**District No. 15**

**Wenatchee, Washington**

**WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Special Meeting**

January 31, 2025

Wenatchee Campus - Zoom

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Trustees Present (virtual):

Paula Arno Martinez, Chair

Steve Zimmerman, Vice Chair

Wilma Cartagena

Phylicia Hancock Lewis

Tamra Jackson

Also Present:

Cabinet Members

**CALL TO ORDER: 3:01 P.M.**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

Wenatchee Valley College currently has state funds of $51,452,655 and $700,000 in local funds for to construct the Center for Technical Education and Innovation. The project recently received bids that exceed the available funding for the project by $3,300,000. This is the second time the project bid, each time the lowest responsive bid exceeded the available funding.

The local labor market is experiencing a shortage of electrical and mechanical contractors which appear to be driving up the costs. The college has explored alternatives with the Department of Enterprise Services and the State Board to accept the current low bid and move forward with construction.

**DISCUSSION AND Q&A**

Due to the uncertainty of the state budget and the state of the college, the college is not interested in exercising the use of the COP. Approximately 2 million dollars (5%) of the project would be part of contingency. If the project cost does not come below the allocated funds the college can walk away from the project.

Trustee Hancock Lewis thanked President Harrison and Brett Riley for the clarification and supports the project. Trustee Jackson appreciated the work that went into the request, the first time the request was made the information was not provided in advance. President Harrison will work with his team to present information in advance and provide 2-3 reads before requesting action.

Trustee Cartagena spent time in Olympia and acknowledge that everyone know that colleges are in a though place financially. Representative Mike Steele expressed excitement about the CTEI building because he advocated for the funding. This would be his third building at WVC. Other Representatives outside of our service area were also inquiring about the new building.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

**ACTION**

Trustee Zimmerman moved to approve Resolution No. 25-01 Seeking approval for temporary local capital expenditure authority not to exceed $3,300,000 related to the construction for the Center for Technical Education and Innovation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hancock Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT – 3:20 P.M.**

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Secretary Chair