

Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, Inc.
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Meeting #414
June 08, 2026
11:00 AM
Teams Meeting
Minutes



Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors was held by video teleconference on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 11:00 am to discuss matters on the posted agenda. The meeting notice in its entirety was posted on the internet at: [Board-Agenda-6-08-2026.pdf](#)

Present: Dr. Alison Baski, Mayra Brown, Michelle Cardona, Dr. Terri Gomez, April Jimenez- Valadez, Dr. Peter Hanink, Dr. Iris Levine, John McGuthry, Cynthia Nelson, Dr. Phyllis Nelson, Stephanie Pastor, Dr. Homeyra Sadaghiani, Dr. David Speak, Frances Teves, Kris Zoleta

Absent: Erica Frausto-Aguado, Amiyah Elisworth, Chrstina Gonzales, Madison Navarro, Lowell Overton, Monique Robles, Ruby Suchecki, Dr. Maryann Tolano Leveque, Sherwin Weerakoon

Staff: Shari Benson, Juan Hernandez, Tariq Marji, Patricia Romo, Thomas Sekayan

Guest: None

I. CALL ORDER & PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the absence of Chair Christina Gonzales, Vice Chair John McGuthry presided and called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m., noting that no members of the public were present.

II. ACTION ITEMS

Confirmation of 2026 – 2027 Board of Directors Membership

Thomas Sekayan proposed the 2026 – 2027 Board of Directors Membership list. Pursuant to Article V of the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, Inc. Bylaws, the Board of Directors is composed of designated directors and elected directors representing faculty, staff, students, community members, a dean representative, and at-large directors. The Bylaws further provide that elected directors are nominated by the applicable recommending body and elected by the Board of Directors.

In preparation for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the Board is asked to confirm the proposed Board membership list and take action on the director positions requiring election, reappointment, or acknowledgment for the upcoming fiscal year.

Positions Requiring Confirmation or Board Action:

Category	Nominee / Director	Action Needed	Term / Status
University President	Dr. Vanya Quinones	Acknowledge designated director	Serves while holding office
ASI President	Alejandra Lopez	Acknowledge designated director	Serves while holding office
Faculty Director	Dr. Neil Chaturvedi	Elect per Academic Senate nomination	3-year term beginning July 1, 2026
Staff Director	April Jimenez-Valadez	Reappoint / elect	3-year term beginning July 1, 2026
Staff Director	Kris Zoleta	Reappoint / elect	3-year term beginning July 1, 2026
Student Director	[Pending ASI Nomination]	Elect upon ASI nomination	Term to be confirmed
Community Director	Cynthia Nelson	Elect per University President nomination	3-year term beginning July 1, 2026
At-Large Director	Dr. David Speak	Reappoint / elect per University President nomination	2-year term beginning July 1, 2026
At-Large Director	Dr. Maryann Tolano Leveque	Reappoint / elect per University President nomination	2-year term beginning July 1, 2026
At-Large Director	Nancy Corrigan	Elect per University President nomination	Term to be confirmed

Proposed 2026-2027 Board of Directors Membership

Designated Directors

- Dr. Vanya Quinones, University President
- Dr. Terri Gomez, Vice President for Academic Affairs / Provost
- Christina Gonzales, Vice President for Student Affairs (Board Chair)
- Frances Teves, Vice President for University Advancement

- Michelle Cardona, Vice President for Administration & Finance / CFO
- John W. McGuthry, Vice President for Information Technology / CIO (Board Vice Chair)
- Dr. Peter Hanink, Academic Senate Chair
- Stephanie Pastor, Staff Council Chair
- Alejandra Lopez, ASI President

Faculty Directors

- Dr. Phyllis Nelson
- Dr. Neil Chaturvedi

Staff Directors

- April Jimenez-Valadez
- Kris Zoleta

Student Directors

- Madison Navarro
- Vacant [Pending ASI Nomination]

Community Directors

- Lowell Overton
- Monique Robles
- Cynthia Nelson

Dean Director

- Dr. Alison Baski (Board Secretary/Treasurer)

At-Large Directors

- Erica Frausto-Aguado
- Dr. David Speak
- Dr. Maryann Tolano Leveque
- Mayra Brown
- Nancy Corrigan

Dr. Peter Hanik requested an amendment to the list and mentioned that Dr. Greg Barding should replace him as the incoming Academic Senate Chair.

John McGuthry asked for a motion to approve the addition of Dr. Greg Barding and to approve the confirmation of the 2026 & 2027 Board of Directors Membership; Dr. Alison Baski made the motion to approve and Dr. Phyllis Nelson seconded the motion; motion approved.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Update on the CEO Position

Vice Chair John McGuthry announced the Board of Directors has approved the appointment of Thomas Sekayan as Chief Executive Officer of Cal Poly Pomona Enterprises.

Following a national search process, the Board determined that Thomas was the right leader to guide CPPE into the future. His extensive experience in auxiliary enterprises, strong operational and financial leadership, collaborative approach, and commitment to student success distinguished him throughout the process. Most importantly, he demonstrated a clear vision for how CPPE can continue to evolve as a strategic partner to Cal Poly Pomona while enhancing services and opportunities for students.

John McGuthry also thanked the employees who participated in the search process and shared their perspectives. Your engagement and feedback were invaluable and reflected the deep commitment that CPPE employees have to the future success of this organization.

IV. OPEN FORUM

Dr. David Speak expressed his appreciation to Dr. Iris Levine for her willingness to return and serve on the Board, and for attending the special meeting in her role as Interim President. He also thanked Dr. Levine for her continued dedication and contributions to the University.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. David Speak and seconded by Dr. Phyllis Nelson; the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Baski

Alison Baski (Jun 24, 2026 13:48:04 PDT)

Dr. Alison Baski, Secretary/Treasurer

Next Board Meeting #415 – TBD September 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Kellogg West Valley Vista Conference Room