

# SUMMIT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

## Board of Trustees Meeting

September 19, 2026

PRESENT: Angie Arnold, Rick Derr, Del Hamon, Jeff Holloway, Raul Martinez, Ila McClenahan, Kirk Rusch, Chuck Schmidt, Jonathan Seng, John Steele, Academic Dean Larry Leathermon, President Dave Parrish, and Director of Operations Missi Prohs

ZOOM: Larry Berlin and Tristan Bridges

ABSENT: Roger Curry, Lyle Hinebauch, Jim Kittell, and Warren Steele

Meeting was brought to order by Jeff Holloway and Jeff opened with prayer.

The Mission Statement of the college was repeated by the board:

*Summit Christian College, an institution of higher learning, educates leaders for Christian service.*

It was suggested that the Mission Statement be included on the agenda.

This month the Board is due to affirm the Summit Christian College Mission Statement: *Summit Christian College, an institution of higher learning, educates leaders for Christian service.* John Steele moved to affirm the statement, Ila McClenahan 2<sup>nd</sup>; SCC Mission Statement affirmed.

For the devotion, Dave shared a story from his time with the Mbore people in Papua New Guinea

Minutes of the past meeting on May 8, 2026, were presented for approval with motion by Rick Derr and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Berlin; accepted as written.

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Angie led the Book Study on Introduction and Chapters 1 & 2 of *Extraordinary Hearing* by Greg Pruett, a follow up to his book *Extreme Prayer*. For the January meeting, read Chapters 3-6.

A copy of the ABHE Doctrinal Statement was distributed and needs to be affirmed. Jonathan Seng so moved with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ila; unanimously affirmed.

The Conflict of Interest Statement was distributed. The last page needs to be signed, dated and returned to Missi by all board members. A copy will be e-mailed to all board members not present today.

Annual Evaluations were e-mailed in August to all board members. Copies were distributed to those present at the meeting. All evaluations need to be returned to Angie ([arnold037@comcast.net](mailto:arnold037@comcast.net)) or by mail to 3245 Berkshire Rd NE, Rio Rancho NM 87144) by December 1, 2026.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Praise Banquet brought in \$19,929.78 in donations. We have two big givers who were in attendance this year. We raised \$31,750 in table sponsorships with expenses of a little over \$10,000. One new donor card was received. Chuck Schmidt asked for reference in the future, what could be said to bring in more donations. No specific suggestions were given and Missi pointed out that many come to the banquet prepared with their gift. All in attendance were in agreement that the banquet was very well done – the program, speakers and music. Rick Derr proposed that next year, the trustees take a more active role in filling their tables, giving verbal invitations. It was also suggested that possibly the Alumni Association could also take an active role in giving personal invitations. Missi could assist with names that receive invitation postcards from the school.

The audit is not ready.

The Aulick money came in last fiscal year (before the end of June). All expenses for the Apprenticeship program will come out this fiscal year.

Thanks to Tristan's suggestion, we moved \$35,000 to Solomon Foundation and all those funds are still there.

The question was raised where the future income stream will be coming from. Missi shared that students are continuing to pay bills and end of year gifts will be coming. Last year we received a good response to end of year requests. The end of year letter will be going out the end of October. Love Month will be the next source of income.

Haddie Grubbs, Administrative Assistant has resigned, so the search is on for a replacement. In the meantime, Missi will be taking those responsibilities on.

Our bookkeeper, Kathy, raised the question of how sick time is to be tracked and paid to part time employees according to a new Nebraska law. Rick Derr suggested tabling this until January and he will research what the Nebraska Law states. Does the board need to be involved in approval? No, this could be an administrative decision but we as a board could be kept informed. Rick suggested Kathy continues tracking accumulated sick leave as she has been until the next fiscal year.

Rick asked how adjuncts are paid - \$50 per hour for teaching. Are adjuncts sub contractors? They are not. They sign contracts designating a time period and days and hours they will be expected to teach.

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

"Director of Field Operations" for the Apprenticeship program will be reporting to the President and to the Academic Dean for academic needs and tasks. All publications for the program are being verified to be in compliance with our catalog.

Spring is encouraging with potential students as well as Fall 2027.

Rewording in the catalog is being made to be clear that those participating in the apprenticeship program is only for "degree seeking students." Tristan Bridges so moved, Kirk Rusch 2<sup>nd</sup>; unanimously approved.

#### STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

The students are great and there is nothing major to report. Student Leadership Council has been formed.

#### ALUMNI COMMITTEE

The committee discussed that now that the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary is over, what can be done to involve alumni. It was suggested that alumni forward a copy of their church/ministry newsletter to Larry Leathermon. He will put them in a place for students to read and see and hopefully they can be encouraged and inspired to see how alumni are serving.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jeff shared progress with potential President candidate Brett Miller, a former board member and adjunct professor. He is currently working at Zion Bible College in Eswatini. He is interested in the position of President at Summit, though he would not be available for 1 ½ to 2 years. He will be in the area in October and Jeff, Dave and anyone else interested will meet for lunch to further discuss the possibilities for Brett.

Plans for the Apprenticeship program continue. Students will be encouraged to enter in their junior year after completing two years on campus. Dave will be speaking at ICOM at a workshop, explaining the program as we are developing it. Any denomination is welcome to participate – our tenets of faith do have to be agreed to.

Dave shared that his report was based on recent prayer items that are shared in the weekly prayer time.

The Israel trip is still on, scheduled for February 28-March 14, 2027.

The Student Missions trip will be at the same time as the Israel trip. Larry Leathermon shared that #1 on the list

is Barbados. Praying Pelican is another option. He also shared that John Mulholland has agreed to co-lead the trip and be an adult presence.

Currently, the Fisherman's Crew is planning on going to American Indian Christian Mission.

ICOM is November 11-12 in St. Louis and many students are interested in attending. Branden is looking for lodging for students to cut down on costs. Kirk has some contacts in St. Louis and will explore those possibilities and communicate with Branden.

#### DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Branden reported that he has 12 prospects for spring 2027 and 60 for Fall 2027. His report shared what camps and activities the prospects are coming from. One activity that he questions continuing is Fall Fling. It is a lot of work for him with very little return in the area of recruitment. It will be held this year and then a decision will be made whether to continue. He would like to take additional students to camp as part of his camp teams to compete with some of the colleges who take large camp teams, especially to the camps that have a large number of attendees.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

John Steele would like some clarity on what is happening with the pursuit of a new President. Jeff shared that the Executive Committee has met and Brett Miller's name was at the top of the list.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2027, at the school.

Chuck led the closing prayer and we prayed for the 12 prospects for spring 2027.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Arnold  
Secretary  
Summit Christian College Board of Trustees