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College of the Desert Names 2026 Board of Trustees Leadership Team

PALM DESERT, CA (December 19, 2025) – College of the Desert approved officer roles and committee liaison assignments for the Board of Trustees for the 2026 term during its Board meeting earlier today, with the new appointments taking effect immediately.

The Board confirmed the following officer appointments:

- **Chair:** Ron Oden
- **Vice Chair:** Rubén AríAztlán Pérez
- **Clerk:** Mark W. Meyer
- **Secretary:** President Martinez Garcia (continuing service)

In addition to officer roles, the Board approved the following liaison and special appointments:

- **Dr. Joel L. Kinnamon**, Auxiliary/College of the Desert Foundation Liaison
- **Dr. Joel L. Kinnamon**, McCallum Theatre Committee Liaison
- **Mary Jane Sanchez-Fulton**, County Committee Liaison
- **Mark W. Meyer**, McCallum Board of Trustees & McCallum Finance and Executive Committee Liaison
- **Mary Jane Sanchez-Fulton**, Alumni Association Board of Directors Liaison
- **Mary Jane Sanchez-Fulton**, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Liaison
- **Carlos A. Maldonado**, Parliamentarian (continuing service)
- **Juan Falcon**, Student Trustee

As the governing body of College of the Desert, the Board of Trustees provides leadership and oversight to ensure the effective advancement of policies, programs, and initiatives that support student success and benefit the Coachella Valley community.

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