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Office of the Chancellor

December 2, 2025

AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services
c/o Tammy Reichelt
1 Dupont Circle NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Reichelt:

It is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Dan Lufkin as a candidate for the AACC Board of Directors.

As President of Tarrant County College's South Campus, Dan is a valued member of the college's leadership Cabinet and a trusted leader among his peers. He is a collaborative and student-focused leader who consistently brings colleagues together to advance shared goals for the College.

In addition to serving as a campus president, Dan serves as Chair of the Presidents Council, where he works collaboratively with all campus presidents to move the college forward by developing programs that meet the needs of our business and industry partners and by building relevant workforce pathways that ensure students are job ready on day one. He also serves on the Executive Committee as the Second Vice President for Tarrant County Workforce Solutions, where he strengthens regional partnerships and helps align education and workforce priorities.

For these and many other accomplishments, I believe his leadership, strategic insight, and commitment to workforce development will be strong assets to the AACC Board. Please accept this letter of support for his candidacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elva LeBlanc".

Elva LeBlanc, Ph.D.
Chancellor

**Northwest Campus**

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AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services
c/o Tammy Reichelt
1 Dupont Circle NW
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December 15, 2025

Dear Ms. Reichelt,

It is my pleasure to offer my full and enthusiastic support for Dr. Dan Lufkin's candidacy for the American Association of Community Colleges Board of Directors. I currently serve as President of Tarrant County College Northwest Campus, and over the past five years, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Lufkin in his role as President of TCC South Campus. Throughout this time, he has consistently demonstrated the leadership qualities, collaborative mindset, and student-centered focus that are essential to effective board service at the national level.

Dr. Lufkin and I have partnered on numerous collegewide initiatives designed to strengthen academic programs, expand workforce aligned pathways, and enhance student success outcomes across Tarrant County College. In each of these efforts, he has brought a thoughtful, solutions-oriented approach, a strong appreciation for shared governance, and an unwavering commitment to ensuring that institutional decisions are grounded in what is best for students and the communities we serve.

Our professional relationship has also extended beyond the local level through our shared service on the AACC Commission on Student Success. In that capacity, I observed firsthand Dr. Lufkin's ability to contribute meaningfully to national conversations, engage colleagues from diverse institutions, and translate strategy into action. His insights are practical, informed by experience, and consistently aligned with the mission and values of community colleges.

Having served on the AACC Board of Directors, I understand well the responsibilities and expectations associated with this role. Dr. Lufkin possesses the judgment, credibility, and leadership presence necessary to add immediate value to the Board and to advance the work of AACC on behalf of institutions nationwide. He is a trusted colleague, a principled leader, and a strong advocate for student success and institutional excellence.

I am confident that Dr. Lufkin would serve the AACC Board of Directors with distinction, and I offer him my full support without reservation. Thank you for your consideration of his candidacy.

Sincerely,

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Zarina Blankenbaker, Ph.D.
President
Tarrant County College - Northwest



December 12, 2025

AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services
c/o Tammy Reichelt
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Dear Ms. Reichelt:

It is my pleasure to offer my strong support for Dr. Dan Lufkin's candidacy for the American Association of Community Colleges Board of Directors. I have known Dr. Lufkin for many years, beginning with our time working together at Virginia Peninsula Community College, where he served as the Vice President for Student Affairs. Since that time, we have continued to interact through AACC and SACSCOC meetings, and I have remained impressed by his professionalism and leadership.

During his tenure at Virginia Peninsula, Dr. Lufkin was known throughout the institution as an authentic and highly effective leader. He communicated with clarity and sincerity, and he demonstrated an exceptional ability to build bridges across the college community. He was deeply student centered, focusing on the whole student experience and ensuring that learners felt they belonged, were safe, and were encouraged to share their diverse perspectives. His leadership helped shape an environment grounded in trust, respect, and collaboration.

Dr. Lufkin also distinguished himself as a highly action-oriented leader. He approached challenges with a solutions mindset and worked collaboratively to implement impactful changes that improved student success. Whether enhancing student support services, strengthening cross-functional processes, or advancing strategic initiatives, his work consistently elevated outcomes and strengthened the institutional culture. He earned the respect of faculty, staff, and peers due to both his results and the collaborative manner in which he achieved them.

In addition, Dr. Lufkin built strong relationships with college board members and workforce partners throughout the region. He is a natural connector who understands the importance of aligning institutional efforts with community and industry needs. His credibility, leadership presence, and ability to engage partners effectively made him an invaluable representative of the college. These qualities, combined with his experience and character, make him exceptionally well suited to serve on the AACC Board of Directors. I offer my strongest endorsement of Dr. Dan Lufkin and encourage your full consideration of his candidacy.

Sincerely,

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Gregory McLeod, Ph.D.
President

December 10, 2025

AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services
c/o Tammy Reichelt
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Dear AACC Members,

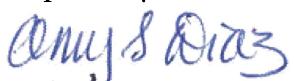
It is my pleasure to offer my strong support for Dr. Dan Lufkin's candidacy for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Board of Directors. Through our shared involvement with the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) and AACC, I have had the opportunity to get to know Dr. Lufkin and have come to deeply admire his leadership, integrity, and commitment to advancing the mission of community colleges.

Although Dr. Lufkin and I did not serve together during his decade with the Maricopa Community Colleges, my long-standing connections within the district have given me a clear understanding of the impact he made. Many of my colleagues at GateWay Community College speak highly of his genuine leadership, entrepreneurial mindset, and his natural ability to listen, collaborate, and build trusting relationships across faculty, staff, and business and industry partners. These qualities continue to strengthen the institutions he serves and are the very attributes that align well with the expectations of AACC Board service.

In my own national-level interactions with Dr. Lufkin, I have consistently observed the same strengths. He brings thoughtful insight, strategic clarity, and a student-centered approach to every discussion. His expertise in workforce development, community partnerships, and institutional alignment positions him as a leader who understands both the opportunities and challenges facing community colleges today.

AACC would greatly benefit from Dr. Lufkin's experience, character, and leadership on the Board of Directors. His entrepreneurial thinking, collaborative approach, and deep commitment to student success reflect the mission of AACC and the goals of the Board. I offer my strongest endorsement of Dr. Dan Lufkin and encourage your full consideration of his candidacy.

Respectfully,



Amy S. Diaz, EdD
President