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Mission Statement

Citrus College provides quality educational experiences that support our students in achieving their academic, professional, and personal goals, empowering them to make positive impacts on their communities and beyond. Citrus College faculty and staff take pride in being student-centered and in cultivating a safe, caring, compassionate, and inclusive lifelong learning environment. Our college community welcomes students from all backgrounds and ensures that they have the opportunity to achieve upward social and economic mobility.

Highlights of the Oct. 14, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting

CAMPUS VISIT – STUDENT RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

At the conclusion of roll call, the board of trustees visited the Campus Center to tour the Dream Resource Center, the PRIDE Center and the Basic Needs Center. They returned to AD 109 to continue the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m.

REPORTS

Superintendent/President

Dr. Greg Schulz, superintendent/president:

- Encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Homecoming celebration on Oct. 25, which will honor the college's 110th anniversary, hosted by the Citrus Alumni & Friends Association.
- Publicized the upcoming "Owls Take Flight" alumni reception on Oct. 21, which will also celebrate the college's 110th anniversary, hosted by the college's Beta Nu Eta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.
- Shared that the college took part in the grand opening of the Metro A Line extension on Sept. 19 in Pomona. The extension expands light-rail service through Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne and Pomona. He added that he is excited for our students who participate in the GoPass program.
- Highlighted that, at the Metro event, Student Trustee A.J. Hernandez was the event's featured student speaker, sharing the stage with dignitaries and state and local leaders.
- Announced that the Classified Leadership Academy launched on Oct. 3, which is led by the college's DEIA+ office and endorsed by the CSEA Executive Board. The one-year program empowers classified staff with the skills, confidence and knowledge to grow as campus leaders.
- Shared an enrollment update, as late-start classes are set to begin on Oct. 20: Unduplicated headcount is 11,054 students, compared to 11,119 at this same time last year. Projected full-time equivalent students (FTES) is close, but also just slightly behind a year ago at this time.
- Noted that the Art Gallery is currently showcasing "Office Hours," an exhibition featuring artwork by college employees, including visual arts faculty. All are invited to explore the works on display.
- Announced that the Professional Learning Committee has announced the inaugural Outstanding Colleagues Awards, a new recognition program to honor the incredible people who make our college such a special place to learn and work.

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 was honored to represent the college's student body at the grand opening of the Metro A Line extension. He said that Club Rush had a fantastic turnout, adding that it's great to see students getting involved and campus energy coming back. Student Trustee Hernandez highlighted a recent Associated Students of Citrus College (ASCC) retreat in Lake Arrowhead, sharing that it was a meaningful experience. He praised the inaugural Bienvenida event, hosted by Mi Gente Scholars, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Student Trustee Hernandez advertised the upcoming ASCC Halloween event, Spooky Fest, taking place next week.

Trustee Laura J. Bollinger, vice president, said she's grateful that the college is hosting two upcoming drug safety and overdose prevention trainings. She was pleased that a nonprofit from Claremont, the San Gabriel Valley Housing Consortium, held one of their events on campus. Trustee Bollinger noted that the Claremont Kiwanis held their annual Route 66 Party and everyone was excited to see Dr. Schulz there. She attended several college events and activities, including the STEM Research Symposium, the employee art show in the Art Gallery, an international student ally training, the Wayne Newton concert at the Haugh Performing Arts Center and a football game against Long Beach.

Members of the Board of Trustees *(continued)*

Trustee Anthony Contreras, clerk/secretary, thanked the speakers – especially the students – for sharing their voices during the public comments portion of the meeting. He congratulated Tommy Reyes, architecture instructor, and his architecture and engineering students for completing their second Showers of Grace project. The project was subsequently entered into a Pando Populus sustainability competition and they tied for first place alongside USC, UCLA and CSU Northridge. Trustee Contreras congratulated Gino Munoz, music instructor, and the Night Shift band for representing the college so well. He attended several college events and activities, including the Transfer Fair, the Bienvenida event and a football game against Mt. SAC.

Trustee Steven Bluit Flowers shared a story about how Wayne Newton had previously helped the Veterans Success Center sell harmonicas as part of a fundraiser for student-veterans. He discussed his experiences attending the city of Glendora's 9/11 remembrance ceremony, two Glendora Chamber of Commerce mixers, Assemblymember Blanca Rubio's Birdie Bash golf event and a Monrovia VFW fundraiser for the college's Veterans Success and Pride centers. Trustee Flowers was "Principal for a Day" at Glendora High School, his alma mater. He also attended several college events and activities, including a Suicide Prevention Day activity through the Student Wellness Center and the Transfer Fair. Trustee Flowers and Dr. Schulz provided a presentation about the college's CTE programs to the 48th Assembly District Republican Committee, adding that it was well received.

Trustee Randa B. Wahbe said she was privileged to be joined by Dr. Schultz and Trustee Bollinger in attending State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez's swearing-in ceremony at Pasadena City College. She attended the Women in Power Spaces Convening, saying it was put together by many incredible women leaders, including Lisa McPheron, executive director of strategic communications, marketing and public affairs. Trustee Wahbe appreciated Vice President Dain's proposed budget presentation, praising her skill in understanding and presenting the information. She provided information about Citrus College at two Monrovia standing meetings – the Coordinating Council and the Chamber of Commerce – and was able to connect with many city leaders. Trustee Wahbe also congratulated Tommy Reyes and his students for receiving their recent commendation. She said the tour of the college's student resource and support programs offered a meaningful reminder of what a critical role these spaces play in supporting student success.

Trustee Cheryl Alexander, president, was joined by Dr. Schulz to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the state-of-the-art Kenneth M. Bell Gymnasium in Duarte, which was named for her friend and retired Duarte Unified School District board member. She shared details about the event speakers and their stories, as well as how Bell made an impact on their lives when he worked as a police officer in charge of an LA gang unit. Trustee Alexander highlighted some upcoming events at Citrus College, including Unity in Song, a collaborative concert between our performing arts students and students from California School of the Arts – San Gabriel Valley; Homecoming; a Whitney Houston tribute concert; and Community Day. She praised the leadership that the college has in place for its student resource and support programs, including the Pride Center.

COMMENTS

Members of the Audience

Five people addressed the board of trustees:

- Timothy King, student
- Patrick Schmeidt, journalism instructor
- Cassandra Salinas, Pride Center student assistant
- Ericka Luevano, Pride Center student assistant (via written statement)
- Kaitlynn Laronsilva, student (via written statement)

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Vice President Rams introduced Rosario Garcia, student life supervisor, who introduced the 16 student members of the ASCC Executive Board for fall 2025.

Vice President Dain introduced Fred Diamond, director of facilities and construction and chair of the Citrus College Sustainability Committee, who provided an update on the activities of the committee and progress of the sustainability plan, which was developed in 2020 in alignment with the 2020-2030 Educational and Facilities Master Plan.

Vice President Rams presented the college's Annual Security Report, which provides a update of all Clery Act crimes reported to the campus safety personnel. The report also contains statistics regarding crimes committed on campus and at affiliated locations for the previous three years, as well as policies pertaining to campus security, alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, victims' assistance program, student discipline, and campus resources.

Executive Director Brown Thunder introduced Dave Brown, automotive instructor and chief negotiator for the Citrus College Faculty Association (CCFA), who presented an initial proposal for negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement. It is anticipated that a public hearing concerning CCFA's initial proposal will be held during the November board of trustees meeting.

BOARD ACTION

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

- Approval of the use of the 2025-2026 estimated Education Protection Account proceeds to partially fund ongoing classroom instructional personnel costs.
- Authorize the execution of a software license agreement contract on behalf of the district for Element451, an AI-powered relationship management platform purpose-built for higher education institutions.
- Approval of four field trips for Citrus College students from:
 - The Model United Nations Club to Washington, D.C., from Nov. 6-10, 2025, where they will attend the National Model United Nations (NMUN) 2025 Conference.
 - The emerging theatre technologies program to Galveston, Texas, from Dec. 7-10, 2025, and Jan. 2-4, 2026, where they will perform practicum skills from THEA 226 Concert Touring in partnership with Level 11 Entertainment.
 - The commercial music program (Night Shift) to Nantucket, Massachusetts, from May 31-June 7, 2026, where they will perform for wedding festivities and other concert opportunities, in addition to experiencing educational tours in Boston and the surrounding areas.
 - The Citrus Singers program to New York City from May 31-June 6, 2026, where they will participate in workshops hosted by musical theatre professionals, visit historical landmarks and attend Broadway shows.
- Reappointment of Brian Bowcock for a second term as the Citrus College Foundation representative to the Citizens' Oversight Committee, for a two-year term ending on Aug. 31, 2027.
- Reappointment of Susan M. Keith for a third term as the at-large representative to the Citizens' Oversight Committee for a two-year term ending on Aug. 31, 2027.

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