineers on their role in energy efficient bond projects and recognized Ami Collofello for her coordination of multiple music events and festivals.*

### **3. Full-Time Faculty Association (FTF)**

### **4. Associate Faculty (Previously Part-Time Faculty) Association (CCCAFA)**

## **X. COLLEGE REPORTS**

### **1. President's Report**

*President Cook provided an update about a few events that he had attended over the last month. He commended Jennifer Anderson for her work on the Oregon Student Success and Retention Conference held in Portland the week prior. He briefly touched on Lobby Day at the State Capitol that had happened earlier that day and the Ways and Means Committee meeting the very next day. He reminded the Board about the Black Excellence event next week at the Harmony campus.*

*Debra Mason, CCC's Foundation Executive Director, and Haley Stupasky, Foundation Director of College Advancement, presented the annual CCC Foundation report, highlighting a landmark year of growth in student support and long-term sustainability. The Foundation reported a 60% year-over-year increase in basic needs distribution, providing over \$158,000 for essential costs like rent and utilities, bolstered by President Tim Cook's 1,400-mile "ROCCS" run which raised \$101,000 for the college. Scholarships also reached record levels, with over \$1 million awarded to 423 students, while the Foundation made its most significant investment in the future by establishing three new million-dollar endowments focused on student opportunity, basic needs, and the ASG food pantry. Looking ahead to*

2026, the team announced a major \$5 million commitment from Terry and Cheryl Holden for the Natural Resource Center bond project and introduced upcoming community fundraisers, including a basketball bracket challenge, a mini-golf event, and the May 13<sup>th</sup> Rise Up Luncheon.

**XI. BOARD OPERATIONS**

1. Board Chair Business Report
2. CCC Education Foundation Report
3. Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) Report  
*Jane shared the OCCA report.*
4. Board of Education Community Reports  
*Each Board member provided updates about things they had participated in over the last month or two.*

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair Crenshaw adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.*

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Kattie Riggs, Recorder

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Jo Crenshaw, Board Chair

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Tim Cook, President