

Navajo County Community College District Governing Board FY26-27 Budget Public Hearing Minutes

May 19, 2026 – 10:00a.m.

Northland Pioneer College Painted Desert Campus, Tiponi Community Center Board Room
2251 East Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, AZ 86025

Governing Board Member Present: Chair Everett Robinson; Mr. Porter Black; Ms. Rosie Sekayumptewa; Ms. Kristine Laughter

Governing Board Members Absent: Mr. Derrick Leslie

Others Present: President Von Lawson; EVPLSS Michael Solomonson; VPAS Maderia Ellison; VPHR Nicole Ulibarri; AVP Michael Jacob; AVP Katie Matott; Dr. Michael Broyles; Horatio Luna; Rennie Gonzales; Julia Wilson; Melody Niesen; Dr. Tabitha Stickel; Dr. Jeremy Raisor; Rebecca Hunt; Andrew Farr; Cynthia Blevins; Alethia Broderick; Josh Rogers; Colleen Marsh; Chelsea Wood; Brynn Chlarson; Justin White; Jesse Reeck; Erika Lord; Jessica Kitchens; Russell Kupfer; NAVIT Superintendent Matt Weber

Remote Attendees: Ben Turner; Rebeccah Sweet; Francis Skibicki; Charity Butler; Alexandria Strittmatter; Kerri Larson; Brynna Johnson; Jeri Lastine; Dr. Farah Bughio; Rachel Townsend; Lia Keenan; Jennifer Brimhall; Candace Morehouse; Carla Wall; Bryan Heasty; Talaina Kor (Painted Desert Tribune); Elizabeth McKey; Andi Debellis; Karen Zimmerman; Staci Alatsis (SPS+ Architects); Sonali Shukia (SPS+ Architects)

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Chair Robinson called the hearing to order at 10:09 a.m.

Agenda Item 2: Public Hearing – 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

Director of Financial Services Russell Kupfer reviewed the proposed FY2026-2027 budget and expenditure limitation documents. The preliminary budget had been approved during the previous board meeting and could be reduced but not increased.

Key points included:

- Projected expenditures are expected to exceed the annual expenditure limitation.
- Sufficient carryforward funds are available to cover the difference.
- Available expenditure authority totals approximately \$26.9 million.
- All publication and public notice requirements were met.

Other discussion points included:

- Clarification that approximately \$19.97 million is generated through property taxes.
- Approximately \$13.7 million is expected from State Equalization Aid.
- State budget deliberations were still underway and could affect final funding levels.
- Potential reductions in state funding would be addressed through contingency planning.



Agenda Item 3: Call for Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 4: Adjournment

Chair Robinson adjourned the hearing 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julia Wilson
Recording Secretary to the Board

APPROVED

