MINUTES OF MEETING
COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS BOARD OF VISITORS
September 8, 2025

Vice Chair Tim Pinkerton convened the regular meeting of the Board of Visitors at 12:15 p.m. in the UA Cossatot Lockesburg Community Room, following a light meal and an invocation.

Present:	Barbara Dixon	Dori Gutierrez
	Tim Pinkerton	Brenda Tate
	Dr. Glenn Lance	Joe Martinez
Absent:	Barbara Horn	Mike Cranford
	Angie Walker	

Staff Reports

Dr. Steve Cole presented the Chancellor's Report, providing an overview of fiscal challenges and strategies for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. He reported a $512,000 decrease in net assets and a $1 million reduction in cash reserves, attributed to increased salaries, facility upgrades, and the purchase of the Colts Soccer Complex. To address these challenges, the college will focus on cost-saving measures such as cross-training staff, limiting non-essential travel, deferring nonessential maintenance, and improving operational efficiency. Enrollment increased by approximately eight percent, which may help offset revenue losses. Dr. Cole concluded by sharing that the institution remains financially stable, currently rated at 7.5 out of 10 on the "Charlotte Meter," a new measure of financial health named after CFO Charlotte Johnson. Dr. Cole also expressed a great outcome for the 50th year festivities that took place last week.

Charlotte Johnson then presented the Financial Report. The college ended the fiscal year June 2025 with a total revenue for the fiscal year standing at $12.15 million. The Account receivables were down 223,000 compared to this time last year. The college continues to maintain a solid grant portfolio with more than $9 million in total grants and $4.9 million earned to date. In Scheduled of Investments the college is up 47,000 from last year. In the endowments fund we are totaling $210,537. Johnson emphasized conservative spending and vigilant monitoring of auxiliary operations to ensure ongoing financial stability.

Dr. Ashley Aylett delivered the Academic Services Report, noting that 52 students graduated during the summer term, earning a total of 61 credentials. Fall 2025 enrollment remains steady, with 136 students participating in Adult Education and five GED graduates as of late August. She highlighted strong partnerships with area high schools, including record enrollment in the Industrial Maintenance program, which now serves 67 students across multiple districts. Dr. Aylett also announced that the college's Registered Nursing program will undergo a site visit in November for full program approval.

Tammy Coleman followed with the Public Services and Workforce Development Report. She reported that since launching in 2023, the Arkansas Fiber Academy has trained 387 participants,

including 189 UA Cossatot students. The Career Pathways program enrolled 97 participants and supported 50 credential completions in the previous grant cycle. Coleman also described successful outcomes from the YouthBuild program and Career Readiness Certification Services, which continue to provide valuable workforce credentials. She added that the Fiber Network Engineer Program was formally celebrated with a grand opening event on August 28, 2025, with state and local partners in attendance.

Action Items:

No. 1 Approve Minutes of July 7, 2025, Board Meeting. Brenda Tate motioned for passage and Barbara Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

No. 2 Review College Policy 469: Information Technology Incident Response. Joe Martinez motioned for review. Dori Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Additional Action Items:

No. 3 Review College Policy 503: Entrance Requirements. Brenda Tate motioned for review and Barbara Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

No. 4 Review College Policy 514: Transfer Credit. Joe Martinez motioned for passage and Dori Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

These two additional action items were added to the minutes prior to board approval on November 3, 2025.

With no further business, Vice Chair Tim Pinkerton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Dixon made the motion and with a second from Brenda Tate, Vice Chair Tim Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Walker, Secretary

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