

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Venue: Board Room, M.A. College of Engineering, Kothamangalam.

Date: 02 March 2026. Time: 11.15 a.m.

Members Present

1. Dr. Winny Varghese, Secretary, Mar Athanasius College Association & Chairman, Governing Body, Mar Athanasius College of Engineering, Kothamangalam.
2. Dr. Bos Mathew Jos, Principal and Member Secretary, Governing Body, Mar Athanasius College of Engineering, Kothamangalam.
3. Sri. Ajayan C., Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of Kerala.
4. Dr. George Issac, Executive Committee Member, Mar Athanasius College Association.
5. Prof. M.K. Babu, Governing Body Member, Mar Athanasius College Association.
6. Sri. T.J. Thampi, Governing Body Member, Mar Athanasius College Association.
7. Dr. Gileesh M.P., Professor, Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur.
8. Dr. Deepak Eldho Babu, Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Mar Athanasius College of Engineering, Kothamangalam.
9. Dr. Sarin Abraham, Assistant Professor, Electronics & Communication Engineering Department, Mar Athanasius College of Engineering, Kothamangalam.
10. Sri. Binu Cherian, Administrative Assistant, Mar Athanasius College of Engineering, Kothamangalam.
11. Sri. V.P. Joy, Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala. (Online)

Part I -Procedural

The meeting commenced at 11.15 a.m. with a silent prayer.

The Principal, Dr. Bos Mathew Jos, welcomed the members and introduced the newly inducted members of the Governing Body, Dr. Deepak Eldho Babu, Dr. Sarin Abraham and Sri. Binu Cherian.

Principal invited Dr. Winny Varghese, Chairman of the Governing Body, to address the meeting. In his inaugural remarks, the Chairman congratulated the Principal, Heads of Departments, faculty, staff and students of the institution for their achievements during the

academic year. The Chairman also thanked the outgoing members Dr. Biju B., Dr. Siddharth Shelly and Sri. Eldhose Paul for their contributions in the Board of Governors.

Part II – Reporting and Approval

Agenda Item No. 1

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 22-11-2024.

The Principal presented the minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 22-11-2024 along with the Action Taken Report

Decision:

The Governing Body unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting held on 22-11-24 and expressed satisfaction regarding the action taken on the decision thereof.

Agenda Item No. 2

Presentation by the Principal

The Principal made a detailed presentation highlighting the major activities, academic achievements, research accomplishments, placements, infrastructure developments and other significant achievements of the institution.

Decision:

The Governing Body recorded its appreciation and expressed satisfaction regarding the progress and achievements of the College.

Part III-Discussion

Academic Programmes and Curriculum Development

The following suggestions emerged during the discussion:

- Mechanical Engineering with Manufacturing specialization may be considered as a potential programme.
- Emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence should be integrated into existing programmes.

- Interdisciplinary postgraduate programmes involving Civil and Mechanical Engineering may be explored.
- Existing PG programmes should be reviewed and revised periodically to enhance student enrolment.
- Industry-linked and skill-oriented courses should be introduced.
- Curriculum reforms should focus on reducing excessive theoretical content and increasing practical, problem-solving and skill-based learning.
- Department-wise workshops may be conducted to review and modernize curriculum in line with industry requirements.

Industry Exposure and Faculty Development

The Board of Governors recommended the following:

- Appointment of "Professor of Practice".
- Utilizing the expertise of distinguished alumni.
- Steps to strengthen the industry-institute interaction.
- Incorporate academic credits for project-based activities.

Research

The Board discussed the need to:

- Enhance research output and funded research projects.
- Publish research achievements through the College website and other media.
- Encourage all eligible faculty members to pursue doctoral studies.

The Board appreciated the increase in the number of Ph.D. holders among faculty members during the academic year 2024-25.

Student Performance and Placements

The Board discussed student performance & placement activities and suggested to take measures to improve the results.

The Board recommended:

- Semester-wise analysis of examination results.
- Implementation of corrective measures.

- Strengthening placement-oriented training activities for students.

During the discussion the Board proposed Hepatitis-A vaccination to students admitted in College Hostels.

Budget for the Financial Year 2026-27

The principal presented the budget estimate for the financial year 2026-27, which had been recommended by the finance committee. The total proposed budget amounted to Rs.6,994.06 lakhs.

Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Governing Body approved the budget estimate for the financial year 2026-27.

Staff Selection Committee for the post of Principal (Direct Selection)

The Governing Body authorized the Secretary to constitute the Staff Selection Committee for the post of Principal (Direct Selection) as per the applicable rules and regulations.

Panel of Subject Experts for Promotion/Placement of teachers under CAS

The proposed panel of Subject Experts for promotion-related matters was placed before the Governing Body.

Decision:

Approved the submitted panel.

Panel of Subject Experts for appointment of Assistant Professors

The proposed panel of Subject Experts for promotion-related matters was placed before the Governing Body.

Decision:

Approved the submitted panel.

Approval of Finance Committee Decisions

The recommendations and decisions of the Finance Committee were placed before the Governing Body.

Decision:

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were approved.

Other matters

The following matters were suggested:

- Separate result analysis should be carried out for each semester.
- Teacher feedback mechanisms should be strengthened.

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Deepak Eldho Babu proposed the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to all members for their valuable contributions and participation.

The meeting concluded at 12.30 p.m.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J. B. L.", written over a horizontal line.

PRINCIPAL
Mar Athanasius College of Engineering
Kothamangalam, Kerala - 686 666