North Orange County Community College District Foundation
(NOCCCD Foundation)
Official Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
August 5, 2026

Board Members in Attendance:

Byron D. Clift Breland – President
Chancellor, NOCCCD

John Parker – Vice President
Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services

Scott Thayer – Member
President, Cypress College

Kai Stearns Davis – Treasurer
District Director, Public & Governmental Affairs, NOCCCD

Valentina Purtell – Member
President, North Orange Continuing Education

Board Members in Attendance (Zoom):

Ed Lopez – Member
Vice President, Board of Trustees, NOCCCD

Board Members not in Attendance:

Cynthia Olivo – Secretary
President, Fullerton College

Also Present:

Erika Almaraz
Executive Director of Fiscal Affairs, NOCCCD

Terry Cox
Director, Administrative Services, North Orange Continuing Education

Lisa Nashua
Executive Director, Friends of Fullerton College Foundation and Outreach

Howard Kummerman
Executive Director, Cypress College Foundation

Marvin Monterroza
Accounting Analyst, Fiscal Affairs, NOCCCD

Amabel Arredondo
Interim Administrative Assistant, Public & Governmental Affairs, NOCCCD

Call to Order & Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. Six of the seven authorized Board members were present, establishing a quorum. The minutes from the May 6, 2026, meeting were approved as corrected, with President Valentina Purtell and Kai Stearns Davis abstaining. All other members voted in favor.

Consideration of Action Items from the May 6, 2026, Meeting: Dr. Breland explained that three action items from the May 6, 2026 meeting were placed on the agenda for consideration because a quorum had not been established at the previous meeting.

- **February 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as corrected. President Valentina Purtell abstained; all other members voted in favor.
- **Eide Bailly Audited Financial Statements:** The Board unanimously accepted the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.
- **Authorization for Women in Power Spaces Convening (WiPS) to Use the Foundation Stripe Account for Ticket Sales:** The Board approved the use of the Foundation Stripe account for WiPS ticket sales, effective May 6, 2026. Dr. Lisa Nashua abstained; all other members voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Terry Cox presented the quarterly financial report.

Quarterly Financial Reports:
Terry Cox reviewed the Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2026. She highlighted the following:

- A cash balance of $96,494.74 held with SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union.
- Investments totaling $155,391.04 held with the Cypress College Foundation to earn a higher interest rate.

Terry Cox reviewed the Income Statement for the year ending June 30, 2026. She highlighted the following:

- Total revenues of $20,864.95.
- Total expenses of $10,783.61, with scholarship awards representing the largest portion of expenses.
- Program-related expenses of $3,704.32 related to the prior Women in Power Spaces (WiPS) event.
- Total net assets of $249,113.26.

Terry also reviewed the Income Statement for the quarter ending June 30, 2026. She explained that the $50,000 contribution for the Fullerton College Pathways Fund was a pass-through and was reported as a reduction in revenue after the funds were transferred to Fullerton College.

NOCE Activity Update: Terry Cox provided the following updates for the NOCE Foundation:

- The Fall Book Award application period opened July 26, 2026, and will remain open through August 21, 2026.
- Funding for the book awards may come from multiple sources, including Foundation accounts.

President Valentina Purtell reported that **$1,700 in scholarships** was awarded during the spring for the DMA Scholarship, NOCE Kindness Scholarship, Planting Seeds Scholarship, Roots of Success Award, and Student Emergency Relief.

Cypress College Foundation Update: Dr. Scott Thayer provided an overview of recent Cypress College Foundation activities. He highlighted the continued growth of the Foundation's endowment, increased scholarship support for students, and the Foundation's expanding community engagement. He also reminded members that the Cypress College Golf Classic will be held on September 14, 2026.

Howard Kummerman provided the following updates:

- The Foundation completed its June annual meeting, which included approval of the budget, officer slate, membership renewals, Board giving plans, committee assignments, and conflict-of-interest acknowledgments.
- The Foundation's year-end financials are underway, with the audit scheduled for September.
- The Foundation completed a Google workplace mentoring program grant in partnership with the Orange County Community Foundation and Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- A contribution of $1 million was received to establish the Angela Friedman Educational Fund Endowment, along with an additional $50,000 to begin awarding scholarships immediately.
- Approximately 600 people attended the Scholarship Awards Ceremony, where $550,000 in scholarships was awarded.
- The Foundation developed a partnership with Olive Crest to connect prospective students with Cypress College and provide campus tours, counseling support, and enrollment assistance.
- Upcoming events include "Pups and Pints" on October 16, the VAPA Grand Opening and VIP reception on October 22, the Americana Kickoff on December 9, and the Americana Awards on March 20.
- Cypress College will celebrate its 60th anniversary throughout the year.

Friends of Fullerton College Foundation Update: Dr. Lisa Nashua provided the following updates for the Friends of Fullerton College Foundation:

- The Viva Fullerton College Presidential Gala will be held on October 24, 2026. Cindy Ayloush, former CEO of HydroFlow and a Fullerton College alumna, was selected as the first honoree.
- The Foundation received a $100,000 grant from the Samueli Foundation to support Board development and increase Foundation capacity. The Foundation currently has four Board members and continues to recruit additional members.
- The Foundation is expanding donor stewardship by providing endowment donors with updates on their fund balances, earnings, scholarship awards, and thank-you letters from student recipients.
- The Foundation will offer its first fall scholarship cycle. Four $2,000 scholarships funded through the Orange County Community Foundation will be awarded in two installments of $1,000 in the fall and $1,000 in the spring.
- A new donor-funded endowment was established with a $50,000 contribution.
- The Foundation received a second $1 million contribution from the Samueli Foundation. A portion of the funding was used to reimburse the District for staff salaries associated with the project.

Women in Power Spaces (WiPS) Initiative: Kai Stearns Davis presented a proposal for WiPS to operate as an initiative under the District Foundation and use the Foundation's 501(c)(3) status for future fundraising opportunities. The Board discussed the staffing and accounting needs that could result from future grant activity.

Action: The Board approved the Women in Power Spaces as an initiative under the District Foundation and authorized the use of the Foundation's 501(c)(3) status for future fundraising efforts, with Kai Stearns Davis abstaining.

Special Projects Manager, Foundation Partnerships and Philanthropy: Valentina Purtell informed the Board of the position. No action was taken.

Other Business:

- None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: November 4, 2026