

**COASTLINE ROP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes
August 20, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of Coastline ROP met in regular session on August 20, 2026, at Creekside High School, Room 1, 3387 Barranca Pkwy, Irvine, CA 92606. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Lynn Davis.

Present Members

Lynn Davis
Krista Weigand
Suzie Swartz
Lauren Brooks

Other

Brian Dozer	Amy Paulsen	Jeanne Bennett
Krista Ganga	Keith Carmona	Austin Hofmann
Siteria Edwards	Brandee Ramirez	Gina Escobar
Brenda Savedra	Alita Ray	Barbara Schulman
Izzy Burdge	Grant Litfin	Rachel Kloppenburg

CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out of closed session. Open session convened at 9:30 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

It was moved by Member Weigand, seconded by Member Swartz, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Schulman addressed the Board during public comment and expressed her appreciation for Coastline ROP's new programs, specifically highlighting the OC Probation program.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Dr. Brian Dozer greeted President Davis, Trustees, members of the Steering Committee, and guests. He thanked Irvine Unified and Creekside High School for allowing Coastline ROP to host their board meeting at their campus. Next month's Coastline ROP board meeting will be at Newport-Mesa's Estancia High School.

Dr. Dozer wished Lynn Davis a belated happy birthday. He celebrated his special day at the end of July. And Friday is Dr. Krista Schweers-Ganga's birthday. Happy birthday to Krista! Friday is also Disney Spirit Day at the Coastline ROP offices in her honor!

Before he started his report, he welcomed Dr. Grant Litfin back. Dr. Litfin recently joined Cypress School District as Superintendent. Prior to that he served as Tustin Unified's Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services. One of his responsibilities in that position was to serve on Coastline ROP's Steering Committee. They invited him back to recognize and thank him for that service. He served in that role from 2014-2026, an incredible 12 years. During that time, he provided valuable leadership, guidance and expertise as Coastline ROP, career technical education, and education in general evolved. Dr. Dozer also had the privilege of serving with him for the last 4 years on the K-12 Strong Workforce Program grant selection committee. He is smart, dedicated, funny and passionate. Most importantly, though, he is student-focused. Grant – Coastline ROP will miss you but are happy for you that you are now Cypress's superintendent and wish

you much success and happiness.

With Grant leaving Tustin Unified, Coastline ROP has a new member of the steering committee. Dr. Dozer welcomed Alita Ray, Tustin's College and Career Counseling Coordinator. They know Alita well as she worked at Coastline ROP for 5 years as a teacher and staff member. In fact, Alita was the first person Dr. Dozer ever met from a ROP!

Dr. Dozer also officially welcomed Amy Paulsen to the steering committee. Amy is Irvine Unified's new Director, College and Career Readiness. She previously served as an Assistant Principal at Portola High School. She has jumped right in since she officially assumed her new role on July 1.

He thanked them both in advance for their service on the steering committee. He is looking forward to working with them.

As they begin the 2026-2027 school year, he would like to wish all the best for the students, teachers, staff and administration of each of their districts and Coastline ROP. He is very excited for this year and the new opportunities that collectively they are providing students in ROP classes.

It has been a challenging summer for hiring, credentialing, and onboarding. Some of this is due to late-in-the-calendar resignations of a couple of teachers. A big share, though, is due to challenges shepherding teachers through the credentialing process. OCDE has experienced substantial turnover and staffing changes in their credentialing department, and this has significantly slowed the process. They are working closely with their staff and expect to have more teachers approved and in the classroom in the next week. He would like to thank all of his team who have worked so hard to find good teachers and work to get their background checks and credentials.

They received their notification from WASC to select their visit dates for reaccreditation in 2028. They are awaiting confirmation from each of the districts before submitting their top 3 dates to WASC. They are: April 24-26, March 6-8, and May 1-3. Unlike in 2022, this visit will be in-person. The first WASC webinar will be held on October 8 and he will provide an update at the October board meeting on planning.

As they near the end of the 2026 legislative session, he had updates on a number of bills.

First, AB 917 (Ávila Farias) has passed out of Senate Appropriations this week. This bill would remove the current law exemption for LEAs with an average daily attendance of 250 or less from the requirement to make a certificated employee permanent after being reelected for a third consecutive school year. The bill would also require, beginning July 1, 2027, service as an instructor at a regional occupational center

or program run by any district or county office of education to count towards establishing the instructor's permanent status. That requirement currently only applies to ROCPs operated by a single school district. His understanding is that this will NOT apply to them. The specific new language in the bill applies to districts that employ teachers that teach in ROPs under a CTE credential who are not being given service credit toward permanency. Since they employ their own teachers, this is not applicable to them.

AB 1590 (Ransom) is the bill that would require the state agencies to revise the CTEIG formula to ensure that all the funding appropriated by the Legislature and Governor is allocated to LEAs to provide CTE programs for students. The bill is important because over \$115 million in CTEIG funding has been left unallocated over the past five years. This past Monday, CDE released the preliminary 2026-27 CTEIG grant awards. At least in part in response to AB 1590, the state agencies agreed this year to change the CTEIG formula to ensure that all the funding is allocated. Whereas \$10 million was left unallocated in the 2025-26 round of grants, only \$99 was left unallocated this year. Given the unanimous vote in the Senate Appropriations Committee, he expects AB 1590 to move quickly to approval by the full Senate and Assembly by the end of August. The bill will then go to the Governor, who will have until the end of September to sign or veto the bill.

AB 1694 (Carrillo) is the bill that would have changed CTEIG from annual competitive grants to grants that would be automatically renewable for three years. Unfortunately, AB 1694 was not approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee. It would have been great to know what their CTEIG allocation would be for the next 3 years.

Coming back to the subject of CTEIG, they are happy to report an increase of 36% in their proposed CTEIG allocation. They are scheduled to receive \$1,238,000, compared with \$911,000 in 2025. This is attributed to two changes: the first is the change in the funding philosophy he mentioned a few minutes ago. The second is the increase in the total award pool by \$150 million. If any of their district partners are interested in seeing how their award was calculated, please let him know and he will share the formula.

This month he was pleased to bring a new marketing plan for approval. He would like to thank the board and his staff for tremendous input and ideas. He believes this is the best plan they have created as it will be very localized and he is excited to see its impact this year. One key item he would like to highlight for everyone is the development of site-specific website landing pages for each of their districts' high schools. These will be a part of the Coastline ROP website but will be customized for each school.

Lastly, he reminded everyone of their upcoming Partner Recognition Night at Mesa Water District on September 24. This event is dedicated to recognizing the businesses and industry professionals whose

partnership makes career-connected learning possible for their students. He hopes everyone can join him at this event.

In closing, he was very excited as he starts his 5th school year with Coastline ROP. They registered more students in more classes in more pathways and sectors than they registered at the beginning of 2022. They could not do that without the support of everyone and their districts and the hard work of the great team at Coastline ROP. He still loves this work and considers it an honor to work with so many people who feel the same way.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES' REPORT

It's August, and Coastline ROP is starting another exciting school year! All four of their partner districts are now in full swing, and their department has worked tirelessly to make sure their teachers and Career Specialists are prepared and ready to support students. In fact, they completed eight opening staff, teacher, and Career Specialist meetings in just five business days to kick off the year!

While summer is traditionally a quieter time in education, it is actually one of the busiest seasons in Educational Services. This summer alone, their team conducted 125+ interviews as they worked to hire teachers and Career Specialists for the 2026–27 school year. Between recruiting, interviewing, credentialing, onboarding, and getting everyone ready for the first day of school, there really isn't much of a "summer slowdown" in Ed Services. It is a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes, but it helps ensure they have the right people in place to support their students and programs.

Two weeks ago, Dr. Krista Schweers-Ganga had the pleasure of welcoming her new and returning teachers to the Mesa Water District Education Center in Costa Mesa for their annual Opening Teacher Meeting. This year, they went "Back to Basics," focusing on the key instructional and operational practices that help their classrooms run successfully. Teachers reviewed expectations for Canvas and Aeries, attendance and grading, substitute procedures, student enrollment and roster management, work-based learning documentation, and updated internship requirements. They also reinforced the importance of creating welcoming and inclusive classrooms, communicating effectively with students and families, and consistently implementing ROP procedures. Most importantly, teachers left with practical tools and resources to help them start the year organized, prepared, and focused on students.

That same week, their Career Specialists gathered at the Presidio site for their annual kickoff, and this year they welcomed a record number of new Career Specialists serving students across their four partner districts. The meeting focused on preparing the team for the year ahead, reviewing procedures and expectations, strengthening communication and collaboration, and making sure Career Specialists have the tools they need to support students, promote CTE opportunities, and connect students with Coastline ROP programs.

The momentum continued last Monday with their two-day New Teacher Orientation, where they welcomed their newest teachers, along with a few teachers who joined mid-year last year. They always ask for feedback at the end of orientation, and she wanted to share a couple of the comments she received this year:

- "The information was relevant and useful—and the food was a nice bonus!"
- "We have a much better understanding of why things are done certain ways, not just what we are expected to do."

That second comment is especially important because that is exactly what she wants her new teachers to walk away understanding—not simply the procedures, but the why behind what they do. A huge thank you goes to the entire Educational Services team for the tremendous amount of planning and work that went into making all of their opening meetings successful.

Dr. Schweers-Ganga also had some great student news to share! Their summer Certified Nurse Aide cohort recently completed their CNA state exams, and she was thrilled to report a 100% pass rate. These results reflect the preparation, commitment, and hands-on training our CNA instructor, Cecilia Murillo, provides the students with. Congratulations to Cecilia and all of the students on an outstanding accomplishment!

And there is even more great student news! Former Coastline ROP Estancia High School BITA student Chris Chavez was recently hired by Taber Construction, a valued industry partner and longtime supporter of their Design Build program. This is exactly what they hope to see through their classes - students developing industry-relevant skills, building meaningful connections with employers, and then turning those experiences into real career opportunities. It is always exciting to see that full-circle moment for one of their students.

Finally, grant season is gearing up again! She is currently wrapping up the Golden State Pathways Program planning grants and K-12 Strong Workforce Program Round 6, including final reporting and close-out activities. They were also awarded \$1,238,583 in CTEIG funding, and she is thrilled that the application process was completed earlier this year. For the first time, they entered the school year already knowing what their CTEIG funding would look like for 2026–27, which puts them in a much better position to plan strategically. The K-12 Strong Workforce Program Round 9 RFA is expected to be released soon, so they are already beginning to prepare for the next round of funding.

As they begin the 2026–27 school year, there is so much to be excited about. Their programs are growing, their partnerships continue to create opportunities for students, and their team has worked incredibly hard to make sure they started the year strong.

Dr. Schweers-Ganga thanked everyone for their continued support of the Educational Services department and the work they do to prepare

	students for their futures.
BOARD MEETING DATE/TIME CHANGES	There was no action taken.
QUARTERLY REPORT OF INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE	Brenda Savedra updated the Board on investment performance.
BOARD POLICY 5141.75 WEATHER SAFETY	It was moved by Member Swartz, seconded by Member Weigand, to approve Board Policy 5141.75 Weather Safety. Motion carried 4-0.
SONYCHELLE MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS PROPOSAL FOR 2026- 2027	It was moved by Member Swartz, seconded by Member Weigand, to approve the Sonychelle Media and Communications Proposal for 2026-2027. Motion carried 4-0.
RSCCD AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS	It was moved by Member Brooks, seconded by Member Swartz, to approve the agreement for additional funds between Coastline ROP and RSCCD for K-12 Pathway Coordination. Motion carried 4-0.
GOLDEN STATE PATHWAY PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATIONS	It was moved by Member Swartz, seconded by Member Brooks, to approve the two Golden State Pathways Program Implementation Grant Awards from the California Department of Education. Motion carried 4-0.
COSMETOLOGY CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP INITIATIVE 2.0 SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH OCDE	It was moved by Member Swartz, seconded by Member Weigand, to approve the Service Agreement between Coastline ROP and OCDE for California Apprenticeship Initiative 2.0 Cosmetology Related Supplemental Instruction. Motion carried 4-0.
ACCESS MOU – APPENDIX A WITH OCDE FOR 2026-2027	It was moved by Member Swartz, seconded by Member Brooks, to ratify the MOU and Appendix A between Coastline ROP and OCDE for 2026-2027. Motion carried 4-0.
CONSENT CALENDAR	It was moved by Member Swartz, seconded by Member Weigand, to approve the Consent Calendar without Item #33, Vital Link MOU for Exhibit Days 2026-2027. The item was pulled for discussion and a separate vote. Motion carried 4-0. • Minutes from June 16, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting • Minutes from June 30, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting • Ratification of purchase order and change order reports – June 8, 2026 – August 9, 2026 • Ratification of check report – June 8, 2026 – August 9, 2026 • Amendment 2 of Presidio Site Lease Agreement 2026-2029

- OCSBA Membership Letter 2026-2027
- Coalition for Career Technical Education in California Membership Invoice – July 2026-June 2027
- Rancho Santiago Community College District/Santa Ana College Instruction Service Agreement for Firefighting Technology
- MOU between Coastline ROP and North Orange County ROP for the Supply Chain Pathway
- New Course Approval – Applied Engineering and Manufacturing Systems
- New Course Approval – AI CyberForward 2: Cybersecurity Governance, Risk, and Compliance
- New Course Approval – Dental Assistant Front Office Internship
- New Course Approval – Medical Innovation, Research, and Entrepreneurship 2
- New Internship Sites
- Vital Link MOU for Pharmacy Tech 2026-2027
- Coastline ROP AME Teacher MOU with IUSD/Woodbridge High School
- Irvine USD Golden State Pathways Program (GSPP) Data Privacy Agreement
- E-Rate Service Agreement Renewal with Infinity Communications and Compliance
- English language learner waiver listing
- Compensation Schedule
- Personnel Register #2 – 2026-2027 (Approval of employee appointments, releases, retirements, terminations, leaves, transfers, promotions, stipends, additional/overtime assignments)
- Approval of travel and conference report

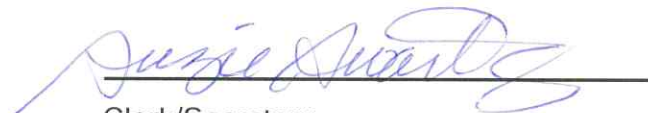
**VITAL LINK MOU FOR
EXHIBIT DAYS 2026-
2027**

It was moved by Member Brooks, seconded by Member Swartz, to approve the Vital Link MOU for Exhibit Days 2026-2027. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.


Clerk/Secretary