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**California State University**
**Office of the Chancellor**
**Glenn S. Dumke Conference Center**
**401 Golden Shore**
**Long Beach, CA 90802**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2026**

***Presiding: Diego Arambula, Chair***

**1:30 p.m.*** **Board of Trustees** **Dumke**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Consent**

*Action* 1. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of September 22, 2026 and September 23, 2026

*Action* 2. Approval of Committee Resolutions as follows:

**Committee on Educational Policy**

5. Recommended Amendments to Title 5 Regarding Student Conduct, Academic Standards and Admission Requirements

**Committee on University and Faculty Personnel**

2. Annual Report on Outside Employment for Senior Management Employees

5. Executive Compensation: Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer – California State University

**Committee on Finance**

2. Approval of Updates to Regulated Equipment and Tools Policy

4. Approval to Issue Debt in Support of 2026-2027 Systemwide Capital and Infrastructure Projects

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**Joint Committee on Finance & Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds**

2. California State University, Bakersfield Solar Field Public-Private Partnership Final Approval

3. San Diego State University Mission Valley Private Student Housing Public-Private Partnership Final Approval

4. California State University, East Bay Public-Private Partnership Mixed-Use Development Project Conceptual Approval

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**September 22, 2026**

**Trustees Present**

Diego Arambula, Chair
Raji Kaur Brar, Vice Chair
Larry L. Adamson
Jack B. Clarke, Jr.
Kelly M. Dermody
Andrea C. Evans
Carson Fajardo
Wenda Fong
Mark Ghilarducci
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie
Doug Hendrickson
Kathleen Kelly Janus
Julia I. Lopez
Jackson A. Martinez
Mildred García, Chancellor

Chair Arambula called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order.

**Public Comment**

In an effort to provide accessibility and flexibility for the public, all public comments took place at the beginning of the open session prior to all committees.

The board heard from the following individuals who provided public comment in person:

Mario Baeza, Academic Professionals of California; Armenia Ward; Lily House-Peters, California State University, Long Beach; Ernesto Torres, Teamsters Local 2010; Carlos Sanchez, Teamsters Local 2010; Steve Phillips, Teamsters Local 2010; Marian Barrett, Teamsters Local 2010; Matt Mason, Teamsters Local 2010; Roy Randle, Teamsters Local 2010; Vyacheslav Fedotov,

Teamsters Local 2010; Jesse Sanchez, Teamsters Local 2010; Tim Arkebauer, Teamsters Local 2010; Ali Tweini, Teamsters Local 2010; Jason Rabinowitz, Teamsters Local 2010.

The board also heard from the following individuals who provided public comment virtually:

Shayla Garnica, Stanislaus State University; Karen Malone, Chancellor's Office; Ian Wallace, Cal Poly Maritime Academy; Jessica Dalton, CSUEU; Blair Major, San José State University; Daniel Haner Wasserstein, SJSU; Dawn McCulley, CSU; Tessy Reese, CSUEU Union; Evan Newlander, CSU San Marcos; Maya Paul, Cal Poly SLO; Nilza Serrano, Latino Caucus for the California Democratic Party; Kayla Ngo, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Arieh Cohen, San Diego State University; Spencer Owen, Teamsters Local 2010; Eshton Liu, San Francisco State University; Robin Averbeck, CFA - CH; Elaine Bernal, Long; Charley Turner, CSU, Chico; Jocelin Deol, California State University-Stanislaus; Eden Bitton, San Diego State University; Leora Feinsmith, Cal Poly SLO; George Peker, CSUN; Hannah Lenz, Cal Poly, SLO; Chelsea Mosher, CSULB; Kathleen Kane, Cal Poly SLO; Katherine Luce, Cal Poly Maritime Academy; Saad Merayyan, California State University at Sacramento; Kevan Shafizadeh; Ron Pilani, CSULA.

**Chair's Report**

Chair Arambula's report is available online at the following link:
https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/reports-of-the-chair

**Report of the Academic Senate CSU**

CSU Academic Senate Chair Adam Swenson's report is available online at the following link:
https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/faculty-staff/academic-senate/Pages/ASCSU-Chairs-Report.aspx

**Report of the California State Student Association**

CSSA President Artur Gafurov's report is available online at the following link:
https://calstatestudents.org/bot-reports/

**Report of the California State University Alumni Council**

Alumni Council President Adrian Harrell's report is available online at the following link:
https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/alumni/council/board-of-trustee-reports/Pages/default.aspx

**Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Mildred García's report is available online at the following link:
https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/chancellor-reports

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**September 23, 2026**

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Jack B. Clarke, Jr.
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Julia I. Lopez
Jackson Martinez
Mildred García, Chancellor

Chair Arambula called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order.

Chair Arambula introduced a video produced by Fresno State's Emmy Award-winning marketing and communications team highlighting the personal journey of a first-generation college graduate, Juan Diego Villanueva, and the sacrifices made by his family in support of his education. The video emphasized perseverance, family support, and the transformative power of higher education. Chair Arambula thanked Juan for sharing his story and recognized the university's communications team for its outstanding work.

The Board then considered the consent agenda, no items were removed for separate consideration, a motion was made and seconded. Hearing no objections or abstentions, the Board approved the consent agenda.
The Board unanimously approved a conferral of commendation upon Patrick Lenz in recognition of his distinguished service to the CSU and California public higher education. Chair Arambula and Chancellor García highlighted his willingness to return from retirement to serve in critical leadership positions, including Senior Strategist for Advocacy and Governmental Relations and

Interim Executive Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance and Chief Financial Officer. Chancellor García recognized his contributions to the CSU's sustainable funding model, securing legislative support for the integration of Cal Maritime and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and advancing the CSU's 2026–2027 state budget priorities. In his remarks, Mr. Lenz expressed gratitude to his family, colleagues, university presidents, trustees, and the Business and Finance team. He reflected on his decades of public service, emphasized the importance of addressing the CSU's infrastructure needs, and encouraged continued advocacy for increased state investment in public higher education.

The Board next unanimously conferred the title of Student Trustee Emerita upon Jazmin Guajardo in recognition of her dedicated service and advocacy on behalf of CSU students. Chancellor García highlighted her academic accomplishments, including earning a nursing degree from CSU Channel Islands and pursuing a master's degree in public administration at CSU Dominguez Hills, as well as her extensive student leadership, mentorship, and advocacy efforts. Her contributions included expanding scholarship accessibility, advocating for student housing affordability, increasing awareness of student-parent resources, and supporting improved mental health services. In accepting the honor, Trustee Guajardo reflected on her personal and educational journey as a first-generation student, the opportunities provided through the Educational Opportunity Program, and the significance of representing CSU students. She expressed gratitude to her family, fellow trustees, Chancellor García, student leaders, and campus communities. She encouraged trustees to remain engaged with students across the universities, strengthen opportunities for meaningful dialogue, and approach decisions proactively, recognizing that their impact extends well beyond their terms of service.

The Board also unanimously approved the conferral of Trustee Emeritus upon Christopher Steinhauser in recognition of his distinguished service to the CSU Board of Trustees. Chair Arambula and Chancellor García praised his lifelong dedication to public education, including his 18 years as Superintendent of the Long Beach Unified School District and his leadership in establishing the Long Beach College Promise, which strengthened educational pathways among Long Beach Unified, Long Beach City College, and Cal State Long Beach. Chancellor García emphasized his collaborative leadership, commitment to student success, and ability to build lasting partnerships across educational institutions. In his remarks, Trustee Steinhauser reflected on his experience as a first-generation college student and the transformative role public education played in lifting him out of poverty. He expressed appreciation to Chancellor García, fellow trustees, university presidents, faculty, staff, students, and his family. He emphasized the importance of collaboration, educational access, and the CSU's responsibility to create opportunities for future generations.

Chair Arambula concluded the September 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees by expressing appreciation for the distinguished service of the three honorees. He announced that the Board would reconvene for its next regular meeting on November 17–18, 2026, with notice provided ten days in advance. The meeting was then adjourned.

The Board of Trustees approved the following resolutions:

**COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS PLANNING, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**Approval of the California State University, Monterey Bay Stadium Expanded Use Project Environmental Impact Report Certification and Project**
**(RCPBG 09-26-01)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that:

1. The Board of Trustees finds that the CSUMB Stadium Expanded Use Project FEIR has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of CEQA.

2. The FEIR addresses the proposed Project and all discretionary actions related to the project as identified in the CSUMB Stadium Expanded Use Project FEIR.

3. Prior to certification, the Board of Trustees reviewed and considered the above FEIR and found it to reflect the independent judgment of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees hereby certifies the FEIR as complete and adequate and finds that it addresses all potentially significant environmental impacts of the project and fully complies with the requirements of CEQA. For purposes of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, the administrative record includes the following:

    a. The DEIR for the California State University, Monterey Bay Stadium Expanded Use Project;
    b. The FEIR, including comments received on the DEIR, responses to comments, and revisions to the DEIR in response to comments received;
    c. The proceedings before the Board of Trustees relating to the Project, including testimony and documentary evidence introduced at such proceedings; and
    d. All attachments, documents incorporated, and references made in the documents as specified in items (a) through (c) above.

4. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, which requires the Board of Trustees to make findings prior to approval of the project (Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 21081; Guidelines § 15091).

5. The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, which identifies the environmental impacts of the proposed Project and required mitigation measures, hereby incorporated by reference. The required mitigation measures shall be monitored and reported in accordance with the Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Program, which meets the requirements of CEQA (Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 21081.6; Guidelines § 15097).
6. The project will benefit the California State University.

7. The chancellor or her designee is requested under Delegation of Authority granted by the Board of Trustees to file the Notice of Determination for the CSUMB Stadium Expanded Use Project FEIR.

**Approval of the 2027-2028 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan**
**(RCPBG 09-26-02)**

**RESOLVED,** by the Board of Trustees of the California State University:

1. The 2027-2028 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan Priority List is approved.

2. The chancellor is authorized to proceed with the design and construction of accelerated projects within the 2027-2028 through 2031-2032 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan, subject to available funding.

3. The chancellor shall explore all viable funding sources and communicate to the Board of Trustees, the Governor, and Legislature the necessity for adequate funding to develop essential academic facilities to serve all eligible students.

4. The chancellor is authorized to adjust project scope, phases, cost estimates, overall budgets, priority sequencing, and funding sources, with budget adjustments reported in subsequent Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

5. The chancellor is authorized to modify project scopes and budgets financed through limited resources, prioritizing the CSU's capital outlay objectives.

## COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND RULES

**Approval of the Amendment to the Board of Trustees Policy for the Selection of Presidents**
**(ROR 09-26-02)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that the proposed policy for the Policy for the Selection of Presidents, as presented in Agenda Item 2 of the September 22-23, 2026 meeting of the Committee on Organization and Rules, be adopted.

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## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**Approval of the 2027-2028 Operating Budget Plan**
**(RFIN 09-26-06)**

**RESOLVED**, that the future of California rests on the California State University's ability to provide a high-quality, affordable, and accessible education to over 470,000 students each year; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University that the 2027-2028 Operating Budget Plan is approved as submitted by the chancellor; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the chancellor is authorized to adjust and amend this budget to reflect changes in the assumptions upon which this budget is based, and that the chancellor promptly communicate any changes to the trustees; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the chancellor transmit copies of this resolution and the 2027-2028 CSU Operating Budget Plan publication as soon as practical to the governor, to the director of the Department of Finance, and to the legislature.

**Approval of the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Student Housing, Phase 2 Financing**
**(RFIN 09-26-07)**

**RESOLVED,** by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that:

The request from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo to obtain financing in the amount of $647,305,000 as described herein is approved.

In coordination with CSU's Office of General Counsel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, as bond counsel, has prepared resolutions distributed to the Board of Trustees prior to this meeting that authorize interim and permanent financing for the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Student Housing, Phase 2 described in this agenda item. The proposed resolutions will achieve the following:

1. Authorize the sale and issuance of the Trustees of the California State University Systemwide Revenue Bonds, and/or the sale and issuance of commercial paper notes, and/or the issuance of related debt instruments, including shorter term debt, variable rate debt, floating rate loans placed directly with banks, or fixed rate loans placed directly with banks, in an aggregate principal amount not-to-exceed $647,305,000 and certain actions relating thereto.

2. Provide a delegation to the Chancellor; the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer; the Assistant Vice Chancellor, Budget Administration and Finance; and the Assistant Vice Chancellor, Financing, Treasury, and Risk Management; and their designees to take any and all necessary actions to

execute documents for the sale and issuance of the commercial paper notes, the revenue bonds, and the related debt instruments.

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**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY**

**Advancing Academic Planning and Program Innovation**
**(REDPOL 09-26-03)**

**RESOLVED,** by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that the amended academic degree program projections to the Academic Plans for the California State University campuses (as identified in Agenda Item 2 of the September 22-23, 2026**,** meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy) be approved and accepted for addition to the CSU Academic Master Plan and as the basis for necessary facility planning; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the projected academic degree programs proposed to be included in the Overview of Planned Programs be authorized for implementation, at approximately the date indicated in this agenda item and Attachment A, subject in each instance to the chancellor's review, approval, and confirmation that there exists sufficient student demand, workforce need, feasibility, financial support, qualified faculty, facilities and information resources sufficient to establish and maintain the programs.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Amendments to Board of Trustees' Standing Committee Assignments for 2026-2027 (RBOT 09-26-09)**

**RESOLVED,** by the Board of Trustees of The California State University, on recommendation by the Committee on Committees that the following amendments be made to the Standing Committees for 2026-2027 to take effect immediately following the conclusion of the September 22-23, 2026 board meeting:

**AUDIT**
Larry L. Adamson, ~~Vice~~ Chair
Yammilette Rodriguez, **Vice** Chair
Jack B. Clarke, Jr.
Wenda Fong
Mark Ghilarducci

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**EDUCATIONAL POLICY**
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**Conferral of Commendation – Patrick J. Lenz**
**(RBOT 09-26-10)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board commends Patrick J. Lenz for his dedication and leadership on behalf of the students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and friends of the California State University.

**Conferral of Title of Student Trustee Emerita – Jazmin Guajardo**
**(RBOT 09-26-11)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of Student Trustee Emerita on Jazmin Guajardo, with all the rights and privileges thereto.

**Conferral of Title of Trustee Emeritus – Christopher Steinhauser**
**(RBOT 09-26-12)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of Trustee Emeritus on Christopher Steinhauser, with all the rights and privileges thereto.