



**COLLEGE of
SOUTHERN
MARYLAND**
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

DATE: March 26, 2026, 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: REGIONAL HUGHESVILLE CAMPUS CTET 105
PRESIDING CHAIR: Sonja Cox

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Sonja Cox, Chair
Christy Lombardi, Vice – Chair
Kee Abell - via zoom
Cathy Allen – via zoom
Shawn Coates – via zoom
Pamela Cousins
Cordelia Postell – via zoom
Celeste Alexander – Frye – via zoom
Diane Sandoval – via zoom
Yolanda Wilson, President

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Sonja Cox, Board Chair.

II. QUORUM ESTABLISHMENT

The board secretary confirmed the presence of a quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 19, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting minutes were reviewed. Trustee Cousins made a motion to approve the February 19, 2026, meeting minutes. Vice Chair Lombardi seconded the motion

➤ **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the March 26, 2026, board meeting was reviewed and approved as presented. Trustee Cousins made a motion to approve the March 26, 2026, agenda. Trustee Sandoval seconded the motion

➤ **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

V. STUDENT PRESENTATION

Dr. Tracy Harris, Vice President for the Division of Student Engagement and Success, introduced students from the Nursing Student Association who shared highlights from recent events.

VI. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES

Chris Zimmerman, Dean of Financial Assistance / Retention and David Robinson, Dean of School of Liberal Arts & Dr Harris presented updates to the Strategic Plan on Accessibility & Neurodiversity

VII. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Board Vice Chair & Audit Committee Chair Christy Lombardi presented the Audit Committee Report

VIII. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Patrick Shirdon, Vice President of the Division of Financial Services presented the Monthly Financial Report

- FY 26 February Number of Days Cash on Hand
- FY 26 February Revenues by Source
- FY 26 and FY25 February Revenues
- 5 Year February FY 2022-2026 Revenues by Source
- FY 26 February Expenses by Function
- FY 26 and FY 25 February Expenses
- 5 Year February FY 2022-2026 Expenses by Function

IX. AY 2026-2027 SABBATICAL AWARD

Tony Stout, Dean of the School of STEM & Professional Studies presented nominations for the Academic Year (AY) 2026-2027 Faculty Sabbatical Award.

Trustee Lombardi made a motion to approve Dr Eugen Leontie for the Faculty Sabbatical Award.
Trustee Postell seconded the motion

- **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

X. TRUSTEES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Susan Vogel, Executive Director of the CSM Foundation, presented a request to approve the following two nominations for the Trustee's Distinguished Service Award to be presented during the 2026 Spring Commencement: 1) U.S. Congressman Steny Hoyer and 2) Lorraine '79 and Robert Guite.

Trustee Cousins made a motion to approve U.S. Congressman Steny Hoyer for the Trustee's Distinguished Service Award.

Trustee Allen seconded the motion

- **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

Trustee Abell made a motion to approve Lorraine '79 and Robert Guite for the Trustee's Distinguished Service Award.

Trustee Allen seconded the motion

- **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

XI. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Wilson, CSM President : shared the following updates:

- AFIT Quantum Learning Trip to New Mexico
- Testimonies in Annapolis
- Tri- County State of the College
- Hoyer Congressional Art Competition
- Earmark Support (USM for Early College Teacher Pathway, Military Alliance, Aviation Grant Construction, AI Center for Engagement)



- Quantum Forum on 5/20
- Hawk Heroes Breakfast on 4/30

XII. CHAIRS REPORT

Sonja Cox, Board Chair: shared the following:

- Dr. Wilson Selected for the Aspen Institute Presidents Fellowship
- April 21 – CSM Day of Service

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Sandoval motioned to adjourn the meeting. With the motion seconded by Trustee Cousins, all were in favor; Motion Passed the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Sonja Cox in black ink.

Sonja Cox, Board Chair

Handwritten signature of Yolanda Wilson in black ink.

Yolanda Wilson, Ed. D, President