**District No. 15**

**Wenatchee, Washington**

**WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Board Meeting**

February 15, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.

Wenatchee Campus

Wenatchi Hall 2310/Zoom

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Trustees Present:

 Tamra Jackson, Chair

 Steve Zimmerman, Vice Chair

 Wilma Cartagena

 Paula Arno Martinez

 Phylicia Hancock Lewis

Also Present:

 Cabinet Members

 Faculty Members

 Students

**CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**January 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Phylicia Hancock Lewis moved that the minutes of the January 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Wilma Cartagena and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2327

**CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

**Transforming Lives Nominee**

The Washington State Association of College Trustees (ACT) created the Transforming Lives Awards program in 2012 to recognize current or former students whose lives have been transformed by pursuing higher education at a community or technical college.

Wenatchee Valley College student Eva Luna was selected by the Board of Trustees as the WVC nominee for the ACT Transforming Lives Award. Eva was nominated by TRIO Retention Specialist Jenna Floyd.

Eva Luna is currently completing her Radiologic Technology (Rad Tech) degree at Wenatchee Valley College.

Eva comes from a seasonal, farm-working family and was the first in her family to graduate high school. In 2019, she enrolled at WVC to continue her education. Despite a one-hour commute and four children at home, she maintained good grades in her classes and continued to work full-time.

Eva found the TRIO SSS program, which offered guidance, financial support, and mentoring. They assisted with advising, FAFSA applications and even purchasing textbooks. With their encouragement, she applied to the Rad Tech program. However, when work conflicted with school, she had to find a new way to pay for classes. She turned to TRIO SSS again for help finding and applying for scholarships, receiving scholarships from The Scottish Rite Foundation, Steve and Ruth Beidler Endowment, and the WA State Opportunity Scholarship.

# “Thanks to the scholarships I have earned, I have been able to complete most of the program,” Eva wrote. “I have already been offered a job as a Rad Tech from both of my clinical sites after I graduate in Spring 2023. I’m so grateful for everyone that has empowered me. I want to prove them right and show them I was worth it. The best advice I can give anyone looking to go to a community college is: I believe anyone can do it. If I was able to with financial limitations, a full-time job, and a young family, anyone can.”

**Knight at the Wild**

Wenatchee Valley College partnered with Wenatchee Wild hockey for “Knight at the Wild” on Friday, Feb. 10 at the Town Toyota Center in Wenatchee. Ticket proceeds supported the WVC Foundation, which provides scholarships, emergency grants and more to students in need.

Our students and employees proudly represented WVC in the community.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Dr. Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services introduced Kari Collen, WVC Registrar.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Ally Aspen, ASWVC Wenatchee President**

Ally Aspen was not present to add to her written report.

**Abigail Steinshouer, ASWVC Omak President**

Abigail provided an overview of events that ASWVCO hosted or participated in. Leadership meetings have been moved from Friday mornings to Wednesdays at 11:30 am.

**Patrick Tracy, AHE President**

Pat Tracy, Sharon Weist, and President Harrison attended lobby day in Olympia on January 26, it was a very productive day meeting with Mike Steele, Keith Goehner and other representatives. They advocated for the college, asking for salary increases and full funding for the system. He would like to see the college work together and advocate for all.

Pat also asked the board what information they would like to see in his reports, at the last board meeting he asked for improved communication between the faculty and the board.

**Wendy Glenn, Chief Steward WPEA**

Wendy Glenn was not present to provide a verbal report.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services**

In addition to his written report, Mr. Riley shared that Maria Agnew, Safety, Security & Emergency Manager, will be meeting with the new Omak Police Chief to address the increase in crime.

**Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction**

Dr. Treat did not add to his written report.

**Dr. Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services**

Dr. Flores did not add to her written report.

**Dr. Faimous Harrison, President**

Dr. Harrison did not add to his written report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ann Reyna expressed her concern about the Wenatchee School District’s budget reduction and how it may impact the college. She requested to have access to WVC budget information. She also expressed concern about the public’s access to charging their electric vehicles using the campus plug-ins.

**ADJOURNMENT – 3:29 P.M.**

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Secretary Chair