



District No. 15
Wenatchee, Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

May 14, 2025

Wenatchee Campus - Zoom

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Present:

Paula Arno Martinez, Chair
Wilma Cartagena
Phylicia Hancock Lewis
Steve Zimmerman

Also Present:

Cabinet Members
Faculty and Staff

BOARD WORK SESSION – 10:00 am

COMMUNICATION

There is an interest in Trustees attending the ACCT Leadership Conference in New Orleans if the budget allows. Trustee Cartagena will be part of a panel representing ACT at the conference.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Hancock Lewis reminded the board to vote in the ACT election. Trustee Arno Martinez is running for the President position.

RCW 28B.50.873 SBCT Declaration of Financial Emergency. The declaration of emergency allows the board of trustees to make any decisions that will help the institution. Including a reduction in force. Lisa Turner, Marcine Miller and President Harrison have been getting updates from the state.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The ctcLink conversation came with some challenges, particularly with payroll. During the conversion in 2021 the college received an overpayment from SBCTC of 1.3 million dollars and in 2023, it received another overpayment of about \$300,000. The overpayment was recently identified, and the college is required to pay it back to the state board. President Harrison will be very methodical on how it will be explained to the campus community. He will not authorize repayment until there is full understanding on what is owed and that we have systems the college has put in place so this error does not happen again. WVC was one of two schools impacted by this error. Will be transparent during the June 6th meeting.

Projected revenue reductions or payback, including all sources for the 2025-2026 academic year will be approximately \$2,000,000 up to \$8,000,000, depending on the potential loss of federal funds.

Trustee Zimmerman asked if it's common for schools to borrow from other schools' reserves.

Trustee Cartagena shared the concern about the optics of the budget concerns with a new building being built. Marcine Miller will be drafting a press release to help educate the public.

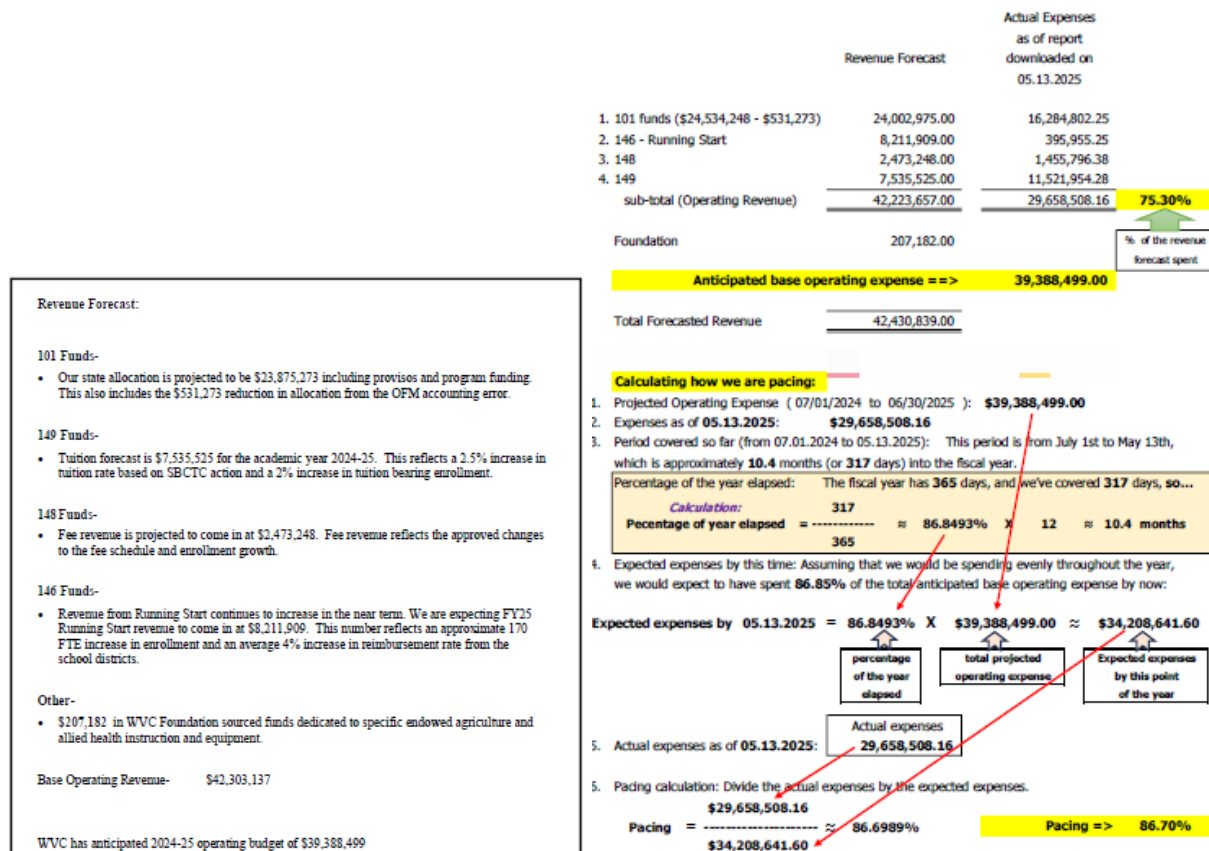
The WPEA increase will not be funded by the legislature.

Graduation Update: Based on feedback from students, staff, and the community, they prefer the interpreting format used last year. Graduation will be in English with a summary and bilingual in some areas. Full translation was also discussed – interpreting is so fast that it's almost disrespectful to the community.

Omak's graduation – The trustees have requested that the same format as Wenatchee be used in the Omak graduation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Spending is pacing at 87%.



LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Members of the cabinet provided written reports in advance. Leadership reports can be found in the May 14, 2025, board packet.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Rosanna Linares provided the board with a board development on the MESA program.

POST TENURE REPORT

Brigid Chvilicek reported on her post-tenure work.

FIRST READ

2025 - 2026 Student and Activity Fees - Rob Villa, Student Leadership and Engagement Coordinator, along with three students, presented the process of creating the proposed Student and Activity Fee budget. The trustees asked the students a series of questions about their experience going through the process.

2025 – 2026 Tuition and Fees – The legislature released tuition changes for the current academic year, including a 2.4% increase for 2025-26.

2025 – 2026 Tuition Fee Waivers - Tuition and fee waivers are divided into categories: (A) those set by the WVC Board of Trustees, (B) those set by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and (C) those created by statute. Percentage waivers are applied to the entire base of operating fee, building fee and student activity fee.

ACTION

Action items were reviewed in detail to be presented for action during the regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered an Executive Session at 2:00 to discuss issues related to potential litigation. The Executive Session lasted 45 minutes and ended at 2:45.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 16, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Trustee Phylicia Hancock Lewis moved that the minutes of the April 16, 2025, Regular Board Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Steve Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2394

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Mental Health Awareness Month – Destress Fest

Counseling recently hosted their 3rd annual De-Stress Fest at the Student Rec Center, and it was a success! Between Omak and Wenatchee Campuses, we had approximately 84 attendees, both students and staff. The event offered students and staff a much-needed opportunity to relax and recharge during a busy academic period. With a variety of engaging activities such as yoga sessions, arts and crafts, reading corner and free snacks, the event created a warm, welcoming atmosphere that promoted mental wellness and community bonding. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing appreciation for the thoughtful planning and inclusive nature of the event. Overall, the De-Stress Fest successfully fulfilled its goal of providing a relaxing, restorative break for all who attended.

Earth Day

Wenatchee Valley College partnered with Sustainable NCW to host the 2025 Earth Day Fair on our Wenatchee campus on April 19. The day began with an Earth Day Fun Run co-organized by WVC's Sustainability Committee and Sustainable NCW. Over 500 community members were in attendance and the college participated in organizing a plant sale, leading a tree campus tour, and a poetry reading. Valuable connections were made with over fifty non-profit organizations and businesses in the Wenatchee Valley area with missions to promote sustainability across North Central Washington.

The event was a successful opportunity for our community to celebrate Earth Day on our campus and was featured in local media in print and in a special feature with Sustainable NCW and Dr. Joan Qazi on NCW Life's Wake Up Wenatchee Valley.

While the event included collaboration from many offices across the college and our partner organizations, Dr. Joan Qazi's leadership and engagement with the community helped make this

event possible. The positive feedback the college has received from attendees, vendors, and our partner organizations are a testament to this.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

The following new employees were introduced: Tori Steele, Payroll Coordinator; Eleanor Camp, Customer Service Specialist; Faith Kriech, Program Specialist 2 in Financial Aid.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Amber Watson, ASWVCO President

Amber Watson provided a written report. In addition, she shared that there is a new math club in Omak. ASWVCO is working on a PRIDE month events and shared that they just painted the stairs on campus in rainbow colors.

Dania Cuevas, ASWVC President

Dania Cuevas provided a written report. In addition, she reported that students participated in the NWCCU student forum, they are conducting interviews for next year's senate and June 10 will be Knight at the AppleSox.

Sharon Wiest, AHE President

Sharon was not present to add to her written report.

Wendy Glenn, Chief Steward WPEA

Wendi was not present to add to her written report.

STAFF REPORTS

Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services

Brett Riley did not add to his written report shared during the work session.

Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction

Dr. Treat did not add to his written report shared during the work session.

Dr. Diana Garza, Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Garza did not add to her written report.

Lisa Turner, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources

Lisa Turner did not add to her written report shared during the work session.

Dr. Faimous Harrison, President

President Harrison did not add to his report shared during the work session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

ACTION: Action items were reviewed in detail during the board work session

2026 – 2027 Student Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar Committee began meeting in late 2024 to develop the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar, as outlined in Academic Calendar Procedure 1400.600. Drafts went out to all campus for review and comments were received from faculty and staff. The final draft was reviewed in April by the cabinet and presented to the board for first read in April.

Trustee Steve Zimmerman moved to approve the 2026 – 2027 Academic calendar. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hancock Lewis and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2395

2025 – 2026 Student Fee Schedule

The 2025-2026 Student Fee Schedule was discussed in detail during the board work session. The fee schedule was presented to the board for first read in April.

Trustee Wilma Cartagena moved to approve the 2025 – 2026 Student Fee Schedule. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hancock Lewis and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2396

Revision of Policy

The policies were presented and discussed in detail during the board work session.

Trustee Phycia Hancock Lewis moved to approve the revision of policy 000.110 Grants and Contract, 400.085 Course Substitution or Waiver Because of Disability, 400.540 Intercollegiate Athletics, 400.500 Student Clubs & Organizations, 400.550 Intramural Sports, 400.150 Computer Lab Use and rescind policy 400.460 Childcare Grants. The motion was seconded by Trustee Steve Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2397

Secretary Date

Chair Date