



**FOOTHILL-DE ANZA
FOUNDATION**

March 25, 2026

Board of Directors Meeting

5:00-6:30 p.m. – District Office Building

Minutes

Board Present: Advani, Banerjee, Bewtra, Casas, Khechfe, Kniss, Mahoney, Mostafa, Sathaye, Swenson, Wilson and Zoglin.

Board Absent: Andersen, Axelrad, Bautista, Dubin, Godfrey, Gvatua, Lambert, Park, Rao, Santora, Torres, Vaidhyanathan and Whalen.

Foundation Staff Present: Cima, Garcia-Vega, Howell, Latta and Reilly.

District Staff Present: Chen, Momjian, Pennington, Smith and Subramaniam.

Welcome and Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Ahmed Mostafa.

Mission Moment – Innovation Center @ De Anza College – Rowland Chen

- Rowland Chen, Business Instructor, presented on the Innovation Center which hosts a speaker series, innovation bootcamps, and competitions.
- Chen requested support from the Foundation to help with the creation and execution of their 10-year fundraising plan.

Report on Action(s) by Executive Committee – Cima

- The Executive Committee did not take any reportable action.

Board Vacancies – Cima

- Board members were encouraged to volunteer for Secretary or to join the Bond Oversight Committee.
- No appointments or votes were made due to the lack of quorum.

Finance Committee Report – Latta

- Latta reported that FY26's fundraising revenue surpassed the forecasted total due in part to the completion of a realized estate gift initiated in 2016 from the estate of Cynthia Lee totaling approximately \$1.25 million and a \$1 million gift made to support the Japanese Cultural Center.
- As of February 28th, the Foundation's year to date fundraising was \$5,042,091.

President's Reports

De Anza College – Subramaniam

- Vice-President Subramaniam reported that Shagun Kaur, De Anza Communication Studies instructor, received the California Community Colleges Hayward Award for Excellence in Education.
- The grand opening of the Women's Resource and Advocacy Center was March 4th.
- The college expanded their reproductive health services thanks to the Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment) program administered by the California Department of Health Care Services.
- Lastly, Subramaniam reported a successful Taste of History fundraiser for the California History Center and invited the board to the ribbon cutting for “The Beach” De Anza’s new volleyball courts on April 29th.

Foothill College – Pennington

- President Whalen addressed the board through a prerecorded video sharing that Foothill’s student basic needs support continues to grow and has now outgrown their current space. The Owl’s Nest will relocate to the former Bookstore space to create a comprehensive basic needs center providing food and housing support, access to health resources, and laundry services. Funding for this project is still being identified.
- The relaunched Diagnostic Medical Sonography program celebrated its first graduation since returning. Additionally, a new neurodiagnostic program is being developed in partnership with UCSF.
- The Radiologic Technologies Program will relocate to the Sunnyvale Center in the Fall quarter. Additional funding beyond bond funds is being sought for the planned surgery simulation lab.

Foundation Report

- Cima gave a summary of his one-on-one interviews with the Board stating there is consensus that the foundation could be more aggressive with its fundraising although there was no agreed upon target fundraising.
- The need to increase board engagement and transition to a more active board was highlighted along with the importance of recruiting industry representatives and establishing a structured leadership succession plan.
- The board went into breakout groups to discuss operational structure, engagement opportunities, and future board development strategies.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.; next meeting May 20, 2026 (5:00 p.m.)