

**ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE UNIONS INTERNATIONAL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes**

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Ian Crone called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m., Eastern. Additional members present were: Yemi Gbajobi, Susan Pile, Keith Kowalka, Anthony Otero, Katie Beaulieu, Phillip Smith, Rob Stagni, Ysenia Garcia, and John Taylor, CEO. Also present were Dave Teske, Stacey Givens, and Steve Chaplin.

Pile MOVED, Otero SECONDED, and it was APPROVED, that:

The December 10, 2026, minutes be accepted.

Committee Reports

Finance

No report.

Governance

Pile reported that the committee met and reviewed scheduled Association policies on Honorariums, Waiver of Fees, and Gifts to Members (proposed change), and a new policy, Institutional Member Host Waiver Policy.

The Board APPROVED the Governance Committee's recommendation of the proposed changes to the Honorarium, Waiver of Fees, and Gifts to Members Policy.

The Board APPROVED the Governance Committee's recommendation to approve the Institutional Member Host Waiver Policy.

Kowalka left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Strategic

Stagni noted the work of the Board on continuing to examine the environmental scan as it relates to the Strategic Plan.

Component Group Connections

The Board shared updates on individual efforts to reach out to Component Groups .

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:35 p.m.

The Board left Executive Session at 12:42 p.m.

Lifetime Honorary and Emeritus Awards

Stagni MOVED, Beaulieu SECONDED, and it was APPROVED, that:

Emeritus Awards be presented to Luke Altendorf, Sue Burket, Perry Hacker, Tim Hogan, Marcia Gerwig, Marsha Guenzler-Stevens, Paula McNeel, and Jeff Stebar.

Gbajobi MOVED, Garcia SECONDED, and it was APPROVED, that:

Lifetime Honorary Membership be conferred on Lincoln Johnson.

AI and Community Building Task Force Charge

Crone reported on a plan to create a volunteer task force to research the impact and opportunities related to Artificial Intelligence and community building on college campuses.

DEI Assessment Recommendations & Action

Taylor reported, and the Board endorsed, recommendations for creating a new charge and name change for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Team. Crone asked that Taylor reconvene the Closing the Gap review team to reconsider related recommendations and to report back at the Board's next meeting in February.

CEO Update

Taylor provided an update on the status of purchasing the Central Office as a condo, including additional analysis on expenses and depreciation. Teske presented a revised financial analysis.

Taylor requested approval to open an Ramp investment account.

Otero MOVED, Smith SECONDED, and it was APPROVED, that:

The Board authorized creation of a Ramp investment account through Apex Clearing Corporation.

Taylor indicated that he will be emailing the Board the annual notice of Emergency Leadership Transition. He shared arrival and general meeting times for the Board at the annual conference. Taylor provided an overview of onboarding that is planned for new Board members, and highlighted that committees will be making presentations on January 28.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned WITHOUT OBJECTION at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Chaplin