



District No. 15
Wenatchee,

Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

March 18, 2026

Wenatchee Campus, Van Tassell – TEAMS Webinar

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Present:

Wilma Cartagena
Tamra Jackson
Paula Arno Martinez
Steve Zimmerman

Also Present:

Cabinet
Members
Faculty and
Staff

TRUSTEE STUDY SESSION – 10:30 am

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMUNICATION

Trustee Arno Martinez, President Harrison, and Maria Iñiguez will attend the Spring ACT Conference in Blaine, Washington. Wenatchee Valley College has nominated four employees for ACT awards, and the recipients will be recognized during the conference.

The April meeting is scheduled to be held in Nespelem. President Harrison will contact Tammy James to confirm whether members of the Business Council will be available to attend, as they have not been available for past meetings.

Lisa Turner and Jason Hetterle are working to procure a software system that will allow the college to download and retain text messages in compliance with public records requests. All trustees, along with most cabinet members, recently received requests for their records.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As WVC completes the third quarter and begins the final quarter of FY26, the financial picture is becoming clearer. On the positive side, tuition and Running Start revenues are performing well above budget. However, an error in the Student Fees budget calculation resulted in an overstatement of approximately \$700,000.

Despite this, the net impact remains favorable, with a projected positive revenue variance of approximately \$1 million as of March 17, 2026. Combined with strong budget discipline from campus budget managers, the administration is confident the college will close the fiscal year with a positive net operating position.

Revenue Analysis - Local Funds Per BOT Approved Budget						
	Budget	Actual as of 12/31/25	Actual as of 2/21/26	YTD Over (Under)	Projected** 6/30/26	Projected 6/30/26 Over (Under)
Tuition - Fund 149	5,649,347	4,895,610	5,996,358	347,011	6,996,358	1,347,011.00
Running Start - Fund 146	7,793,956	3,005,601	4,803,110	(2,990,846)	8,236,928	442,972.00
Student Fees - Fund 148	2,779,513	1,341,169	1,535,355	(1,244,158)	2,035,355	(744,158.00)
Net -	16,222,816	9,242,380	12,334,823	-3,887,993	17,268,641	1,045,825

ACCREDITATION

Accreditors will be meeting with the board of trustees on April 23, 2026, at 10:00 am. Trustees would like more preparation

INFORMATION ONLY

Marcine Miller

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President’s and Chancellors are to vote whether to declare a state of emergency. The vote will take place at the WACTC meeting on March 26-27, 2026.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- Dr. Snively Martinez is leading the effort to organize a two-day Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges Northwest conference at WVC.
- The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center is seeking venues to host events during its renovation and has asked to partner with the college to host a series of events for up to two years or until renovations are complete.

POLICY FIRST READ

Policy 400.400 Student Academic Progress was presented for first read.

ACTION ITEMS FOR REVIEW

The trustees reviewed the regular meeting agenda and the following action items:

- NEW - 300.385 Academic Credit for Prior Learning at WVC
- NEW - Graduation Policy
- NEW - Placement Policy
- UPDATE - 500.090 Workplace Civility and Respect
- RESCIND - 500.115 Ethical Conduct Conflict of Interest Standards
- RESCIND - 500.150 Salary Schedules
- NEW - 500.520 Relocation Compensation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustees entered executive session at 1:45 p.m. for 55 minutes to discuss personnel and legal matters, as permitted under RCW 42.30. The executive session concluded at 2:40 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 3:01 P.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

Steve Zimmerman moved that February 18, 2026, meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Paula Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO 2420

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

The following new employees were introduced:
Danielle Fisher, Assistant Director of Human Resources

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

SPECIAL REPORTS

AHE President Report

Micky Jennings thanked the Board for recognizing their hard work

WPEA

Not present.

ASWVCO (Omak)

Amber Watson provided a written report and shared that more than 30 tickets were distributed to students for the Wenatchee Wild game. Students had a great time attending the event.

ASWVC (Wenatchee)

Wenatchee students also attended the Wild Game. Plans are also underway to bring back the fishing derby, with details currently being finalized.

CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

Cabinet members provided brief updates,

- Dr. Garza shared that the faculty counseling team will host a Destress Fest on March 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Dr. Harrison reported on the Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and is exploring options for auction items. He also thanked the campus community for their support of Knight at the Wild.
- Clint Strand noted that Knight at the Wild was a success and highlighted the student table presentations.

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

POLICY

Adoption of new policy, 400.410 Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Moved by Trustee Zimmerman to approve the policies as presented. Second, by Trustee Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO 2421

Update to policy 500.115 Ethical Conduct Conflict of Interest Standards, rescind policy 500.150 Salary Schedules and

