



## Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees

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**Mr. A.J. Hernandez**  
Student Trustee

**Dr. Greg Schulz**  
Superintendent/President

## Mission Statement

Citrus College provides students with quality educational experiences and support services that lead to the successful completion of degrees, transfer, certificates, career/technical education and basic skills proficiency. The college fosters academic and career success through the development of critical thinking, effective communication, creativity, and cultural awareness in a safe, accessible and affordable learning environment. In meeting the needs of our demographically diverse student population, we embrace equity and accountability through measurable learning outcomes, ethical data-driven decisions and student achievement.

## Highlights of the June 17, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting

## REPORTS

### Superintendent/President

Dr. Greg Schulz, superintendent/president:

- Welcomed new Student Trustee A.J. Hernandez to the board of trustee dais.
- Provided a recap of the college's 109th annual commencement ceremony, which was held the previous week. He shared that 724 students RSVP'd to participate the ceremony, which is a record for the college. Superintendent/President Schulz thanked the Commencement Committee and all those involved for contributing to a special celebration.
- Wished everyone a happy Pride Month, which honors the pursuit of equal justice for the LGBTQIA+ community, and highlighted the college's second annual Lavender Celebration held in early June.
- Noted that Citrus College will commemorate Juneteenth, which honors African American resilience, perseverance and achievement, on June 19.
- Thanked music faculty members, Sean Fitzpatrick and Marius Beltran, who invited him to play the conga drums during a song as part of their Spring Choral Concert on May 23. More importantly, he said it was an outstanding night of performances by our student vocal groups.
- Acknowledged the anxiety and uncertainty that many in our campus community are feeling due to recent immigration enforcement activity in Los Angeles. He reaffirmed that Citrus College is unwavering in its support of every member of our college family, regardless of immigration status, and that we value inclusivity, compassion and the well-being of all students and employees.
- Shared that the Dream Resource Center provides a safe and supportive space for those seeking information, assistance or simply someone to talk to.

*Dr. Dana Hester, vice president of academic affairs; Dr. Richard F. Rams, vice president of student services; Claudette E. Dain, vice president of finance and administrative services; Simone Brown Thunder, executive director of human resources; Lisa Villa, Academic Senate president; and Danielle Weller, California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 101 president, all shared written reports, which can be read in the [meeting agenda](#).*

### Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee A.J. Hernandez said he was excited and honored to serve as student trustee for the next academic year. He shared that commissioners are being selected for student government. Student Trustee Hernandez attended the commencement ceremony, saying how fulfilling it was to see students reach their goals.

Trustee Laura J. Bollinger, vice president, welcomed Student Trustee Hernandez, saying she's looking forward to working with him. She congratulated Joshua Iniguez, the June 2025 Student Services Spotlight Scholar. Trustee Bollinger had lunch with a Claremont School Board Member Cheryl Fiello, after which she received a tour of the farm and laboratory at Scott Brothers Dairy in Chino, which is where Fiello works as a quality assurance manager. As a result of this meeting, the dairy hired a Citrus College student to work in the lab. Trustee Bollinger highlighted several celebratory events and activities that she attended at the end the academic year.

Trustee Anthony Contreras, clerk/secretary, welcomed Student Trustee Hernandez, suggesting that he participate in every event opportunity that comes his way. He attended the graduation ceremonies for Sierra High School, Azusa High School, Gladstone Middle School and the Azusa Adult Education Center, as well as the Laborers Training School, which was held on campus. He spotlighted two instructors, Tracy Nguyen (math) and Shelley Hahn (child development), for going above-and-beyond helping students in the college's DSPS program. Trustee Contreras highlighted several celebratory events and activities that he attended at the end the academic year.

## Members of the Board of Trustees *(continued)*

Trustee Steven Bluitt Flowers attended the Foothill Gold Line Glendora Station Dedication Ceremony and praised instructor Mike Hillman for being selected to create ceramic artwork for the facility. He welcomed Student Trustee Hernandez, wishing him luck. Trustee Flowers participated in a Memorial Day observance at Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery and spoke about the college's Veterans Success Center. He met separately with community leaders from Glendora, including Mayor David Fredendall, Councilmember Michael Allawos and School Board Member Daniel Cayem, who were all interested in discussing the college's vocational and CTE programs. Trustee Flowers highlighted several celebratory events and activities that he attended at the end the academic year.

Trustee Randa B. Wahbe also welcomed Student Trustee Hernandez to the board of trustees. At the end of May, she joined educators in Sacramento as part of the California Teachers Association lobby days, and was able to meet with many legislators to advocate for public schools; specifically, to retain funding designated for community colleges. Trustee Wahbe attended the Monrovia Chamber Government Affairs Committee meeting to provide a Citrus College update, as well as a groundbreaking for Satoru Tsuneishi Park in Monrovia, providing a brief history of why the Tsuneishi family was selected for the honor of the park's name. She shared a story about helping a student from Monrovia High School register for classes at Citrus College, noting how grateful the student's mother is for the college's help. Trustee Wahbe wished everyone a restful summer break, noting that there will be battles ahead.

Trustee Cheryl Alexander, president, pointed out how Citrus College end-of-year celebrations have grown over the years, which demonstrates how much pride there is at the college. She attended a graduation event at the Second Baptist Church of Monrovia, saying it was so rewarding, especially when she met several high school students who will soon be attending Citrus College. The church also recognized Trustee Alexander for earning her doctorate, which was an unexpected surprise. She highlighted several celebratory events and activities that she attended at the end the academic year.

## OATH OF OFFICE

Superintendent/President Schulz administered the oath of office for Student Trustee A.J. Hernandez.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research, planning and effectiveness, presented information about the Strategic Plan 2024-2025 Progress Report, which documents the completion or progress-to-date of the 21 activities established in fall 2024.

Trustee Alexander and Trustee Bollinger shared information related to the board's self-evaluation process, including development of a self-evaluation survey that was created in conjunction with the Annual Board Responsibilities and 2024-2025 Goals, which were adopted on Sept. 10, 2024.

In a written report, Dr. Betzabel Martinez, director, student equity and success programs; Dr. Elisabeth Ritacca, SEAP Committee faculty co-chair; and Dr. Elaine Lipiz Gonzalez, dean of counseling programs and services, provided an update on the progress of the multi-year Student Equity and Achievement Program (SEAP) and forthcoming 2025-2028 Student Equity Plan.

Vice President Hester presented revisions to an Administrative Procedure (AP), per the Educational Programs Committee:

- AP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificate

Vice President Rams presented revisions to an AP, per the Student Services Committee:

- AP 5570 Student Credit Card and Other Solicitations

## BOARD ACTION

The board of trustees approved the consent agenda and action items. Highlights included:

- Employment of Maria Buffo as director of the Veterans Success Center.
- Employment of Amberly Chamberlain as dean of visual and performing arts.
- Approval of the 2025-2026 tentative budget and to set a public hearing for Sept. 9, 2025.
- Approval of the 2027-2028 through 2031-2032 Five-Year Construction Plan and adoption of Resolution 2024-25-08, Final Project Proposal – Classroom Building and Information Services.
- Approval of the first reading of the revised Citrus College Mission, Vision and Values statements.
- Selection of Trustee Contreras as the annual representative to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

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