



Prescott
College

**PRESCOTT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 2026
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Open Session (8:00 AM to 12:15 PM) – Friday, 2/6/2026 – 12 out of 12 Trustees Present

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Introduction of all Board of Trustees, including new trustee
- Bev Santo

CONSENT AGENDA

- Previous minutes approved

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE AND INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

- Shared reflections on Prescott College's history, strengths, and future direction. Emphasized the institution's legacy as a nationally recognized leader in experiential and progressive education, and highlighted the College's resilience through decades of change
- Discussed rebuilding and growing the on-campus undergraduate program

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Lorayne Meltzer - Thanked trustees for support, highlighted importance of servant leadership, and affirmed support of rebuilding on-campus undergrad programs
- Anonymous - Discussed importance of growing undergraduate programs and reaching out to local high schools for recruitment
- Student - Discussed bringing more graduate residencies back to campus
- Bee Sena - Welcomed Dan Garvey back to campus, confirmed support of the investment of the undergraduate program and emphasized the importance of institutional stability
- Corinna Bellizzi - Announced plans to hold bi-weekly meetings with online students. Expressed appreciation for collaborative discussions and effort in the leadership
- Doug Hulmes - Reflected on historical admissions practices that included student participation in reviewing applications and connecting with prospective students
- Tony Skrelunas - Discussed impact of AI and technological disruption on higher education

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT – CLA Representatives

- CLA representatives presented the annual audit report

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Kathleen Murphy

- Discussed 5 new trustees joining board in June and 1-2 joining in October
- Discussed committee work, structure, and attendance, as well as need for new members

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT – Pavel Cenkl

- Reported significant progress in community engagement, enrollment, program development, development of assessment framework, and partnership initiatives with other colleges and organizations

- Addressed student concerns regarding course cancellations and future classes offered

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Lloyd Hopkins

- Provided update on Prescott College 60th anniversary planning
- Gave overview of fundraising, current funds, and major gifts and donations
- Special recognition given to Dr. Coral Evans for representing Prescott College at the Prescott Martin Luther King Jr. event

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE – Michelle Relyea

- Discussed challenges and successes of student enrollment, positive organizational changes, and improved faculty engagement and student support
- Suggested using 60th anniversary celebration and alumni success stories as tools in recruitment and marketing. Dr. Coral Evans offered her support
- Alumni support opportunities discussed, including creating more robust alumni database, leveraging grant opportunities, and using new student-run campus newspaper to strengthen student-alumni relations

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Michael Zimmer

- Discussed overall health of investment assets and portfolios
- Board approved a planned \$100,000 withdrawal from the Arizona Community Foundation fund

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT– Michael Zimmer

- Discussed revenue, including tuition, sales of the Summit property, Employee Retention Credit funds, and the Goddard endowment distribution
- Discussed expenses, including leadership transition, legal fees, and operational expenses
- Leadership expressed confidence that current reserves and planned initiatives provide sufficient runway to execute the College's strategic plan

Kathleen Murphy, board chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:15.