

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SAN JUAN COLLEGE BOARD  
November 3, 2025**

**ITEM A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Valerie Uselman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The following members were present:

Valerie Uselman, Chairperson  
R. Shane Chance, Vice Chairperson  
Evelyn Benny, Secretary  
Joseph Rasor, Member  
Byron Manning, Member  
Bev Taylor, Member  
GloJean Todacheene, Member

**ITEM B. WELCOME OF GUESTS AND VISITORS**

San Juan College Administrators and Staff in Attendance Included:  
Toni Hopper Pendergrass, Edward DesPlas, Boomer Appleman,  
Kerri Langoni Carpenter, Ana Greif, Michael Ottinger, Yolanda Benally,  
Carrie Tsosie-Jim, Gwyn Adams, Josh Bishop, Troy Brown, Alicia Corbell,  
Teresa Emrich, Jacinta Esquibel, Veronica Evans, Thalia Garcia-Charley,  
Jason Hayes, Nicholle Liessmann, Roy Lytle, Murdoch Maloney,  
Hannah Messenger, Lizbeth Moreno, Kimberly Nath, Claude Pence, Chris Rosen,  
Rhonda Schaefer, and Donna Ellis, Recorder

Guest(s): Amanda Chavira, Tessa McCarville, Jared Meechan, Cayele Wilson

**ITEM C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Todacheene moved and Mr. Rasor seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM D. REPORTS**

**1. Monthly Presentation**

Ms. Hannah Messenger, Director of Student Engagement and Campus Life, introduced the 2025-2026 SJC Foundation Trustees and President's Scholars.

**iCare Minute Video**

No iCare video.

## **2. Association Reports**

Associated Students representative, Ms. Amanda Chavira, provided the Board with a report.

Professional Staff Association representative, Ms. Jacinta Esquibel, provided the Board with a report.

Faculty Association representative, Ms. Nicholle Liessmann, provided the Board with a report.

Support Staff Association representative, Ms. Lizbeth Moreno, provided the Board with a report.

## **ITEM E. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

## **ITEM F. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. October 6, 2025 Work Session Minutes**

The October 6, 2025, Work Session Minutes were presented in the Board Packet for approval.

### **2. October 6, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

The October 6, 2025, regular Board Meeting Minutes were presented in the Board Packet for approval.

### **3. Correspondence**

None.

### **4. Financials**

The Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2025, was presented in the Board Packet.

### **5. Personnel Report**

The following employment actions were made since the last Board meeting:

**Appointments:** Crystanya Begay, Program Advisor, TRIO SSS STEM-H, effective September 29, 2025; Lander Morris, ERP, SIS Implementations Officer, effective September 29, 2025; Huanyu Ren, Research Specialist, Institutional Research and Planning, effective October 6, 2025; Gabriella Henry, Custodian, Physical Plant, effective October 6, 2025; Kailee Valdez, Administrative Assistant Vice President of HR and Legal

Activities, Human Resources, effective October 6, 2025; Caiden Scott, Workforce Learning Specialist, Center for Workforce Development, effective October 13, 2025; Karly Miller, Administrative Assistant II, Center for Professional Exploration and Development, effective October 13, 2025; Christina Lainhart, Security Officer, Department of Public Safety, effective October 20, 2025; Ana Greif, Vice President of Workforce and Economic Development, effective October 27, 2025; Lasell Sandoval, Custodian, Physical Plant, effective October 27, 2025.

**Changes:** Justin Brannon, Senior Administrative Assistant, Advising Center to Academic Advisor, Advising Center, effective October 4, 2025; Tohnie Nakai, Part-time Administrative Assistant II, Continuing Education to Operations Coordinator, Continuing Education, effective October 6, 2025; Tanda McCombe, Student Apprenticeship and Internship Coordinator, Center for Student Careers and Employment to NM GROWTH Program Manager, Center for Workforce Development, effective October 18, 2025.

**Separations:** Jared Badoni, Custodian, Physical Plant, separation of employment, effective September 29, 2025; Nathaniel Armenta, Director-NASNTI Soar, end of grant, effective September 30, 2025; Sophia Archuleta, Administrative Assistant II, Human and Health Performance Center, separation of employment, effective October 16, 2025; Brian Bex, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Financial Aid, separation of employment, effective October 16, 2025; Dakota Smith, Custodian, Physical Plant, separation of employment, effective October 23, 2025; Courtney Zakarian, Academic Advisor WNMU Transfer Center, Student Outreach, Advising and Retention, separation of employment, effective October 24, 2025; Amy Nacki, Intake Assistant, Student Resources Center, separation of employment, effective October 30, 2025.

## **6. Deletion of Equipment from Inventory**

College Administration recommends the disposition of certain assets that are worn out, unrepairable, cannibalized, obsolete, or otherwise unusable. In accordance with Chapter 13-6-1 through 4 (Article 6) of the New Mexico State Statute, the Board is required to affirm the administration's recommendation. (The list of the assets recommended for disposition are included in the Board Packet.)

### **Recommendation**

I recommend the Board of Trustees approve the College Administration's recommendation and approve the listed items for disposal.

## **7. Higher Education Endowment Fund Report – June 30, 2025**

San Juan College is required to submit to the New Mexico Higher Education Department an annual report that provides the status of all legislative Higher Education Endowment Funds appropriated to the College and Foundation as of June 30th.

The report for San Juan College at June 30, 2025, has been provided in the Board Packet for this meeting.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve San Juan College's Higher Education Endowment Fund Report at June 30, 2025.

## **8. 3% Scholarship Awardees**

Section 21-13-19 NMSA 1978 allows for community college boards to establish and grant gratis scholarships to students who are residents of New Mexico. At San Juan College, these scholarships have become known as “3% Success Scholarships”. In the Fall 2025 semester, 172 students were awarded these scholarships at a total cost of \$92,995.00. A list of the students who have received this assistance was distributed to Trustees with the Board agenda packet.

### **Recommendation**

I recommend the Board of Trustees ratify the award and disbursement of the “3% Success Scholarships” for the Fall 2025 semester.

## **9. Information Report – Official Cohort Default Rate**

A cohort default rate is the percentage of a school's borrowers who enter repayment on certain Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program or William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program loans during a particular federal fiscal year (FY), October 1 to September 30, and default or meet other specified conditions prior to the end of the second following fiscal year. The U.S. Department of Education releases official cohort default rates once per year. A default rate of 30 percent or higher can jeopardize a college's ability to receive federal aid. (Federal Student Aid: [www2.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/defaultmanagement/cdr.html](http://www2.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/defaultmanagement/cdr.html))

According to the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, The Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005 (HERA), Pub.L.109-71 and the Department of Education's (Department) regulations, San Juan College is not subject to any sanctions based on the school's Fiscal Year 2022 cohort default rate.

San Juan College's official cohort default rate for Fiscal Year 2022 is 0.0%. To provide a historic perspective, recent years' rates were:

FY2022	0.0%
FY2021	0.0%
FY2020	0.0%
FY2019	3.3%
FY2018	12.7%
FY2017	14.1%
FY2016	15.9%
FY2015	18.4%

In March 27, 2020, Congress and the President enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116-136). The act suspended interest accrual, monthly loan payments, and involuntary collection on Direct Loan program loans and ED-held FFEL program loans through September 30, 2020. In August 2020, the relief measure was extended to December 31, 2020. Then, December 4, 2020, another extension occurred to January 31, 2021. On his first day in office, President Biden extended the student loan relief measures without an end date.

Repayment of student loans began October 2023 after being on hold for over three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Interest on loans began accruing again on September 1, 2023.

### **Recommendation**

I recommend the Board of Trustees review and be aware of this information.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Chance seconded to take the recommended actions as presented on the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

#### **ITEM G. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ITEM H. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL) PROGRAM ACQUISITIONS**

In order to continue to build training capabilities within the College's Commercial Driver's License Program, the School of Energy is requesting approval to purchase additional equipment. Under the guidance of the

College Purchasing Department and following a detailed and documented process to meet all of the State of New Mexico Procurement requirements, pricing has been obtained pursuant to Cooperative Educational Services (CES) CES #2024-24-C121-ALL from Inland Kenworth, headquartered in Albuquerque, NM with an office in Farmington, NM, for the acquisition of the following:

Three (3) Kenworth T680 commercial semi-trucks with 76" sleepers and extended warranties at a cost of \$578,682.00.

Funding for this purchase has been secured by a State appropriation of \$480,000.00 and \$98,682.00 from institutional funds provided by BP during its time in the San Juan Basin.

Mr. Chance moved and Ms. Todacheene seconded to approve the purchase of the equipment discussed herein from Inland Kenworth utilizing CES Contract #2024-24-C121-ALL in an amount not to exceed \$580,000.00. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

## **2. HEAVY EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS**

B & H F In an ongoing effort to build training capabilities within the College's new Heavy Equipment Operator Program, the School of Energy is requesting approval to purchase additional equipment. Under the guidance of the College Purchasing Department and following a detailed and documented process to meet all of the State of New Mexico Procurement requirements, pricing has been obtained pursuant to Cooperative Educational Services (CES) CES Contract #2022-10-C102-ALL from 4 Rivers Equipment LLC, headquartered in Farmington, NM, for the acquisition of the following:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1	John Deere Motor Grader Model #622G (With Maintenance Plan)	\$393,825.25
1	2022 Thunder Creek Multi-Tank Trailer	30,649.66
	Total Cost	\$424,474.91

College Administration requests a contingency of \$5,525.09 bringing the total to \$430,000.00.

Funding for this purchase has been secured with the House Bill 2 funding.

Ms. Todacheene moved and Mr. Rasor seconded to approve the purchase of the equipment discussed herein from 4 Rivers Equipment, LLC of Farmington, NM, utilizing CES Contract #2022-10-C102-ALL in an amount not to exceed \$430,000.00. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

### **3. DIESEL TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM ACQUISITIONS**

In order to continue to build training capabilities within the Diesel Technology Program, the School of Trades and Technology is requesting approval to purchase additional equipment. Under the guidance of the College Purchasing Department and following a detailed and documented process to meet all of the State of New Mexico Procurement requirements, pricing has been obtained pursuant to Cooperative Educational Services (CES) CES Contract #2022-10-C102-ALL from 4 Rivers Equipment LLC, headquartered in Farmington, NM, for the acquisition of the following:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1	Diesel Technology Training Aid (John Deere 410L Backhoe Loader)	\$ 79,500.00
1	Diesel Technology Training Aids (Assorted Trucks)	\$137,384.00
	Total Costs	\$216,884.00

College Administration requests a contingency of \$17,116.00 to cover applicable fees bringing the total to \$234,000.00.

Funding for this purchase has been secured by the New Mexico Higher Education Department under the State General Funds appropriation.

Mr. Rasor moved and Ms. Todacheene seconded to approve the purchase of the equipment discussed herein from 4 Rivers Equipment, LLC of Farmington, NM, utilizing CES Contract #2022-10-C102-ALL in an amount not to exceed \$234,000.00. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

#### **ITEM I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be **Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** in the San Juan College Board Room.

#### **ITEM J. CLOSED SESSION**

No Closed Session.

**ITEM K. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Chance moved and Ms Taylor seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Chairperson Uselman adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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Ms. Valerie Uselman, Chairperson  
San Juan College Board

ATTEST:

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Ms. Evelyn Benny, Secretary  
San Juan College Board

Date: December 1, 2025