

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS FOUNDATION
26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

College of the Canyons Board of Directors

Meeting - Minutes

August 26, 2025 5:30 PM

Canyons Hall 201

Members Present: Gary Horton (Foundation Chair), Shawna Mann (Foundation CEO), Scott Schauer (Foundation Vice Chair), Monica Lee Copeland (Foundation Secretary), David Andrus, JD (Interim President), Jason Hinkle (Foundation Treasurer), Lisa Burke, Dr. Thea Alvarado, Joyce Carson, Steve Corn, Tom Dierckman, Shawn Fonder, Bruce Fortine, Tamara Gurney, William Harwood, AJ Jaquez, Taylor Kellstrom, Jenny Ketchepaw, Ed Masterson, Jill Mellady, Leticia Meza-Guerrero, Randy Moberg, Jeremy Patrich, George Reyes, Doreen Shine, Matt Sreden, Dr. Paul Wickline

Members Absent: Dawn Abasta, Mike DeLorenzo, Brian Koegle, Mike Lebecki, Jesse McClure, T. Meyer, Dr. Joyce Shulman

Foundation Staff Present: Melayn Poladian (Foundation Relations Coordinator III), Dylan Mahoney (Events and Marketing Coordinator), Desiree Dodd (Director of Development and Engagement)

District Staff

Present: Fred Arnold (Trustee)

Affiliated

Guests Present: Malik Jackson

Other

Attendees:

1. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order/Establishment of a Quorum **Gary Horton**

Noting that a quorum was present, Gary Horton called the meeting to order at 5:48 PM.

1.2 Approval of Meeting Agenda **Gary Horton**

Gary Horton requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion to Approve:	Second:	Vote - Passed
Taylor Kellstrom	Joyce Carson	25 Yes
		0 No
		0 Abstention

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 22nd, 2025 **Gary Horton**

Gary Horton requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Foundation Board meeting on July 22nd, 2025. Scott Schauer requested the Minutes be approved with two changes: list Jill Mellady as absent and include Mike DeLorenzo in the attendance section.

Motion to Approve:	Second:	Voting – Passed
Lisa Burke	Steve Corn	23 Yes

0 No
2 Abstention

1.4 Welcome Slated Board Nominee

**Monica Lee
Copeland**

Monica Lee Copeland introduced slated board nominee Malik Jackson, a former NFL player and Superbowl winner. He is now the CEO of The Care League, a business which supports professional athletes in retirement. He has sponsored the Foundation's upcoming Golf Tournament, and looks forward to furthering his involvement with the Foundation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

2.1 Comments by Members of the Audience NOT on the Agenda

Gary Horton

There were no comments made by members of the audience not on the agenda.

3. INFORMATION

3.1 Updated Strategic Plan - Updates

**Monica Lee
Copeland**

Monica Lee Copeland provided an update on Foundation activity and the Strategic Plan. She announced that an anonymous \$1 million dollar gift has been made to the Foundation.

4. APPROVAL

4.1 Adopted Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

**Jason
Hinkle/Shawna
Mann/Monica
Lee Copeland**

Jason Hinkle and Monica Lee Copeland presented an updated adopted budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Jason Hinkle gave an overview of the budget – emphasizing the Foundation's fiscal stability and the proposed \$78,000 in net revenue. Gary Horton requested a motion to approve the adopted budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The budget then went into discussion.

The Board discussed the budget's influence on the Foundation's goal of increased self-sustainability, newly incurred costs for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, and proposed pathways to meeting goals.

Motion to Approve:

Tom Dierckman

Second:

Randy Moberg

Vote – Passed

16 Yes

6 No

3 Abstention

4.2 Bylaws Changes based on Strategic Plan

**Shawna
Mann/Monica
Lee Copeland**

Shawna Mann and Monica Lee Copeland presented proposed changes to the Foundation's Bylaws. A request was made to vote on each proposed change separately. Scott Schauer noted that the proposed Bylaws had not been formally approved by the Executive Committee, and Gary Horton subsequently motioned to approve a special vote on the Bylaws at this meeting.

Motion to Approve:

Scott Schauer

Second:

Tom Dierckman

Vote – Passed

25 Yes

0 No

0 Abstention

Gary Horton requested a motion to approve the first proposed change, an addition to Section 7 of the Bylaws establishing a Development and Nominating Committee. A note was made that the change would re-instate this committee, which was removed a year and a half prior after many years of operation.

Motion to Approve:

Scott Schauer

Second:

Lisa Burke

Vote – Passed

24 Yes

1 No

0 Abstention

Gary Horton requested a motion to approve the second proposed change, an addition to Section 4.2 of the Bylaws based on the establishment of the Development and Nominating Committee. This would change the wording in Section 4.2 to address the committee's role in the appointment of new Directors.

Motion to Approve:

Scott Schauer

Second:

Lisa Burke

Vote – Passed

24 Yes

1 No

0 Abstention

Gary Horton requested a motion to approve the final proposed change, an addition to Section 4 of the Bylaws establishing a new minimum threshold for Board giving. Randy Moberg motioned to approve the change, and Tamara Gurney seconded the motion. After discussion, Members of the Board requested that the vote be tabled, and the discussion and vote concluded at the following Board meeting in September. Randy Moberg withdrew his motion, and Tamara Gurney withdrew her second. Gary Horton then requested a motion to table the vote for the Full Board meeting on September 30th, 2025.

Motion to Approve:

Lisa Burke

Second:

Scott Schauer

Vote – Tabled

25 Yes

0 No

0 Abstention

5. ADJOURNMENT**5.1 Adjournment****Gary Horton**

Gary Horton adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM.