



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Zoom Conference Call

Thursday, August 20, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present: Dr. Lonita Cardova Anthony Ferry Isaiah Henry
 Jim Leach Mark Schwartz Elizabeth McCann, staff
 Emily Cramer, staff

Absent:

Guests:

1. Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.
2. Attendance taken and quorum achieved.
3. Consent Agenda
 - May 28, 2026, Meeting Minutes
 - Gifts Received (5/1/26 - 5/31/26)

Jim Leach motioned to approve agenda, Anthony Ferry seconded, and Dr. Cordova abstained. Motion approved.
4. Board Development – Jim Leach/Dr. Elizabeth McCann
 - Bringing forward a couple of candidates and will connect with Kevin McClelland once he gets through his work transition.
 - Board Development committee members nominated Yolanda Farrow, head of human resources for Kia North America for membership (Action)

Board approved to forward Yolanda Farrow's nomination to the full Board of Directors at the next meeting.

 - A meeting will be scheduled with Javad Mokhbary and the Executive Committee team.
5. Finance Committee Update – Anthony Ferry
 - Will save the finance report for the full Board meeting.
6. President's Report – Dr. Lonita Cordova
 - Lots of activities are going on during the first week of school.
 - Looking forward to the upcoming football game against Pasadena City College.
 - Students are in the forefront of networking as they participated in the Orange County Business Council Legislative Day.
 - Doing a lot of listening and tours while getting bearings with everything, learning a lot of acronyms and the campus culture.
 - Will partner with Liz on supporting the Foundation as much as possible.

- Saddleback College hosted the Dutch training team for track and field with a tour of the stadium. Their track team will be training at the stadium during the Olympics. Spain, as well as Slovenia, are on the radar for training at Saddleback College during the Olympics.
 - Celebrated Saddleback College with cake on the quad, for being ranked the number one community college in the state and sixth in the nation.
7. Foundation Executive Director's Report – Dr. Elizabeth McCann
- The gala is on Saturday October 10th.
 - The event will be held in the Math and Computer Science Building.
 - The theme is, "The Future is Here".
 - Building on last year's mid-century modern themed event and moving into the future.
 - Focusing on the School of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).
 - Finalizing the gala videos.
 - Focusing on STEM at Saddleback College, the unique opportunities that we provide our students and the community, and how the Foundation supports this work.
 - Top sponsor guests will check in at 5:30 p.m. for additional reception time.
 - The event will begin at 6:00 p.m.
 - Anthony Ferry will bring his DeLorean for a photo opportunity upon arriving at the event.
 - A cybersecurity demo will be happening throughout the reception for guests to check out.
 - Faculty and students will demonstrate a simulated cyber hack.
 - The silent auction will be going on during the reception.
 - Joey Sellers' Jazz students will be playing during the reception.
 - Dinner and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m.
 - The jazz faculty will perform during dinner, followed by the live auction and sponsor a student.
 - We will have more gala details at the Board retreat.
 - Need the Board members to step up as sponsors and help secure sponsors.
 - Looking for donations of sports tickets, gift certificates, vacation rentals, wine, etc.
 - Liz will reach out to each Board member.
 - RX3 held a charity basketball game at Open Gym Premier in Ladera Ranch.
 - The Foundation will co-host the Installation event for Dr. Lonita Cordova on September 30 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the McKinney Theatre.
8. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.