

The Rotary Club of Des Moines

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BOARD MEETING held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 -- 12 p.m- 1:00 p.m.

Community Colleges for Iowa- 855 E. Court Avenue

Present: Josh Braby, Brittany Freund, Ganesh Ganpat, Marni Hockenberg, Kevin Kacere, Tim Lillwitz (Presiding), Mark Lyons, Kyle McCormick

Absent: Scott Bennett, Katie Cownie, Susan Judkins, John Lorentzen

1. Call for Conflict of Interest
No conflicts of interest were declared.
2. Approve minutes of meeting held February 18, 2026
Motion by Braby and seconded by Freund.
3. Review financials – ending February 28, 2026
Approved on motion by Lyons and seconded by Hockenberg.
4. Approved recommendation for Membership (CONSENT AGENDA Items 4 & 5):
 - Jennifer M. Asplund (Jen)**
Classification: Consulting
Asplund Leadership & Consulting (Founder & CEO)
Sponsored by: Marni Hockenberg
 - David P. Lewis**
Classification: Building Energy Performance
Firefly Building Performance (CEO)
Sponsored by: Susan Judkins
 - Joshua M. Miltenberger (Josh)**
Classification: Construction
Greiner Construction (Principal & COO)
Sponsored by: Bob Vedral
 - Ahmed Shafay**
Classification: Banking
Twin Cedars Bank (Credit Analyst & Portfolio manager)
Sponsored by: Kashaan Merchant
 - Alexander J. Vlach**
Classification: Financial Planning
FSB Premier Wealth Management
Sponsored by: Kevin Kacere

Malinda L. O'Neil

Classification: Non for profit

The Salvation Army (Major)

Sponsored by: Marni Hockenberg

5. **Doug Bickford** Resignation due to his career position not aligned with membership at this time.
Consent Items approved on motion by Kacere and seconded by Freund.

6. President's Business and Rotary Office Matters:
 - a. John Lewis- Special Senior Honorary membership.
Approval of motion by Lillwitz and seconded by Braby.

 - b. Grant Committee (replace Tej Dhawan and Ted Corrigan – term expired)
Add new members David Gross and Richard Early:
Approval of motion by McCormick seconded by Freund
NOTE: Existing members of the Grants Committee: Eric Obergfell (Chair),
Tanya Wentzel (Vice Chair), Cathy Adams and Suzy Woollums

 - c. Task Force Updates
Fellowship Task Force is doing good work with the recent dinner, possible future dinner in June and the basketball tournament. Nine sponsorships have been secured exceeding the \$4,000 budget forecast.

 - d. Board Liaison Reports
Membership Task Force is trending well and hopeful of seven new members by end of the fiscal year.
International Service Committee will be meeting on April 23.

 - e. Other (no other business)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm

NEXT MEETING BOARD MEETING- Wednesday, April 15th – Community Colleges for Iowa – 855 E Court Avenue.