

AGENDA ITEM 8.C.

RE: For Consideration and Approval for Membership to The Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND: AGB serves the governing boards of approximately 2,000 institutions across the country, including a strong and growing community of two-year colleges. Community college boards face a distinct set of responsibilities: from ensuring affordable, flexible pathways for students pursuing certificates and associate degrees, to aligning academic programming with local workforce needs. AGB's resources are designed with exactly those priorities in mind.

Member community colleges have used AGB's tools and guidance to:

- Strengthen board onboarding and orientation, ensuring trustees understand their fiduciary duties — care, loyalty, and obedience — from day one.
- Improve board-president relations by clarifying roles and establishing healthy boundaries between governance and administration.
- Drive student success outcomes by engaging the board as a strategic partner in enrollment, completion rates, and equity initiatives.
- Anticipate and navigate emerging risks, from financial sustainability pressures to shifts in federal and state policy affecting community colleges.
- Conduct board self-assessments that build consensus around institutional priorities and improve overall board performance.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: \$4,360. Membership dues will increase to \$4,490 beginning July 1.

CONTACT PERSONS:

Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos, Board Secretary