

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SAN JUAN COLLEGE BOARD
January 5, 2026**

ITEM A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Valerie Uselman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The following members were present:

Valerie Uselman, Chairperson
R. Shane Chance, Vice Chairperson
Evelyn Benny, Secretary
Julie 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, Michael Ottinger, Ana Greif, Gwyn Adams,
Mystelle Beasley, Troy Brown, Alicia Corbell, Gayle Dean, Teresa Emrich,
Veronica Evans, Thalia Garcia-Charley, Nicholle Liessmann, Murdoch Maloney,
Robert Martinez, Kimberly Nath, Greg Reynolds, Chris Rosen,
Rhonda Schaefer, Meridee Walters, and Paulette Stanley, Recorder

Guest(s): Joseph Rasor

Pursuant to the November 4, 2025, Regular Local Board Election, Ms. Julie Rasor of District 4, Mr. R. Shane Chance of District 6, and Ms. Valerie Uselman of District 7, took the Oath of Office as Trustees on the San Juan College Board, each serving a six-year term.

ITEM C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ITEM D. REPORTS

1. Monthly Presentation

No presentation.

iCare Minute Video

No video.

2. Association Reports

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

Support Staff Association representative, Ms. Thalia Garcia-Charley, provided the Board with a report.

No Associated Students report.

Professional Staff Association representative, Ms. Mystelle Beasley, provided the Board with a report.

ITEM E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

ITEM F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. December 1, 2025 Work Session Minutes

The December 1, 2025, Work Session Minutes were presented in the Board Packet for approval.

2. December 1, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

The December 1, 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 October 31, 2025, was presented in the Board Packet.

5. Personnel Report

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

Appointments: None.

Changes: None.

Separations: Steven Brown, Coordinator and Instructor, ACE Center, Separation of Employment, effective November 18, 2025; Martin Moulton, Instructor, School of Health Sciences, Separation of Employment, effective November 19, 2025; Lani Tyler, Workstation Support Analyst, Information Technology Center, Separation of Employment, effective December 5, 2025; Tia Johnson, Coordinator of TeachUp Indigenous Teacher Residency Program, Teacher Education, Separation of Employment, effective December 17, 2025; Alex Velasquez, Grounds Maintenance, Physical Plant, Separation of Employment, effective December 9, 2025; Haley Arias, Assistant Professor-Biology, Anatomy, and Physiology, Separation of Employment, December 19, 2025; Edison Becenti, Assistant Controller, Business Office, Separation of Employment, December 31, 2025; Donald Ellis, Professor, School of Arts and Humanities, Retirement, effective December 31, 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.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Todacheene 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. PROCTORED TESTING SERVICES

San Juan College Online Courses have been utilizing SmarterProctoring for proctored student testing since 2015. SmarterProctoring offers a flexible, secure solution for managing and administering proctored exams including automated, automated with review, live, face-to-face, and virtual test center

proctoring modalities. It remains a reliable testing experience for both students and instructors, especially in the era of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The number of tests given through this platform has increased over the past several years and now requires Board approval.

Under the guidance of the College Purchasing Department, pricing pursuant to Omnia Partners Contract #4900000529 from Meazure Learning, headquartered in Franklin, TN (with no office in the Four Corners) was obtained in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00 plus applicable taxes.

Resources for the cost of these services are budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Funds.

Mr. Chance moved and Mr. Manning seconded to approve this renewal agreement with additional proctored testing fees and Meazure Learning in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00 plus applicable taxes. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

2. PHYSICAL PLANT RELOCATION PROJECT, ADDITIONAL WORK

At the April 1, 2024, Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved selection of Jaynes Corporation as the contractor for the Physical Plant Relocation/Remodel project. San Juan College is now nearing the end of the project, and at this stage, there are available funds to remodel of two (2) existing bathrooms and pour additional paving around the cart storage structure.

The pricing is estimated to not exceed \$250,000.00 plus applicable taxes which is within the budget provided by 2023 Local GO Bond funding.

Ms. Todacheene moved and Ms. Rasor seconded to approve a change order from Jaynes Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00 plus applicable taxes. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

3. COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT – FOXTAIL FLATS AND FOUR MILE MESA

At the August 4, 2025, Board Work Session, Trustees were briefed on DESRI's intent to construct Foxtail Flats Solar and Storage as well as Four Mile Mesa Solar and Storage. DESRI has determined that San Juan College would be an appropriate partner for a community benefits agreement in recognition of property tax dollars lost by the retirement of the San Juan Generating Station and the College's role in serving a diverse and wide array of students in San Juan County. Under the negotiated community benefit agreement, DESRI will pay \$1,600,000.00 to the SJC Foundation as directed by the College. Payment will occur within thirty (30) days following the start

of construction which is anticipated to begin in March/April 2026. Should DESRI elect to upsize its capital expenditures for the projects, the College will receive an additional amount of charitable contribution which will be directed to the SJC Foundation.

Mr. Chance moved and Ms. Taylor seconded to authorize San Juan College's President to execute the community benefit agreement with DESRI's Foxtail Flats and Four Mile Mesa solar and storage projects. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

4. 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) contract number: 2024-15-C112-ALL from Tillery Bus and GM Fleet Sales headquartered in Moriarty, NM. (with no office in the Four Corners) for the acquisition of the following:

2026 Blue Bird Diesel Passenger Bus

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

Ms. Todacheene moved and Ms. Rasor seconded to approve the purchase of the equipment discussed herein from Tillery Bus and GM Fleet Sales utilizing CES Contract 2024-15-C112-ALL in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 plus applicable taxes. **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be **Monday, February 2, 2026, 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. Todacheene seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Uselman adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Ms. Valerie Uselman, Chairperson
San Juan College Board

ATTEST:

Ms. Evelyn Benny, Secretary
San Juan College Board

Date: February 2, 2026