



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Zoom Conference Call
Thursday, March 26, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present: Anthony Ferry Isaiah Henry Mark Schwartz
 Elizabeth McCann, staff Emily Cramer, staff

Absent: Jim Leach Dr. Elliot Stern

Guests:

- Meeting called to order at 3:56 p.m.
- Attendance taken and quorum achieved.
- Consent Agenda
 - March 26, 2026, Meeting Minutes
 - Gifts Received (4/1/26 - 4/30/26)Isaiah Henry motioned to approve agenda, Anthony Ferry seconded, motion approved.
- Board Development – Dr. Elizabeth McCann
 - Board Development committee members, Jim Leach Cara Davidoff, Scott Kitscher and Liz McCann, met on Zoom and had a very productive meeting.
 - Scott will be bringing in a lot of people.
 - Liz will reach out to some Board members to get their thoughts on the executive officers for the next academic year and will pull together a slate of officers.
 - Jim is happy to stay on as secretary.
 - Cara would like to step up at some later time.
 - Trying to get somebody from Kia North America to step on. Kia recently donated a prototype vehicle to our auto tech area.
 - Scott is working on somebody from Disney to represent the hospitality and the culinary side of things.
 - We need to schedule a meeting with Javad Mokhbary and the executive committee.
- Finance Committee Update – Anthony Ferry
 - A lot of good news with the stock market right now.
- Foundation Executive Director's Report – Dr. Elizabeth McCann
 - Dr. Stern keeps getting pulled into statewide conversations and community college system conferences on AI. He has become a statewide expert on AI.
 - One of the most impactful moments at the scholarship ceremony was when we asked all the students to stand and be recognized. Hundreds of students stood up and the room applauded them.

- The Math and Computer Science Building ribbon cutting was on May 19th. The bridge and landscape are nearing completion.
- Last week at commencement, it was inspiring to see over 7,000 students received degrees and certificates.
- July 1st is Dr. Cordova's arrival, and there will be a couple weeks where she overlaps with Dr. Stern. He'll be able to tie up loose ends and help her through a couple of short transition weeks.
- The Director of Financial Aid search pool included not only sitting directors of financial aid across the state and outside the state, but people who've already moved into dean positions where they are overseeing the directors of financial aid. Saddleback is a highly sought-after institution. The pool was narrowed down to nine really great candidates.
- Gala planning is in full swing.
 - o Sponsorship packets are going out to potential sponsors a little ahead of schedule.
 - o Still working on the event theme and tagline.
 - o Already started planning the videos highlighting different programs. Will showcase the incredible cybersecurity lab.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.