

Safety/Energy Committee Minutes Held In-Person; February 18, 2026

Present: Rebecca Chiles, Mike Hanson, Mark Lilley, Jessica Olson, Brittany Smith, Miriam Garland, Kirsty Pinchuk, Jacqlyn Vasquez, Lisa Taylor and Crystal Contreras.

Absent: Adria Henrickson, Chelsee Blatner, Beeb Singson, Mike Komes, Mike McGlade and Zachary Hammerle.

Meeting was called to order at 1400 hrs.

Review of Minutes:

- Mike Hanson made the motion to approve, Mark Lilley seconded.
- November 19th minutes approved.

Building Fire Life Safety Inspections: Jessica Olson

February 2026

15 buildings this month

Extinguisher Issues:

- Not all extinguishers being checked monthly.
- SSC, RVEC – Furniture placed in front of some extinguishers.
- Smith Hall – Items stored under AED.

Fire System Issues:

- Hamersly – Edwards's heat sensors are recalled and out of date.
- Elevator inspector advises elevator 1-shot heat detectors need to be replaced with testable devices.
- Maaske – Fire panel PMI is failing and needing replaced.

Fire Door Issues:

- Library first floor elevator fire door not closing during fire alarm testing.

Electrical Issues:

- MNB – Toaster oven and electric kettle plugged into power strip.
- Maaske – Light out at top of 3rd floor stairwell near room 316.

Tipping Hazards:

- NCAA Clubhouse – Metal cabinet in soccer hallway needs secured.

Holes in Walls/Ceilings:

- Hamersly – Ceiling tile missing in 215.

Slip/Trip Hazards:

- APSC – Concrete pad sinking at west entrance, causing trip hazard.

Other:

- NCAA Clubhouse – Soccer hallway blocked with large items. Cardboard is now making it difficult to maneuver.
- ITC – Found roof access, room 314, unlocked.

Injury Review: Jessica Olson

3 injuries, 2 from November and 1 from January.

Description	Findings	Recommendations
<p>On 11/25/25, the employee was unloading items from their personal vehicle after an event. The employee reached deep into their trunk and attempted to lift out a wireless speaker weighing about fifteen pounds. They advised that they were lifting the speaker while reaching and stretching. Upon lifting, the employee experienced sudden shooting pain in their midback in the center and right side. They described the pain as a nine out of ten and advised they were immobile at their vehicle for several minutes before they were able to enter their building and office. The employee treated their pain at home with heat and rest, but advised they are still experiencing random shooting pains several times a day. They did not initially seek medical attention, but advised they are planning on seeking medical care in the future.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker was deep inside trunk against back seats of vehicle • Lifted speaker while bent over and reaching • Left work early and missed next shifts • Will seek medical care • Still experiencing fleeting pain in some positions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use proper lifting technique to protect back • Hold objects close to body when lifting • Avoid reaching and lifting
<p>On 11/30/25, the student employee placed their right hand against the door frame as they entered their dorm room. The door closed and smashed their right middle finger between the door and frame on the hinge side. The employee advised they sought medical care from</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee smashed right middle finger in door jamb • Auto-close door • Broke tip of finger and lost half bottom side of nail • Left work early and missed next shift 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attention to surroundings and appendages

<p>the West Valley emergency room in Dallas where they learned they had broken the tip of their finger. They also lost the bottom half of their fingernail. At the time of the injury, their pain level was a 7 or 8 out of ten but lessened to a dull aching and throbbing over time. The employee will seek follow-up care as needed.</p>		
<p>On 1/7/25, the employee sustained an injury while chopping sausages in the Valsetz kitchen. As they were cutting one of the final sausages, it rolled, causing them to cut the tip of their left middle finger. The wound bled heavily, and Public Safety responded to assist. The employee used two towels to control the bleeding, which were subsequently disposed of by Public Safety.</p> <p>The employee sought medical care at West Valley Hospital. They reported that the injury stung at the time of the incident and during cleaning by medical staff. At the time of follow-up, the employee advised that the injury only causes discomfort when they bump it into something. As a result of the injury, the employee left work early on the day of the incident and missed the following day. During our discussion, we reviewed safe cutting practices and emphasized the importance of slowing down when using knives. I also confirmed that the employee has access to appropriate cut-resistant gloves moving forward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee cut tip of left middle finger, losing about a quarter of their nail • Bloody towels disposed of by Public Safety • Care sought at West Valley Hospital in Dallas • Employee has access to cut-resistant gloves, but did not use them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attention to surroundings and appendages • Slow down when cutting • Use cut-resistant gloves

Conservation Committee Update: Rebecca Chiles

- New LED lighting all around campus
- HVAC replacing/updating systems
- Smith Hall future project

Round Table:

- New interim Safety Committee Chair is Lisa Taylor.

Next Meeting: March 18th, 2026, 2pm, in Hamersly Library 205.
Meeting adjourned at 1418 hrs.