

**Associated Student Government Petition of Resignation for Board of Trustees members
Sharlene Johnson, Fred Arnold, and Darlene Trevino**

OBJECTIVE:

The Associated Student Government (ASG) Senate of College of the Canyons is presenting a Petition of Resignation for Board of Trustees members Sharlene Johnson, Fred Arnold, and Darlene Trevino. By signing this petition, students express their support for student advocacy, shared governance, and respectfully call for the resignation of Trustees Johnson, Arnold, and Trevino in the interest of restoring trust, stability, and leadership that prioritizes the success of the College of the Canyons community.

WHY:

The purpose of the writing of this petition is to formally express the Associated Student Government's loss of confidence in Sharlene Johnson, Fred Arnold, and Darlene Trevino due to ongoing concerns regarding a lack of knowledge of their roles as board members, as well as failing to promote a healthy academic environment for the students, faculty, and staff that inspires and challenges the College's community to greater service and achievements, and uphold expected standards for trustee performance (BP 2715 Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice).

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Trustees underwent a formal performance evaluation before the start of the Fall 2025 semester. The SCCCD Board Evaluation was presented to the Board on June 25, 2025 (08:27), showing that Board Members 1, 3, and 4 received the lowest scores out of all other members. At approximately the one-hour and ten-minute mark of the meeting, the Board of Trustees were given the opportunity to reflect on key themes, including Board Leadership, Processes, and Policy Role. The evaluation indicated that respondents identified concerns such as micromanagement, inexperience, and political influence, which have contributed to a breakdown of trust, a weakened governance structure, and a demoralized campus community.

In response, Board Members Johnson, Arnold, and Trevino expressed unanimous disappointment and emphasized a desire for members of the community college system to take more time to learn about and personally get to know the board. However, almost a full year since this evaluation, the board has not clearly demonstrated how it has grown in its role as trustees or how it has worked to better support and rebuild trust across its campus communities. The results were alarming as the Board received the lowest scores in the entire history of the firm's evaluations, and despite receiving these scores, the Board has not demonstrated meaningful growth or taken clear corrective action.

This pattern of deflecting responsibility and resisting accountability is precisely what has eroded trust between the Board and the College of the Canyons community. Throughout the Fall

2025 semester, the Associated Student Government communicated the students' perspective and lack of confidence in their leadership to the Board of Trustees on multiple occasions, including:

On Wednesday, October 8th, 2025, the Associated Student Government (ASG) Senate of College of the Canyons first presented a Resolution of No Confidence in Trustees Sharlene Johnson, Fred Arnold, and Darlene Trevino during the Open Session of the Board of Trustees Business Meeting. This resolution reflects concerns that their actions have contributed to division within the college community and have not demonstrated an appropriate expectation of collaboration, engagement, and understanding of higher education governance that students expect from their elected leadership.

On Wednesday, October 22, 2025, the Associated Student Government presented the No Confidence resolution for a second time during the Fall 2025 ASG and Board of Trustees Joint Meeting. The meeting drew strong attendance from both students and faculty, with several individuals speaking publicly to express their concerns regarding the lack of communication and accountability from the COC Board of Trustees, as outlined in the resolution.

Following the presentation of the resolutions, the Associated Student Government made attempts to schedule 1:1 meetings with Trustees Fred Arnold, Darlene Trevino, and Sharlene Johnson. Trustee Fred Arnold met with ASG in Fall 2025, while Trustees Darlene Trevino and Sharlene Johnson met with ASG in Spring 2026.

LACK OF APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION AND RESPONSIVENESS FOLLOWING NO CONFIDENCE RESOLUTIONS:

After receiving no comments from any of the named board members following the presentation of our No Confidence resolution on October 8th, 2025, and again on October 22nd, 2025, the Associated Student Government (ASG) made intentional efforts to schedule individual conversations with each board member named in the No Confidence resolution and petition. However, during these conversations, they were unable to provide clear or specific details of how they have addressed, are currently addressing, or plan to address student concerns in a way that would help restore confidence in their leadership moving forward.

Additionally, during the joint ASG and Board of Trustees meeting on October 22nd, 2025, three students and one faculty member also read prepared written statements expressing their own lack of confidence in the Board. Yet, the board members did not provide any comments or responses to these statements, which were concerning to students in attendance, as it appeared to disregard students' concerns being raised directly to them.

VIOLATION OF BP 2715 CODE OF ETHICS/STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

The ASG President received several phone calls from Board Member Sharlene Johnson on different dates, including December 3, 2025, and March 10, 2026. These calls were not

authorized, as ASG advisors/Campus Life Staff did not give out or approve the sharing of the President's personal phone number.

This behavior is incredibly concerning since it is still unclear how the phone number was initially obtained. Johnson's direct attempts to contact the ASG President directly go against Board Policy 2715, which states that Board members are expected to "respect others, act with civility, and use appropriate channels of communication."

All ASG members have their own assigned "Canyons.edu" staff email, including a shared ASG office phone, making the need to search for an officer's phone number entirely inappropriate. Every email address and the shared phone number are available on the Associated Student Government Officers list on the College of the Canyons website. This situation raises serious concerns about using appropriate communication channels to contact students, respecting ASG protocols, and following the BP 2715 Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice thoroughly.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT:

While the Board of Trustees affirms in its "Vision Statement" in the beginning and end of every Open Session that "as an institution of higher learning, we believe that every person has value and is worthy of being treated with dignity and respect," the Associated Student Government (ASG) would like to reiterate how the lack of meaningful engagement with student concerns, failure to respond to formal resolutions and public testimony, and disregard for established communication protocols indicate an unalignment with this Value Statement. Sharlene Johnson, Fred Arnold, and Darlene Trevino all collectively showcase an inability to meet these set expectations of their role as board members of the college.

External Links to 2025 Archived BOT Meetings, ASG Contact Information, and College of the Canyons Board Policy 2715:

CEO Evaluation & BOT Evaluation, June 25th, 2025

https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/rec/play/h6p6w0FrzJtTCibF9iXaQJKD39XHK0GsCn65_atIPe3Bx8w-gRLRkrR1TLo51Q7rVEZKQkpDDAoPYuAhH.Pnx4HmElMEXpPACe

October 8th, 2025, BOT Business Meeting Video 1 (01:43)

https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/rec/play/keptUXT2LUBe6lv6eNBMIIGUfWE_HmcaVbfbjKbl7xNCy0091XCLjKRv35ixaIEXo3QW3MLmaZY9Csum.RFSm6ZaZL6Ts3Jmf

October 22nd, 2025 Joint Meeting with ASG

https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/rec/play/bZ2du_UbfTni96_ODzA7q65ttsppwoubL11ct0w89yB4iSc-urBXZyw3_M6WvJnwzALew_skT5PxM5zb.kvYVQraEIXedNJHG

Associated Student Government Officers – Contact Information

<https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/campus-life/asg/officers.php>

BP 2715 Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice

https://www.canyons.edu/_documents/administration/board/bp-ap/2000boardoftrustees/BP2715.pdf

The Resolution of No Confidence in Trustees Sharlene Johnson, Fred Arnold and Darlene Trevino

<https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/campus-life/asg/ASG-Resolutions.php>