

**COASTLINE ROP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes
January 23, 2025**

The Board of Trustees of Coastline ROP met in regular session on January 23, 2025, at Coastline ROP, 1001 Presidio Square, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order at 8:47 a.m. by Barbara Schulman.

<u>Present Members</u>	<u>Other</u>			
Barbara Schulman	Brian Dozer	Kim Thomason	James Piccola	Rosy Kovatch
Lauren Brooks	Krista Ganga	Connie Jacobs	Gina Escobar	Amanda Saliba
Lynn Davis	Siteria Edwards	Alita Ray	Austin Hofmann	Cory Gray
Krista Weigand	Brenda Savedra	Keith Carmona	Aurelia Roman	Luca DiNapoli
	Izzy Burdge	Jeanne Bennett	Louie Campos	Jennifer DiNapoli
			Jade Sanchez	Emma Kelly

Telecommuting:
Valerie White

CLOSED SESSION Open session convened at 9:30 a.m.

On the motion of Member Davis, seconded by Member Brooks, and carried, with Members Brooks, Davis, Schulman, and Weigand voting 4-0, the Board denied the grant of unpaid leave to Employee Number 2025-01. The employee will be placed on the 39-month rehire list in accordance with Education Code Section 45192.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA It was moved by Member Weigand, seconded by Member Brooks, to adopt the updated agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Brian Dozer greeted, President Schulman, esteemed Trustees, members of the Steering Committee, and valued guests.

He started by thanking Trustee Barbara Schulman for serving as board president over the last year. Barbara provided great leadership and wisdom during a year in which Coastline ROP undertook some major projects, such as the re-branding, and faced some difficult challenges that forced them to look at their operations and make some changes to better prepare for the future. "Barbara, I hope you know how much Coastline ROP and I appreciate all that you did for this organization we love so much." Dr. Dozer then presented her with a certificate of appreciation for her service over the past year.

Dr. Dozer then officially welcomed Trustee Krista Weigand to the board as the member from Newport Mesa Unified. Coastline ROP is happy to have her join the board, and they look forward to working with her on their very important mission. Dr. Dozer could already tell that Krista is a passionate advocate for students and will be a great supporter of Coastline ROP and their mission.

With the release of the Governor's budget there is language for a new Master Plan for Career Education. While Coastline ROP awaits more specific details, they know that much of the funding appears to be focused on community colleges, which is somewhat disappointing. They received some analysis from Capital Advisers Group last week in their "Ten Education Issue to Watch in 2025" email that Dr. Dozer thought was different than most analysis he has seen. They stated: "Governor Newsom continues to make this initiative a priority and highlighted over \$100 million in investments in his January budget proposal to continue its development. While members of the Legislature have been slow to criticize the proposal, it's clear to advocates in Sacramento that there are deep differences of opinion in the Legislature regarding how this plan should look. Watch for potential tension on this topic in 2025 as the Governor and Legislative leaders negotiate a unified approach."

As far as Coastline ROP is concerned, the one item they have seen that they would oppose is the move to combine all the CTE grants into a single consolidated application. Their fear is that funding would be administered by the community colleges and would likely lead to less overall money flowing to K12 programs. Coastline ROP is taking two ROP students to Sacramento in March for the CAROCP legislative action day and this will be a part of their meetings with local legislators.

Last week Dr. Dozer attended the CAROCP January general and board meeting at Valley ROP. He toured Valley ROPs amazing programs, and he has a lot of thoughts and ideas he will be discussing with Krista, the staff of Educational Services, our district steering committee, and the board. While acknowledging that they serve a different population, there are some ideas from his visit that can guide their strategy and goals. As he reflected on their planning and goal setting for next year and beyond, the visit has given him a lot to think about.

Dr. Dozer is excited about the 2nd Annual Coastline ROP CTE Month Open House scheduled for February 13. Originally it was scheduled for February 12 but was moved back a day to make sure they had every class running the night of the open house. At the open house they will hold a special counselor session and ask each district steering committee member to help make sure there is good representation from each district's schools.

While Dr. Krista Ganga has an update on the CTEIG 10 preliminary award, Dr. Dozer shared some information regarding the formula. Historically there has been no transparency regarding how awards are funded, but last year he spoke with CDE and learned a bit about the formula. That was made possible by the work of Leilani Aguinaldo from School Services. Following up on the allocation process this year, Leilani sent the following that he thought would be informative for our district partners.

"I have asked that CTEIG grant awards be broken down into base grant and positive consideration amounts, and I have also asked for the per-pupil amounts that are used in the formula for the base grant and positive considerations...In a meeting...with CDE staff, I was told that...the CDE intends to publish the per-pupil amounts that were used in the formula for the base grant and positive consideration calculations. In addition, as soon as they can, they will also inform grantees of the positive considerations they received. Moving forward, they also committed to providing this information in advance of the SBE meeting in which CTEIG grants are approved; the additional information will be provided along with the preliminary allocations."

Dr. Dozer thinks that this is good news for all of us as it will allow us to double check their award amounts before they are finalized.

As Dr. Dozer has discussed previously, this is going to be a year of transition for the Coastline ROP Foundation. The existing board, all previous Coastline ROP superintendents or administrators, have done wonderful work establishing the foundation, but feel that it is time for them to resign their positions and have asked to be replaced by board members who will be more active supporters of the Senior Student Showcase and Coastline ROP. To that end, Dr. Dozer has approached several members of the education community who are experienced in the world of CTE, K12 education, and are already supporters of Coastline ROP. While they are still finalizing the applications, in the coming months he expects to bring a slate of new directors for the board to approve for the 2025-2026 school year. The Foundation's bylaws state, "For purposes of ensuring that the Corporation aligns its goals and objectives with educational mission and goals of the Coastline Regional Occupational Program, a majority of the directors shall be appointed by the governing board of the Coastline Regional Occupational Program." He thinks they will be very pleased with the individuals who are volunteering to serve on the Foundation's board.

Lastly, as Dr. Dozer begins his fourth year with Coastline ROP, he is more excited than ever about the work that they do and the great collaboration with each of our district partners. While he believes there are rough waters ahead in education and for some of our students and their families, in many cases for reasons out of our control, we will continue to be guided by our mission, knowing that the work that we do makes a difference in students' lives and that each and every day we create positive changes in their lives. Dr. Dozer thanked the board for its continued faith in and support of the fine teachers and staff of Coastline ROP.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES' REPORT

As we usher in the new year, the spring semester at Coastline ROP is already off to a strong start. This week marked the conclusion of their first-day visits for the new term, coinciding with the start of fall classes for IUSD and Presidio. These visits are crucial to ensuring a

smooth start to the semester and providing students and teachers with the support they need for a successful year ahead.

Last Friday, they hosted a special winter edition of teacher professional development, which 20 teachers attended. The OCDE AI team returned to deliver a highly anticipated follow-up session on using AI in the classroom with Notebook LM. Teachers were provided with practical tools and strategies to incorporate AI into their instructional practices, further enhancing student engagement and learning outcomes.

On January 31st, they will resume the TIP Workshops focusing on Higher-Order Thinking Skills and Bloom's Taxonomy. Coastline ROP remains committed to equipping their new educators with the skills, tools, and support they need to succeed, ensuring a strong foundation for their careers and the students they serve.

They FINALLY received their Grant Award Notifications (GANs) for the Golden State Pathways Grant, allowing them to move forward with detailed planning and implementation. Additionally, Coastline ROP has been awarded \$828,000 through the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG). These funds will directly support expanding and enhancing their CTE programs, ensuring students have access to high-quality learning experiences and resources that align with industry needs. In the two years since Dr. Ganga became director, they have achieved a remarkable 35% increase in grant funding, which reflects their commitment to securing resources that benefit students and align with workforce demands.

Dr. Ganga was thrilled to highlight a recent success story from Beckman High School, shared by our career specialist, Denisse Montes. Just before winter break, Denisse met with Reina Lee, a former CNA student, who shared her exciting achievements. Reina recently secured a position as a Certified Nursing Assistant after completing our CNA course during the second semester of her junior year. She is now enrolled in the EMT class at Creekside High School and continues to excel academically, maintaining an impressive 4.46 GPA while tackling six Advanced Placement (AP) courses in her senior year. Reina is a shining example of how our programs empower students to achieve academic and professional success.

The Adult English Language Learner (ELL) programs are also seeing exciting developments this semester. The new session of the ELL Adult Pharmacy Technician course is set to begin, and students from the fall semester will transition into their internships, gaining hands-on experience to further their career readiness. Additionally, they are proud to launch the ELL Dental Back Office Assistant program for the first time, a significant step in expanding opportunities for our ELL adult learners. A big thank you to Gina

Escobar for her tireless efforts in spearheading these initiatives and ensuring their success.

This month, we successfully concluded our Interagency Meetings with district partners. These important sessions provided an opportunity to review current programs, discuss updates, and collaboratively plan for the upcoming 2025–26 school year. The discussions were highly productive, and we are grateful for our district partners' active participation and input. These collaborative efforts are vital to ensuring that our programs continue to meet the needs of our students and the broader community.

Dr. Dozer and Dr. Ganga had the privilege of visiting the ACCESS Harbor Learning Center – North on Wednesday to meet with their incredible instructors, Manny Parras and Eddie Morales. It was an inspiring experience, especially exploring their impressive Spyder Lab and witnessing the remarkable student work on display. Eddie's pride in his students and their accomplishments was palpable as he shared heartfelt stories about how our CTE programs have transformed lives. These programs give students, many of whom haven't had the most positive educational experiences, a reason to return to class daily. By discovering a passion and a purpose, they find new opportunities and a sense of belonging through hands-on learning and support from our programs. It was such a great trip, and Dr. Ganga has many ideas for student projects!

Lastly, Dr. Ganga was delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our CNA students. This month, students from Creekside High School and Laguna Hills High School who took their certification exams achieved a remarkable 100% pass rate. This accomplishment is a testament to our students' hard work and dedication and the expertise and commitment of our instructors. These results underscore the quality of our programs and their ability to prepare students for success in their chosen career paths.

As Coastline ROP enters the spring semester, she is excited and optimistic about what lies ahead. Dr. Ganga thanked the board for their continued support and collaboration.

Dr. Ganga introduced Cory Gray, the Digital Media Arts instructor at Corona Del Mar High School! Cory brings a wealth of knowledge and creativity to his program, inspiring students to explore the dynamic world of digital media. His passion for teaching and commitment to student success have made the program a hub for creativity. Please join her in welcoming Cory as he presents an inside look at the work happening in the Digital Media Arts program!

CDM DIGITAL MEDIA ART PRESENTATION

Cory Gray, along with students, Emma and Luca, gave a presentation on the ROP Digital Media 2D Arts class at Corona Del Mar High School.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Weigand, to ratify the following district representatives for leadership during 2025:

President	Lauren Brooks	IUSD
Vice President	Lynn Davis	TUSD
Clerk	Krista Weigand	NMUSD

Motion carried 4-0.

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR APRIL THROUGH DECEMBER 2025

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Schulman, to approve the proposed meeting dates for the remainder of 2025. Motion carried 4-0.

2023-2024 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT BY CHRISTY WHITE

It was moved by Member Weigand, seconded by Member Davis, to approve the 2023-2024 audit report. Motion carried 4-0.

OPEB AND PENSION LIABILITY INVESTMENTS PROPOSAL

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Weigand, to approve the investment proposal. Motion carried 4-0.

MOU BETWEEN COASTLINE ROP AND HOPSKIPDRIVE

It was moved by Member Weigand, seconded by Member Schulman, to approve the MOU between Coastline ROP and HopSkipDrive. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Schulman, seconded by Member Weigand, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

- Minutes from December 12, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting
- Ratification of purchase order and change order reports – December 2, 2024 – January 12, 2025
- Ratification of check reports – December 2, 2024 – January 12, 2025
- Coastline ROP Golden State Pathways – Grant Award Notifications
- South Orange County Community College District Off-site Facility Use Agreement on behalf of Irvine Valley College (IVC)
- New Internship Site – Pixels and Magic
- MOU between CROP and Cyberforward – Spring 2025
- MOU between CROP and Cyberforward for NMUSD – Spring 2025
- Engagement Letter for Christy White, Inc.
- English Language Learner Waiver Teacher Roster
- Personnel Register #5 – 2024-2025 (Approval of employee appointments, release, retirements, terminations, leaves, transfers, promotions, stipends, additional/overtime assignments)
- Approval of travel and conference report

NEW BUSINESS

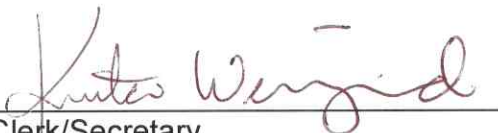
Member Brooks shared that IUSD Superintendent Terry Walker announced his retirement. His last day at IUSD was January 31, 2025. They are conducting an executive search for the new

superintendent. In the meantime, IUSD Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, Cassie Parham has been appointed as the Interim Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Schulman, seconded by Member Weigand, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.


Clerk/Secretary