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Announcement of Board Candidates

The 26-member ACCT Board of Directors consists of 15 directors elected regionally, nine directors-at-large elected by the Senate, and two directors appointed by the Chair. A full elected term is three years. Directors serve staggered terms.

During the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress Regional Caucuses and Meetings, one regional director is elected from each of the five regions. Three directors are elected at large at the Senate Meeting.

Regional Nominating Committees met on February 8th to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed below.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

2027 Candidates for the ACCT Board of Directors

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

(1) Three-Year Term in Each Region
(1) Two-Year Partial Term in the Northeast Region

The following is the slate of nominees:

Central Region – **Kathleen Bruinsma***
Grand Rapids Community College, MI

Northeast Region – **Allen K. Williams***
Monroe Community College, NY

Northeast Region Two-Year Partial Term
Reza Jafari*
Chesapeake College, MD

Pacific Region – **Jose Alcalá***
Riverside Community College District, CA

Southern Region – **Terry W. Atchley***
South Florida State College, FL

Western Region – **Carol Scott***
Del Mar College, TX

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

(3) Three-Year Terms

The following is the slate of nominees:

Maureen Banks*
Parkland College, IL

Donald D. Dantzer, Jr.*
Madison Area Technical College, WI

Trinh Nguyen*
Bunker Hill Community College, MA

Keyatta Priester*
Aiken Technical College, SC

Andrew Speer*
Mt. Hood Community College, OR

Oscar Valladares*
Río Hondo College, CA

Olivia Zepeda*
Arizona Western College, AZ

Nominations must be received by July 1, 2026 in order to appear in the fall 2026 issue of Advisor. Candidates with an asterisk received the support of their respective Regional Nominating Committee. Note: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.



2027 Board Candidate Statements

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

CENTRAL REGION



Kathleen Bruinsma
Grand Rapids Community College, MI

I have proudly served as a Director for the Central Region since my June 2025 appointment to a vacated seat and my October 2025 election to complete the third year of that appointed term. I now respectfully request your vote for a three-year term as a Director for the Central Region.

I am passionate about community colleges because open access to quality public education strengthens families, communities, and democracy; and bolsters our economy by preparing students for careers that pay a thriving wage.

My engagement reflects my commitment. I am in my ninth year and second term as an elected trustee for Grand Rapids Community College. I also serve as a member of the Michigan Community College Association Board of Directors and Chair of the MCCA Legislative Committee. I am a staunch advocate for our students during and beyond NLS. I would be honored to continue serving ACCT and its members.

NORTHEAST REGION



Allen K. Williams
Monroe Community College, NY

Monroe Community College Trustee Allen K. Williams has helped to increase opportunities for MCC students to achieve academically and professionally through public higher education. His advocacy reinforces the College's reputation for institutional excellence and innovation

and helps the College effectively respond to challenges faced during times of economic uncertainty and systemic racism. His insights and experience help ensure MCC prioritizes inclusion and a sense of belonging in its programs, policies, campus life, employment, and community involvement. MCC is consistently invited to the table when the Greater Rochester community and New York state seek solutions to increase student success, economic recovery, and workforce development. His work has improved the early childhood to K-12 to college pipeline and responded to the needs of regional employers through MCC's robust career-technical programs. As a trustee Allen Williams inspires MCC to deliver an exceptional educational experience to the college's diverse student population.



Reza Jafari
Chesapeake College, MD

Serving as the Chair of the Chesapeake College Board of Trustees, Reza Jafari has a proven track record in making significant contributions to the ecosystem of community colleges as the engines of economic empowerment through student success. He has served on the ACCT Communication and Education; Finance and Audit; and Government Relations and Policy Committees. He is currently serving on the ACCT Finance and Audit Committee and as the ACCT State Coordinator for Maryland. He is a Board member and Treasurer of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges. He is a successful entrepreneur who has created several innovative and high impact companies focusing on training and education and

workforce development. He is a strong advocate of providing opportunities and equitable access to education for all throughout his professional career at small and very large companies as well as his volunteering services at local, state, national and international organizations. He has been a leading participant in strategic planning for Chesapeake College. He is a recipient of the Gold Award from the Council for Advancement of Science and Technology in Education.

PACIFIC REGION



Jose Alcala
Riverside Community College District, CA

As a Trustee of The Riverside Community College District and in my career as an educator for 23 years, I have been committed to advocating for access of all students.

When truly advocating for all students, our goal should be to provide our students to equal access to all educational opportunities. Access should not be denied because of gender, ethnicity, language, special needs, immigration status, or socio-economic status.

Working to a fully integrated society means that we eliminate by statute and practice, barriers of race, color, national origin, language, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, economic status and genetic characteristics that prevent some individuals, adult or juvenile, from exercising rights enjoyed by others.

Our institutions can truly be transformative for the people we serve because we are not only a partner to our communities; we are the community's colleges.



2027 Board Candidate Statements (continued)

SOUTHERN REGION



Terry W. Atchley
South Florida State College, FL

I am honored to seek the role of Southern Region Director for ACCT. My Service as Past President of South Florida State College Foundation and current Chair of the District Board of Trustees at South Florida State College has strengthened my commitment to advancing student achievement and long-term success. I am dedicated to ensuring that our colleges remain the engines of opportunity, especially within the small and rural communities we proudly serve.

With a deep understanding of governance, community partnerships, and the unique challenges facing rural students, I am committed to advocating for policies and resources that elevate educational access and outcomes across our region. I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue serving our institutions, our students, and our communities through this important leadership role.

I humbly and respectfully ask for your consideration and support.

WESTERN REGION



Carol Scott
Del Mar College, TX

With two decades of service in public and higher education, she is currently serving her fourth term as Chair of the Del Mar College Board of Regents. She is past chair of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees and served on the Texas Commission on Community College Finance revamping the model for community finance in the state.

She is the current Western Regional Chair for ACCT and has previously served on the Audit and Finance Committee and was Texas State Coordinator for ACCT for five years.

Carol is a Distinguished Alumni from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Other leadership roles include: Corpus Christi ISD Board, Leadership Texas, Leadership Corpus Christi, Chamber of Commerce, Texas Public Relations Association (TPRA). She received the TPRA's highest individual honor for service to the profession, is a member of Public Relations Society of America's College of Fellows and received PRSA's Paul M. Lund Public Service Award.

DIRECTOR AT-LARGE



Maureen Banks
Parkland College, IL

I believe in the community college.

Serving as a trustee has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my professional life. My service at Parkland College, especially as board chair, has allowed me to witness firsthand the transformative power of education. Each of my leadership roles – from working with the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA), to serving on the State of Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC) – has deepened my commitment to student success and community impact. My more than 30 years in higher education administration complement my board-level experiences. My service as a trustee at a private four-year university and as a Rotarian has broadened my

perspective and reinforced my belief in service. I am passionate about fostering equity, transparency, and resilience, and will strive to ensure our colleges remain places where all students can thrive.



Donald D. Dantzler, Jr.
Madison Area Technical College, WI

Donald D. Dantzler Jr. is Board Chairman of Madison Area Technical College in Madison WI.

Since appointed in 2022, Donald has been active at various levels.

- **Locally**, Donald has collaborated closely with the college's executive cabinet to develop the new Strategic Framework and has taken the leading role in the national presidential search process.
- **Regionally**, he serves on the District Board Association's (DBA) board and the Bylaws Committee.
- **Nationally**, Donald has represented the college at all ACCT events, including the Leadership Congress and National Legislative Summit. He has also contributed significantly through his roles on various committees and panels:
 - Trustee Panelist, Governance Leadership Institute (2024)
 - Member, Education and Communication Committee (2023-2024).
 - Member, Finance and Audit Committee (2024-Present)
 - Member, African American Trustee Caucus (2022-2024)

Donald's commitment to governance, education, and leadership reflects his dedication to advancing the mission and purpose of community colleges.



2027 Board Candidate Statements (continued)



Trinh Nguyen
Bunker Hill Community College, MA

ACCT promotes high governance standards for students, faculty, institutions and industries, so that it can provide a competitive talent pool to meet the workforce demand of employers. Now, more than ever, this effort is essential to the rapidly changing labor market, federal policies, and needs of different student bodies. I see these challenging dynamics as an opportunity to think creatively and innovatively about how community colleges shape (and will shape) the future of our workforce, and thus contribute to the U.S. economy.

My skill set in operational excellence and strong financial management, and understanding of the core values and programs of community colleges can help the ACCT leadership and board to successfully accomplish its mission and goals. Additionally, my personal experience as a refugee and immigrant from Vietnam will offer a strong foundation to work together to quickly help identify issues, and to provide solutions for success. Equally important, however, is that being an ACCT board member will help me learn, grow, and share a network of amazing resources so that I can be a better leader as a Trustee at Bunker Hill Community College and public servant for the City of Boston.



Keyatta Priester
Aiken Technical College, SC

I am Keyatta Priester, honored to serve as a commissioner appointed to the Aiken County Commission for Technical and Comprehensive Education, the governing board for Aiken Technical College. I am grateful to Governors Nikki Haley and Henry McMaster for the opportunity to serve a third term.

I serve as Manager of Community Development at Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc., and am proud to be the first African American woman to hold this role. With more than two decades in the utility industry, my work focuses on community engagement, education, and economic development.

I currently serve on the Student Success and Impact Committee (formerly the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee) for the Association of Community College Trustees. I am also the first African American female President of the Rotary Club of Aiken and Past Chair of the South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners. I remain actively engaged in civic and nonprofit leadership dedicated to strengthening our community.



Andrew Speer
Mt. Hood Community College, OR

Andrew Speer has served on the Board of Trustees at Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) since 2019. Andrew has served MHCC as committee chair, board vice chair, board chair, and chaired the MHCC political action committee for the successful May 2025 bond campaign, the first bond passed in over 50 years. Andrew has also served on the board of the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) and has served as board vice president and board president for OCCA. He has also served ACCT four consecutive years on committees through service on the Finance (2x) and Public Policy and Advocacy (2x) Committees in addition to a two-year term on the Pacific Region Nominating Committee. Andrew holds a bachelor's and master's degree in economics from Portland State University and is a graduate of MHCC. Professionally, he works for the City of Portland in Oregon as a program manager and public policy expert.



2027 Board Candidate Statements (continued)



Oscar Valladares
Río Hondo College, CA

As a proud former Dreamer and graduate of East Los Angeles Community College, and a current Trustee on the Río Hondo College Board, I respectfully ask for your support and vote for Director – Pacific Region. Community college transformed my life, and now I have the honor and privilege to collaborate with Trustees across the country to strengthen our community college system.

Since 2020, I have volunteered with ACCT as a committee member, Board Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and currently as Vice-Chair. Access and success in postsecondary education made it possible for me—and many other Americans to change our social and economic realities.

In my role as a public servant with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, I serve my community by providing vital mental health services. As a Trustee, I am deeply committed to Student Success through access and completion, ensuring that students' basic needs—such as housing, food, technology, and mental health services are met.

I believe that together we can continue building a 21st-century community college experience that empowers all students to transform their socioeconomic futures.



Olivia Zepeda
Arizona Western College, AZ

I am honored to seek election to the ACCT Board of Directors, representing the Pacific Region. For 14 years, I have served as a Trustee for Arizona Western College, including six years as Board Secretary, advocating for strong governance, equitable access, and student success in diverse rural and border communities. With more than 40 years in education and leadership experience across school districts, community colleges, and universities, I bring a deep understanding of P–20 systems, community engagement, and workforce needs.

My ACCT involvement includes attending 11 Leadership Congresses, five National Legislative Summits, and serving on four Associate Committees. In 2025, I was appointed by ACCT President Carol Del Carlo to complete a one-year term on the Board.

I am committed to advancing ACCT's mission by promoting effective governance, accessible and affordable education, strong advocacy, and trustee development. I bring dedication, collaboration, and a meaningful regional perspective.



HOW TO JOIN THE ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Declaring your candidacy for a seat on the ACCT Board of Directors indicates that once elected, you will honor your commitment as a board member to attend and participate in all committee and board meetings. These meetings are held during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, the National Legislative Summit and the Annual Summer Board Retreat; and when necessary, via teleconference between these three annual meetings if and when required to transact the business of the association. Your declared candidacy also serves as confirmation that your institution is willing to financially support your expenses related to travel and hotel accommodations during these meetings.

There are two ways to run for a seat (Regional Director or Director at-Large) on the ACCT Board of Directors:

To declare your candidacy in advance of elections at the ACCT Leadership Congress and appear in the <i>Advisor</i> , you must:	To run for a seat from the floor at the ACCT Leadership Congress, you must:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a trustee in good standing at an ACCT member college. • At the time of election, you must have completed a minimum of one year of volunteer service to ACCT and have attended at least one ACCT Leadership Congress and one Community College National Legislative Summit. “Volunteer service to ACCT” is defined as service as an elected or appointed member of a Standing Committee or the Governance and Bylaws Committee, service as an elected or appointed member of a Regional Nominating Committee, or service as an appointed Coordinator in the ACCT State, Province and Territory Coordinators Network. • Submit a letter of declaration to run for office. • Submit a letter of support from your local board indicating your institution’s commitment to provide financial support for your service as an ACCT Board member, including participation in the ACCT Leadership Congress, Community College National Legislative Summit, and Annual Summer Board of Directors Retreat and Meeting. • Submit a one-page resume that emphasizes community college-related service and other civic activities. Information about professional history and education may also be included. • Submit a narrative statement that details qualifications, not to exceed 150 words, for inclusion in printed voting materials. • Provide ACCT with a print-quality (300 dpi or higher) head-and-shoulders photograph by e-mail, for inclusion in printed voting materials. If an electronic photo is not available, a 5” x 7” head-and-shoulders photo, preferably color, may also be accepted. (Photos will not be returned.) • Provide an optional second letter of support from another ACCT member board (for example, a state association). This letter of support must be limited to one page. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a trustee at an ACCT member college. • At the time of election, you must have completed a minimum of one year of volunteer service to ACCT and have attended at least one ACCT Leadership Congress and one Community College National Legislative Summit. “Volunteer service to ACCT” is defined as service as an elected or appointed member of a Standing Committee or the Governance and Bylaws Committee, service as an elected or appointed member of a Regional Nominating Committee, or service as an appointed Coordinator in the ACCT State, Province and Territory Coordinators Network. • Must be nominated from the floor by a voting delegate from the candidate’s respective institution. • Submit a letter of support from your local board indicating your institution’s commitment to provide financial support for your service as an ACCT Board member, including participation in the ACCT Leadership Congress, Community College National Legislative Summit, and Annual Summer Board of Directors Retreat and Meeting.

If you wish to run for a seat in Chicago during the 2026 Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and appear in the *Advisor*, you are required to notify the ACCT President at the Washington, D.C. office in writing of your intent to run.

Your notification must be received with a postmark date of **July 1, 2026**, or by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on **July 1, 2026**. The president will send candidate information received within 30 days prior to the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Any candidate who declares their intention to run for a seat on the Board of Directors up to 30 days prior to the election will automatically receive from the appropriate

ACCT staff all the same information provided to candidates who declared their candidacies by the July 1 deadline.

Please e-mail your nomination materials to nominations@acct.org.

ACCT will respond to your submission via e-mail within three working days. Please contact ACCT Association Counsel Andrew Laine at alaine@acct.org if you do NOT receive a response within three working days.

Nominations will also be accepted via standard mail (return receipt requested). Mail nominations to: ACCT President, 1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036.

NOTE: Each member of the Board of Directors at the time of election must be a member of a Voting Member. Voting Members are defined as *governing and advisory boards of accredited not-for-profit community-based postsecondary educational institutions that primarily offer programs other than baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees, including boards of state systems that include such institutions*. Per the ACCT Bylaws, no more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member on the ACCT Board of Directors at the same time.

NOTE: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.



DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Although Directors-at-Large may run from the floor during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress Senate Meeting, there are distinct benefits to submitting nominations by the July 1 deadline.

Benefits include the following:

- 1) Official candidate nomination materials, including a photo and short biography, will appear in the pre-Congress issue of *Advisor*. This issue is used as a reference during elections held at the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.
- 2) Individuals who declare their candidacy by the July 1 deadline will receive election-related reminders from ACCT and will receive 30 days prior to the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, contact information for their use in campaigning.
- 3) Those nominated prior to the deadline will have the opportunity to appear at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings held on Thursday during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, to campaign prior to the election during the Senate Meeting on Friday.

For these reasons, ACCT strongly recommends that those who wish to run for a Director-at-Large position submit their nominations by the July 1 deadline.

Procedure for Submitting Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws

According to Article XIV of the ACCT Bylaws, amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted as follows:

Section 1. Origination

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted in writing by the Executive Committee, the Governance and Bylaws Committee, the Board of Directors, or at least five Voting Members.

Section 2. Procedure

- a. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing no later than July 1 of that year to the Governance and Bylaws Committee through the president, unless proposed by said committee, for its consideration and its recommendations to the Board of Directors. Upon approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors, the proposal will be forwarded to the Senate for action with the Board of Directors' recommendations.
- b. If the Governance and Bylaws Committee recommends modification of a proposal and the Board of Directors approves the modification or approves an alternative modification, the sponsor shall be so notified of the proposed modification. Should the sponsor find the modification unacceptable, the original proposal, together with the Board of Directors' recommendation, shall be submitted to the Senate for action.
- c. Written notice of the proposed change shall be sent to each Voting Member at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- d. The Senate shall consider all proposed amendments that meet the requirements, and any proposed amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting to be adopted.
- e. An amendment becomes effective at the close of the Senate meeting at which it was adopted.



PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS

According to Article V, Section 7 of the ACCT Bylaws, resolutions to be voted on by the ACCT Senate may be submitted in the following ways:

- a. Proposed resolutions relating to governance of the Association shall be submitted in writing to the Governance and Bylaws Committee through the president no later than July 1 of that year. Proposed resolutions may be submitted by a Voting Member, the Board of Directors, or by the Governance and Bylaws Committee.
- b. The Governance and Bylaws Committee shall study all proposals received and shall forward with comments to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall prepare a report of its recommendations. Such report shall be distributed to the Voting Members of the Association no later than 30 days in advance of the Senate meeting at which the resolutions shall be considered.
- c. Proposed resolutions following the process of paragraphs a. and b. above must have a majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting to be adopted.
- d. Proposed resolutions not meeting the requirements set forth above may be considered by the Senate under the following procedure:
 1. The proposed resolution must be submitted to the president in writing, signed by the voting delegates of at least five Voting Members prior to the Senate meeting.
 2. The Senate must suspend the rules, without debate, by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
 3. The proposed resolution must be adopted by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
- e. Resolutions adopted by the Senate shall expire on the termination date set in the Resolution, or if there is not a termination date, three years after the date of adoption, unless re-authorized by the Senate.

Regional Nominating Committee

ACCT Regional Chairs invite member trustees to serve on Regional Nominating Committees. The commitment of Nominating Committee members in carrying out their duties helps to ensure that the Association's future leadership is comprised of member trustees who have demonstrated quality leadership in community colleges. Nominating Committee members interview and nominate candidates who are committed to and support the fulfillment of ACCT's vision — *Community college governing boards are THE LEADING ADVOCATES of the nation's community college system.*

Responsibilities

Regional Nominating Committees are the key to a successful election process for the ACCT Board of Directors. Each year, the committees are responsible for reviewing candidate applications, interviewing candidates, and nominating person(s) for Regional Director. Nominating Committees may also support Director-at-Large candidates.

Election/Composition/Terms

Each of ACCT's five regions elects nominating committee member(s) from the Voting Members of that region at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings held during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Nominating Committees are composed of five members each. No more than one member shall be from the same state. Nominating Committee members shall serve staggered two-year terms. They may serve more than one term, but terms may not be consecutive. The chair of each Nominating Committee shall be elected by the members of the respective Nominating Committee at the close of each Regional Caucus.

Committee Meetings (Interviews)

Regional Nominating Committee meetings are scheduled annually in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit that takes place in Washington, D.C. Committee members receive interview schedules and candidate information prior to the meeting(s). All expenses related to attending the meeting are the college's responsibility.



Nominating Committee Members Currently Serving

Elections for Regional Nominating Committee members will be held at the 2026 ACCT Leadership Congress in Chicago during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings on Thursday, October 22nd at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Below are the members currently serving on Regional Nominating Committees and their corresponding term expirations. **Please note that terms ending in 2026 will expire upon the conclusion of the Regional Caucuses and Meetings. Only newly elected and sitting committee members will vote for the chair of the Committee at the close of the meeting.**

CENTRAL REGION (2 seats expire in 2026)

- **Vernon Jung, Jr.**, *Committee Chair*
Moraine Park Technical College, WI
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Roger Moe**, *Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN*
Term Expiration: 10/2026*
- **Tom Riley**, *Iowa Western Community College, IA*
Term Expiration: 10/2027
- **Laura Wedekemper**, *Kaskaskia College, IL*
Term Expiration: 10/2027
- **Patty Wood**, *State Fair Community College, MO*
Term Expiration: 10/2027

NORTHEAST REGION (2 seats expire in 2026)

- **J. D. Urbach**, *Committee Chair*
Community College of Baltimore County, MD
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Sheila Ireland**, *Community College of Philadelphia, PA*
Term Expiration: 10/2027
- **Israul Marrero**, *Roxbury Community College, MA*
Term Expiration: 10/2027
- **Betti Singh**, *Warren County Community College, NJ*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Connie Walker**, *Monroe Community College, NY*
Term Expiration: 10/2027

PACIFIC REGION (2 seats expire in 2026)

- **Anna Franklin**, *Committee Chair*
Community Colleges of Spokane, WA
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Heather Brown**, *Nevada System of Higher Education, NV*
Term Expiration: 10/2027
- **Evelyn Casuga**, *Central Arizona College, AZ*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Josephine Crenshaw**, *Clackamas Community College, OR*
Term Expiration: 10/2027
- **Greg Pensa**, *Allan Hancock College, CA*
Term Expiration: 10/2027

SOUTHERN REGION (2 seats expire in 2026)

- **Jennifer Curtis**, *Committee Chair*
Aiken Technical College, SC
Term Expiration: 10/2027

- **Archie Hall**, *Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA*
Term Expiration: 10/2027
- **Rod Harrelson**, *Western Piedmont Community College, NC*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Ismare Monreal**, *Miami Dade College, FL*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Mary Schneider**, *NorthWest Arkansas Community College, AR*
Term Expiration: 10/2027

WESTERN REGION (5 seats expire in 2026)

- **Nancy Baca**, *Committee Chair*
Central New Mexico Community College, NM
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Eric Scott Killough**, *Pratt Community College, KS*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Gerald Lopez**, *Alamo Colleges District, TX*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Arlyn Uhrmacher**, *Southeast Community College, NE*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Carlton Underwood**, *Central Wyoming College, WY*
Term Expiration: 10/2026

*One-year partial term to fill a vacancy and is therefore eligible for reelection.

If you are interested in serving on a Regional Nominating Committee, please email your Regional Chair or ACCT at nominations@acct.org:

Central Regional Chair
Amanda Howland

Northeast Regional Chair
Anthony Colón

Pacific Regional Chair
Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg

Southern Regional Chair
Yvonne Barnes

Western Regional Chair
Carol Scott

2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Carol Del Carlo**, *Chair*
Nevada System of Higher Education, NV
- Pretta VanDible Stallworth**, *Chair-Elect*
Houston City College, TX
- Oscar Valladares**, *Vice Chair*
Rio Hondo College, CA
- Tim Hardy**, *Secretary-Treasurer*
Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA
- Rich Fukutaki**, *Immediate Past Chair*
Bellevue College, WA
- Amanda Howland**, *Central Regional Chair*
College of Lake County, IL
- Anthony Colón**, *Northeast Regional Chair*
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY
- Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg**, *Pacific Regional Chair*
Kern Community College District, CA
- Yvonne Barnes**, *Southern Regional Chair*
Trident Technical College, SC
- Carol Scott**, *Western Regional Chair*
Del Mar College, TX
- Terry W. Atchley**
South Florida State College, FL
- Shawn Boldt**
Highland Community College, IL
- Kathleen Bruinsma**
Grand Rapids Community College, MI
- Donald D. Dantzler, Jr.**
Madison Area Technical College, WI
- Manny Gonzalez**
Austin Community College District, TX
- Andra Hoffman**
Los Angeles Community College District, CA
- Deborah Ikeda**
State Center Community College District, CA
- Reza Jafari**
Chesapeake College, MD
- H. Allen Langley**
Cleveland Community College, NC
- Vivian Malauulu**
Long Beach City College, CA
- Robert Proctor**
Lansing Community College, MI
- Jermaine Reed**
Metropolitan Community College, MO
- Sharmila Swenson**
Highline College, WA
- Allen K. Williams**
Monroe Community College, NY
- Pat Wojcik**
Northeast Community College, NE
- Olivia Zepeda**
Arizona Western College, AZ



ACCT Board Committees Seek New Members for 2027

Inviting member trustees to serve on ACCT Board Committees has expanded membership participation in the governance of the Association while bringing new ideas and expertise to committee deliberations.

Committees for 2027 will be formed before the first of the year. Member trustees are required to indicate their interest in serving as an appointed committee member for a one-year term by November 1, 2026. Those interested in serving should submit the 2027 Committee Interest Form indicating committee preferences. **(If only one choice is listed and you are not selected to serve on the committee of your choice, you may not be placed on another committee unless a second and third choice is stated.)**

If you wish to include comments relating to your committee choices and areas of expertise, you may fill this in under the “Comments” section of the form. Each request must have a letter of nomination from the individual’s board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee. The ACCT Chair will appoint members to the following committees:

- Impact and Success Committee — The Impact and Success Committee provides the expertise to ensure that the membership has access to best practices leading to effective policy-making for student success.
- Finance and Audit Committee — The Finance and Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring executive compliance with fiscally related Policies and Bylaws, reviewing the annual budget and the financial audit, establishing procedures for the periodic audit of Association programs and services, and reporting to the Board of Directors.
- Governance and Bylaws Committee — The Governance and Bylaws Committee is responsible for reviewing resolutions related to the governance of the Association, amendments to the

Bylaws, and Board Policies. In fulfilling this charge, the Committee helps ensure that the Board of Directors is fulfilling its role to represent the member boards in determining and demanding appropriate organizational performance through its written governing policies.

- Member Communications and Education Committee — The Member Communications and Education Committee is responsible for evaluating and making recommendations to strengthen the Board’s links with the membership; identifying issues that require member input; and recommending strategies to gather input. Additionally, it evaluates and makes recommendations to strengthen current ACCT education programs and recommend additional programs that promote effective board governance through advocacy and education. The committee also assists in identifying Regional Nominating and Regional Award Committee members.

- Public Policy and Advocacy Committee — The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee is charged with reviewing public policy issues and recommending positions to the Board of Directors.

ACCT Board Policy states that the ACCT Chair will appoint committee members. In making appointments, the ACCT Chair will consider regional representation and other factors. Each committee chair shall be a member of the ACCT Board of Directors.

Associate members may be selected for committee membership under the following conditions:

1. They shall be selected from Voting Members.
2. They may serve three consecutive one-year terms per committee.
3. No more than one associate member from a college shall serve on any one board committee.
4. All related expenses are the responsibility of their college.

5. They have full voting rights.
6. They shall have a letter of nomination from their board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee.

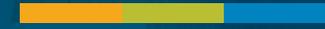
Please Note: ALL APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS SERVING IN 2026 MUST RE-APPLY IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN 2027. Colleges may submit a letter of support covering two years of service, but the Committee Interest Form must be filled out each year. Your application will be considered incomplete and will NOT be processed without the letter of support from your institution.

ACCT committees will meet in 2027 immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit scheduled February 7-10, 2027 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the ACCT Leadership Congress in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 13-16, 2027. Committee work may also be done through e-mail and postal mail.

If you are interested in serving and **your board has agreed to send a letter of nomination and financially support your attendance** at the events above, please submit the following:

1. 2027 Committee Interest Form (see page 15); and
2. A letter of nomination from your board supporting your appointment to an ACCT committee.

These documents must be received at ACCT by November 1, 2026. Send to the ACCT Chair, via <https://www.acct.org/membership/benefits/acct-board-committees/board-committee-interest-form> or by email at assocmemb@acct.org.



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED



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COORDINATORS NETWORK

The State, Province, and Territory Coordinators Network plays a vital role in supporting the operations of the association by linking the Board of Directors and staff directly to the membership. Coordinators, appointed by the ACCT Regional Chairs, are the voices and faces of ACCT in their local communities, and a primary source of information from their communities back to the ACCT Board and staff.

Coordinators are expected to attend the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and the Community College National Legislative Summit. Coordinators are appointed to three-year terms with no limit on the number of terms they may serve, and are reappointed with the approval of the ACCT Board.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COORDINATOR:

- Serves as the communications link between the Regional Chairs and ACCT member college boards
- Secures and retains ACCT member institutions
- Shares feedback regarding the association's products, services, and activities



ACCT COMMITTEES

BOARD COMMITTEES

Board committees communicate with the membership and inform the Board of Directors about membership values, interests, and challenges.

- Impact and Success Committee
- Finance and Audit Committee
- Governance and Bylaws Committee
- Member Communications and Education Committee
- Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS

The Advisory Committee of Presidents provides presidential perspectives to the ACCT President & CEO on the services, policies and positions of the Association. Committee members are CEOs of ACCT member institutions and are appointed to the committee by the ACCT Chair.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Regional Nominating Committees are composed of five members and responsible for interviewing and recommending candidates for the ACCT Board of Directors.



STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Student Trustee Advisory Committee provides a forum for the exchange of information regarding students' interests and priorities with ACCT Board, staff and community colleges on the national level.

TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Trustee Advisory Committee provides expert guidance and historical perspective on ACCT trustee education programs and services. Committee members are comprised of former members of the ACCT Board.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 26-member Board of Directors includes 15 directors elected regionally, nine directors at-large elected by the Senate, and two directors appointed by the Chair. A full elected term is three years. All occur during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.

The Board of Directors meets three times per year: prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., a day or two before the Annual Leadership Congress, and during the Summer Board Retreat. Work is also done through telephone, e-mail, and postal mail.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors establishes policies that supervise, control, and direct the affairs of the Association within the limits of and consistent with the Bylaws and Resolutions promulgated by the Senate.

The ACCT Board of Directors represents community college trustees throughout ACCT's membership territory, which currently includes the United States and several outlying territories and other countries.



For more information, please visit <https://acct.org/about/acct-governance>



2027 Associate Committee Interest Form

Please rank the committees in your preferred order of service (1=Least Preferred; 5=Most Preferred).

- If only one choice is listed and you are not selected to serve on the committee of your choice, you may NOT be placed on another committee.

- _____ Impact and Success Committee
- _____ Finance and Audit Committee
- _____ Governance and Bylaws Committee
- _____ Member Communications and Education Committee
- _____ Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

INFORMATION:

(Please fill out completely)

PREFIX	NAME	SUFFIX
TITLE		INSTITUTION
ADDRESS		
CITY / STATE / ZIP		
PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL

PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF

NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL
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Letter of nomination from your board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee enclosed

COMMENTS:

This form must be returned to assocmemb@acct.org by November 1, 2026.
 You can also fill out the form online at
<https://www.acct.org/membership/benefits/acct-board-committees/board-committee-interest-form>.

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- ▶ **Governance Leadership Institute: Miami, FL**
March 18 – 20, 2026
- ▶ **Governance Leadership Institute for New Trustees: Anaheim, CA**
August 5 – 7, 2026
- ▶ **Regional Awards Nomination Submissions**
June 22, 2026
- ▶ **Director-at-Large Candidate Nominations**
July 1, 2026
- ▶ **Amendments to the ACCT *Bylaws***
July 1, 2026
- ▶ **Submitting Senate Resolutions**
July 1, 2026
- ▶ **ACCT Leadership Congress Presentation Proposal Submissions**
May 15, 2026
- ▶ **Application to Serve as an ACCT Committee Member in 2027**
November 1, 2026

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