

**SJC BOARD  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
November 3, 2025**

The Work Session was called to order at 5:04 p.m. with the following Board members present:

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

Staff Members Attending:

San Juan College Administrators and Staff in Attendance Included:

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

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

Topics Discussed Included:

**1. Questions on Board Agenda Items**

None.

**2. Takeaways from ACCT 2025 Leadership Congress**

From October 22 to October 24, three Trustees attended the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Conference for professional development. The SJC contingent presented to a large, engaged, and appreciative audience on the topic *"Providing for Students' Basic Needs: Housing, Food, and Healthcare"*.

The Trustees in attendance at the conference discussed key takaways from the event. Because many conference sessions focused on the use of AI, much of the conversation centered on how AI may shape the future of SJC. Discussion threads included:

- The need to train and support an AI-agile workforce.
- The growing range of AI applications beyond ChatGPT.
- The possibility of developing common guidelines for AI use in the classroom.
- The potential need for an "emerging technology" policy.
- The privacy risks associated with using the free version of ChatGPT.
- The possible need for more formalized planning and budgeting for deferred technology maintenance.

**3. August 31, 2025 Operating Budget Report**

Mr. Edward DesPlas briefed the Trustees on the Operating Budget for the two months ended August 31, 2025. Revenues and expenditures are occurring as planned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.