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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 Aug. 19, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Greg Schulz, superintendent/president:

- Welcomed Lisa McPheron as the college's new executive director of strategic communications, marketing and public affairs, pending board approval.
- Extended his gratitude to Michael Hillman, ceramics instructor, who is retiring in June, and Jennifer Spalding, women's water polo coach, who accepted a position as the dean of instruction, kinesiology/athletic director at Riverside City College.
- Highlighted the college's annual fall Convocation event taking place at the end of the week, providing details about the program and scheduled activities.
- Summarized the 16th annual Citrus College Foundation Scholarship Reception and Donor Appreciation Celebration, sharing that approximately 200 guests attended the luncheon, during which the college awarded 150 student scholarships totaling \$100,000. He thanked Dr. My Chau, acting director of the Foundation, and Briceyda Torres, administrative assistant, as well as Stephen Fahey, director of financial aid, and his team in the financial aid department.
- Highlighted a campus visit from U.S. Rep. Gil Cisneros on Aug. 18, noting that the congressman and his team joined Trustee Bluit Flowers and college leaders for a tour of student services, the Veterans Success Center, and the medium- and heavy-duty truck technology program. He thanked Vice President Rams; Maria Buffo, director of the Veterans Success Center; Jim Woolum, administration of justice instructor; Mariano Rubio automotive technology instructor; and others who helped coordinate the visit.

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 is excited to kick off the fall semester and looks forward to Welcome Day later in the week. He participated in the first planning meeting for a Bienvenida event on Sept. 30. Student Trustee Hernandez attended the Citrus College Foundation's scholarship reception, where he met Phyllis Fritz, immediate past president on the Foundation's Board of Directors. He attended the 2025 Student Trustees Workshop in Ontario, where he learned more about the Brown Act, as well as responsibilities related to social media, effective board collaboration and more.

Trustee Laura J. Bollinger, vice president, highlighted the recent Board Retreat, which is an opportunity for the college's trustees to conduct a self-evaluation and set their goals for the year. She attended a high school performance of "Mean Girls" at the Haugh Performing Arts Center on July 26, sharing that the production showcased impressive technology featuring dynamic screens and projections. Trustee Bollinger attended the San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance's Local Officeholders Reception, which was hosted by Citrus College, and met leaders from throughout the region, including U.S. Rep. Judy Chu.

Trustee Anthony Contreras, clerk/secretary, welcomed faculty, staff and students back to campus for the fall semester. He acknowledged the care and effort put in by employees to help our students succeed. Trustee Contreras said he is looking forward to the college's annual Convocation, including learning more about activities planned for the fall. He asked Student Trustee Hernandez how he might help spread the word about all the helpful services available to students.

Members of the Board of Trustees *(continued)*

Trustee Randa B. Wahbe also participated in the Board Retreat in July. She attended several California Teachers Association conferences, followed by a vacation road trip up the coast. Trustee Wahbe shared her outrage at a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raid that took place at the Monrovia Home Depot on Aug. 14. She shared that ICE arrived unannounced in violation of a court order, and that their actions resulted in the death of Roberto Carlos Montoya, a 52-year-old day laborer who was struck and killed by a vehicle on the 210 freeway. Trustee Wahbe expressed that these actions are not normal, and that we must resist the heightened degradation of civil and legal rights that are impacting our students and communities.

Trustee Cheryl Alexander, president, began by expressing her remorse for Roberto Carlos Montoya as well. She welcomed everyone back to school. She attended a cosmetology and esthetician graduation recognition event on July 17, as well as the Duarte Kiwanis Club Community Angel dinner, adding that she connected with Kiwanis member Kevin Morris, who is also on Citrus College Foundation Board of Directors. Trustee Alexander highlighted a Jazz and R&B Festival in Monrovia, hosted by the Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association, in which she met several Citrus College alumni in attendance. She shared that she is happy that the Coffee Bar will be open in time for the fall 2025 semester.

COMMENTS

Members of the Audience

One person addressed the board of trustees:

- Gerhard Peters, political science instructor and Citrus College Faculty Association (CCFA) president.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

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

- AP 5610 Voter Registration

BOARD ACTION

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

- Appointment of Miho Obata, student representative, to a one-year term to the Citizens' Oversight Committee.
- Approval of the first reading of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Accreditation Midterm Report.
- Employment of Lisa McPheron as executive director of strategic communications, marketing, and public affairs.
- Employment of Andrew Smith as baseball program coordinator (head coach).
- Approval of a new employee classification: associate director of business services.
- Approval of a new employee classification: director of employee relations and Title IX.
- Approval of a revised employee classification: director of human resources operations.
- Approval of three employment agreements that define the terms and conditions of employment, including salary and fringe benefits. The agreements cover the term beginning Aug. 20, 2025, through June 30, 2027, and include:
 - Dr. Dana Hester, vice president of academic affairs.
 - Claudette E. Dain, vice president of finance and administrative services.
 - Dr. Richard F. Rams, vice president of student services.

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