

SJC BOARD
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 2, 2026

The Work Session was called to order at 5:12 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Valerie Uselman, Chairperson
R. Shane Chane, Vice Chairperson
Evelyn Benny, Secretary
Byron Manning, Member
Julie 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, Kerri Langoni Carpenter, Michael Ottinger, Roy Lytle, Yolanda Benally, Carrie Tsosie-Jim, Gwyn Adams, Mystelle Beasley, Josh Bishop, Alicia Corbell, Teresa Emrich, Aurelia Etcitty, Veronica Evans, Thalia Garcia-Charley, Nicholle Liessmann, Murdoch Maloney, Robert Martinez, Kimberly Nath, Sherry Paxson, Brandie Solomon, Gerald Williams, and Donna Ellis, Recorder

Guest(s): Tim Gibbs

Topics Discussed Included:

1. Questions on Board Agenda Items

None.

2. Four Corners Economic Development 2025 Annual Report Brief

Mr. Tim Gibbs, Director of Four Corners Economic Development (4CED), provided an update on the organization's activities over the past 12 months and outlined its goals for the near future. The Four Corners region is fortunate to have such a sophisticated organization driving economic development in the area.

3. 2026 Legislative Session Update

Dr. Pendergrass briefed the Trustees on anticipated outcomes from the 30-day 2026 legislative session. Many of the bills she discussed will be acted upon by the Governor, who has a March 11 deadline to approve or veto them.

4. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Outlook

December 31, 2025, Operating Budget Report

The Operating Budget Report as of December 31, 2025, was shared with the Trustees. In summary, revenues and expenses are tracking in line with our Fiscal Year 2026 plans.

New to this month's report, we highlighted investment income. Thanks to rising interest rates, larger cash balances, and the efforts of Controller Teresa Emrich, our investment

income has grown over the past few fiscal years and has significantly exceeded the budget for that revenue line. This increased revenue will be beneficial in the coming fiscal year.

Trustees were also briefed on revenue projections for Fiscal Year 2027. As a reminder, budget request worksheets are due to Aurelia Etcitty today.

5. Proposed Policy Revisions

Dr. Michael Ottinger discussed several revisions to two Board policies with the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.