Foundation Board Meeting
November 14 at 9:30 AM
McLaughlin Building – Venue Room

1) **Call to Order**
   Ron Granger called the meeting to order at 9:52am
2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
3) **Roll Call**
   Board in Attendance: Ron Granger, Diana Sizemore, Ann Brady (on phone), Margie Joy, Sam Tolley
   Board members Absent: David Rice (excused), Angela Johnson (excused), Karol Bullen and JoAnn Baxter
   Others in Attendance: Lisa Jones, Keely Ellis
4) **Changes to the Agenda**
5) **Old Business**
6) **New Business**

Discussion and action to approve the minutes of September 19, 2025, meeting
Diana Sizemore made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19 meeting with the grammatical corrections from Ann Brady. Sam Tolley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion and action to approve the financials for September 2025 through October 2025
Diana Sizemore made a motion to approve the financials for September 2025 through October 2025. Seconded by Ann Brady. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion and action to approve the FY26 Foundation Budget
Keely talked about a few line items: Event expenses and why the expense number is so big last year and that the $12,500 for FY26 is for catering and ancillary expenses for Foundation Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. Sam Tolley inquired about the bank charges, and Keely stated those are from wire transfers from one bank to another. The board decided to order checks for Timberline and Bank of the San Juans to eliminate the wire transfer fees when transfers are necessary.

Margie Joy made a motion to approve the FY26 Foundation Budget as presented. Diana Sizemore seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Executive Board seats
Ron Granger would like to step down as board chair effective November 30, 2025. Ann Brady volunteers to step in as Chair for one-year, effective December 1, 2025. Diana Sizemore is willing to stay Vice Chair, Sam Tolley is willing to remain Treasurer and Margie Joy as Secretary.

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Sam Tolley made a motion to allow Ron Granger resign as Chair and elect Ann Brady as Chair and leave all other executive seats to remain as currently seated. Diana Sizemore seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Board Members

Karol Bullen and JoAnn Baxter

Sam Tolley recommended sending them a letter to both regarding their involvement on the board, stating that if they can no longer commit that they need to step off the board. Keely will draft the letter and get Ron's signature on the letters before sending them to Karol and JoAnn.

John Boyd

Ann Brady's response is a no because she doesn't feel he was followed through on his promises based on the empty promises that were made when he was President at CNCC. Sam Tolley and Diana Sizemore are against him joining the board as well due to the empty promises made while he was president at CNCC. Margie stated we need to have people on our board who are public and that our students and communities can trust and rely on. Sam doesn't feel that it would be the best for the board's reputation based on the history that comes with John Boyd. Keely will draft a letter to send John a letter stating we are not interested currently. She will get Ron's signature and have Ron send the letter.

Other Board Member Opportunities.

Ron recommends that we look at adding an employee from the Rangely District Hospital. He suggested two names, Paulo Fernandez and Dr. Tyler Morwood. Ron is willing to make those introductions with me.

Margie had Memorial Regional Hospital and Pioneers Medical Center on her Engagement Plan. Jennifer Riley or the Project/Grants Manager at Memorial Regional Hospital. She also thinks someone from the School District would be good since they are our pipeline. Margie also recommended Shannon Scott as the Economic Development connection from the Craig community.

Ann Brady has been working on Steve Speak who is an Alumni in aviation and wrestling and has a reach in the Front Range area.

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Discussion and action to set Foundation Board meeting dates for 2026

February 13, 2026
May 8, 2026 – Foundation Dinner wrap up and final numbers
September 18, 2026 – Retreat and Audit presented
November 13, 2026

Discussion and action to set Foundation Dinner date for 2026.

April 11, 2026

7) College Updates

Updates from President Lisa Jones

Rumor control

- NPS Program – We are 1 of 6 programs in the country. We have seen a decline in our enrollment has decreased significantly. CNCC leadership has met with Federal leaders regarding this program, and they are pushing for more part-time Park employees vs. full-time. Federally they think this will be a phase and it will bounce back to a full-time demand. Federally they believe there is need for 3 schools nationally instead of 6. Dr. Jones wants to know from this board if the college can withstand the decrease in enrollment and we can financial stand the program up in the decline, should we keep the program? Board responded YES right away.
- Dental Hygiene – thinks that Dr. Jones hates them. This comes from Dr. Jones shutting DH down on driving on the sidewalks. This is due to the recent $2.3 million sidewalk investment. Dr. Jones is working to preserve our sidewalks.

Airport Funding Request

- We made it to the appropriations bill. Now it has to go through the House and the Senate. This is the roughly $700k request to renovate the Airport.
- Rio Blanco County FAA Funding – Calendar year is 2027 is when Rangely would get $500K for the runway, this has been moved to calendar year 2026

James Caldwell Farewell/Retirement Party

- We are having a farewell get together at 4:45pm in the Rector building prior to the State of the Community/Wreath Auction event.

Big Bold Ideas – CCCS has a funder who is requesting colleges to come up with a Big Bold Idea that would be transformative to the college and community if money was not an issue.

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- Thanking Community partners and Callie Scritchfield.
- Learn from Experience: A Bold Blueprint for Colorado's Next Era of Learning and Opportunity
- The funders are willing to meet with CNCC. We are asking for over $3 million over the next 3 years.
- Apprenticeship opportunities within 8 small businesses in our region.

Marketing Plan – hired a consultant to develop a marketing plan and help us increase our enrollment and reach those enrollment goals.

- Tuesday Stanley was the consultant.
- We have a new marketing plan that aligns with our enrollment plan.
- This plan is for Spring 2026 and Fall 2026.

VP Hires

- Anya Peterson-Frey - December 8th start date
- Laura Dulgar – December 8th state date

8) Information Item

a. Brick Campaign
   i. Send to soccer players because some are leaving at semester to transfer to another institution to finish degree.
b. President's Society
   i. Sam and Keely need to connect on this for the Wilzeck/Striegel family
c. State of the Community/Wreath Auction
   i. November 20th at 5:30pm
d. Next Meeting
   i. February 13, 2026 @ 9:30am

9) Adjourn

Ron Granger adjourned the meeting at 11:44am

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