Cal Poly Humboldt FOUNDATION

Minutes of the
PHILANTHROPY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
May 29, 2026

Members Present:
John Ballard
Philip Anton
Michelle Donahue
Mike Fisher
Steve Karp
Jack McGurk
Dan Phillips
Teresa Wilmott

Members Absent:
Jordan Kemme
Charlene Liebau

Guests: Ana Davis, Jorie Emory, Kevin Furtado, Sabrina Graham-Martinez, Stephanie Lane, Stacie Lyans, Angie Petroske, Jamie Rich, Guido Setton, and Travis Williams

A regular meeting of the Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation Philanthropy & Advocacy Committee was held on Friday, May 29, 2026 at 11:00 AM via Zoom Teleconference.

1. Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Philanthropy & Advocacy Committee Chair, John Ballard, at 11:02 AM.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes: February 27, 2026 Meeting

Upon motion duly made (Jack McGurk), seconded (Philip Anton), and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the February 27, 2026 meeting are accepted.

4. Gift Summary Report

Teresa Wilmott, Associate Vice President for Development, reviewed the gift summary report for the fiscal year-to date in comparison with last fiscal year's data. This year's giving total is abnormally high at this point in the year due to the Campbell Foundation's landmark $3 million commitment to establish the University's first fully funded endowed professorship in Cannabis Studies. The new donor count is also higher than last year largely due to event registration fees including a donation.

5. 2026-27 Philanthropy Goals

Teresa Wilmott, Associate Vice President for Development, and Travis Williams, Advancement Operations Lead, reviewed for the committee the standardized metrics used across campuses for data comparisons as reported in the Voluntary Support of Education (VSE) survey.

6. Executive Director's Update

Steve Karp, Executive Director of the Foundation, provided updates regarding the President's timeline for the University's next strategic plan and the Presidential Investiture. Preparations and goals for the Foundation's next philanthropic campaign will be based upon the University's strategic plan, with the campaign soft-launching in the spring of 2027.

7. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

9. Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM.