



**FOOTHILL-DE ANZA
FOUNDATION**

May 20, 2026

Board of Directors Meeting

5:00-6:00 p.m. – De Anza Media Learning Center – Room 255

(DRAFT) Minutes

Board Present: Advani, Andersen, Bautista, Casas, Dubin, Gvatua, Khechfe, Kniss, Lambert, Mostafa, Park, Santora, Swenson, Vaidhyanathan, Whalen, Wilson and Zoglin

Board Absent: Axelrad, Banerjee, Bewtra, Godfrey, Mahoney and Rao, Sathaye

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

District Staff Present: Momjian and E. Smith

Welcome and Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Ahmed Mostafa.

Approval of Minutes

- January meeting minutes were approved.
 - *Action: Moved by Ben Dubin, seconded by Diana Bautista.*
- March meeting minutes were approved.
 - *Action: Moved by Dubin, seconded by Bautista.*
 - *Members Vaidhyanathan and Park abstained.*

Report on Action(s) by Executive Committee – Cima

- The Executive Committee did not take any reportable action.

Board Vacancies – Mostafa

- Board members were reminded that the new term begins in July and encouraged to bring potential new board members to the board.
- Advani, Axelrad, Bautista, and Sathaye were thanked for their time serving on the Foundation board.

Appointment of Board Members – Mostafa

- A motion was made to approve the reappointment of So Yong Park and Malini Rao, and the new appointment of Ivory Li to the Foothill-De Anza Foundation Board.
 - *Action: Moved by Diana Bautista, seconded by Swati Advani.*

- A motion was made to amend original motion to approve only the reappointments of So Yong Park and Malini Rao.
 - *Action: Moved by Diana Bautista, seconded by Swati Advani. Motion approved unanimously.*
- A follow-up motion was made to appoint Ivory Li.
 - *Action: Moved by Diana Bautista, seconded by Swati Advani.*
- Members raised questions about having individuals serve on neighboring foundation boards simultaneously. After discussion, a motion was made to defer the appointment of Ms. Li pending a follow-up conversation with Board President Mostafa and Executive Director Cima. The board will bring the item back to a future meeting as appropriate.
 - *Action: Moved by Ben Dubin to defer the nomination, seconded by Bill Wilson. Motion approved.*

Tour Debrief

- Members expressed interest in a guided Foothill College tour.
- Conversation regarding visibility and marketing of the colleges by the board members ensued.

Finance Committee Report – Latta

- As of April 30, the Foundation’s year to date fundraising was \$5,505,171, surpassing FY26’s forecasted fundraising revenue total.
- Latta announced that Swati and Vijay Advani made a \$1 million pledge to Foothill College’s Respiratory Therapy program, over the next ten years.
- Latta reported that the Foundation’s assets were close to \$75M, with a net return of FYTD of 13.69%

Chancellor’s Report – Lambert

- Lambert congratulated Laura Casas on receiving the Mountain View Chamber’s Athena Award.
- He also announced that Foothill-De Anza leadership will be having a meeting called the “Voices of the Community” where they will bring various employers and community members to create community partnerships and explore potential gaps in our district offerings.
- Lambert also shared that Foothill-De Anza is helping to launch the California Career Passport, a digital platform where Californians can securely store and share their skills, credentials, and work experience all in one place.
- Lambert shared that the district recently hosted an Open AI Academy workshop at De Anza College, with 100 attendees, made possible by former trustee and Assemblyman Patrick Ahrens.

- Finally, Lambert shared that Google has created an Education Board to help shape Artificial Intelligence adoption. Lambert will be one of seven members serving on the committee.

President's Reports

De Anza College

- Foundation Board members were guided through a tour of De Anza College's Nursing, Advanced Manufacturing, and Automotive Technology departments.

Foothill College – Whalen

- President Whalen announced that Foothill-De Anza was given a \$5 million state grant for healthcare partnerships in which community members will start by earning a Certificate with Foothill College, then go on to our partner adult schools to become CNNs before finally returning to participate in De Anza College's associate's degree.

Foundation Report

- Cima gave a summary of the findings from the Network of California Community College Foundation Survey highlighting trends in foundation staffing, governance, fundraising, scholarship administration, and operations. He noted that the foundation's fundraising and other activities are in line with similar organizations.
- It was noted that many foundations experience limited staffing capacity, similarly to Foothill-De Anza Foundation.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.; next meeting July 22, 2026 (5:00 p.m.)