



SPECIAL STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022

Board members

Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, Chair // Crystal Donner, Vice Chair // Jay Reich // Carol Landa McVicker
Ben Bagherpour // Fred Whang // Chelsea Mason-Placek // Martin Valadez // Mack Hogans

Paul Francis, Executive Director // Julie Walter, Executive Assistant
Statutory Authority: Laws of 1991, Chapter 28B.50 Revised Code of Washington

Welcome

Chair Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. and welcomed those present.

Establish a Quorum and Adoption of Agenda

Chair Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney note that a quorum was present and requested a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion: Moved by Carol Landa-McVicker, seconded by Crystal Donner, and unanimously approved by the Board the agenda for the Aug. 23, 2022, Special State Board meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Centralia College, property acquisition
Resolution 22-08-39
- b. Olympic College, increase of local expenditure authority
Resolution 22-08-40
- c. Skagit Valley College, local expenditure authority
Resolution 22-08-41
- d. Wenatchee Valley College, property acquisition
Resolution 22-08-42
- e. June 30, 2022, State Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Moved by Martin Valadez seconded by Carol Landa-McVicker and unanimously approved by the Board the adoption of the Aug. 23, 2022, consent agenda.

Executive Director Report

Chair, Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney welcomed Paul Francis, Executive Director to his first official State Board meeting since being hired as Executive Director.

Executive Director, Paul Francis reported on the following topics:

- Senator Murray's Aug. 18 press event on the [CHIPS and Science Act](#).
- 2022 ACCT Pacific Region award recipients
 - Faculty Member: Dr. James Chen, South Sound Community College
 - Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Christine Johnson, chancellor, Community Colleges of Spokane
- \$1.8 million Department of Education grant for the Open ProfTech project.

WACTC Report

Chris Bailey, WACTC president, reported on the July 6-8 WACTC retreat.

Consideration of 2023-25 Biennial Operating Budget Proposal (Resolutions 22-08-43)

Over the last several months the college system has been collaborating on a series of budget requests to strengthen student success in a post-pandemic world. At this meeting, the State Board was asked to approve an outline of the maintenance and policy-level budget requests and grant authority to the executive director to submit the final budget to the Governor and Legislature in mid-September.

The community and technical college system presidents and State Board members have agreed on the importance of four key budget priorities: 1.) increased compensation, 2.) adequate funding for high-cost/high-demand programs, 3.) support for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) initiatives, and 4.) modernizing the system's capacity for hybrid learning.

Budget requests have two tiers, maintenance level and policy level. Maintenance-level requests reflect funding needed to continue current service levels or carry out policies already enacted by the Legislature. Policy-level requests are focused on new funds that would allow colleges to improve the quality or quantity of educational services provided to their students and communities.

Motion: Moved by Crystal Donner seconded by Carol Landa-McVicker and unanimously approved by the Board the adoption of Resolution 22-08-43 approving the 2023-25 Biennial Operating Budget Proposal and granting the Executive Director authority to adjust consistent with Board member discussion and submit the final budget to the Governor and Legislature.

Consideration of North Seattle College Ground Lease for Affordable Housing (Resolution 22-08-44)

North Seattle College is seeking approval to negotiate a lease of property rights to Bellwether Housing and Chief Seattle Club for construction, maintenance, and operation of affordable housing on the North Seattle College campus. North Seattle College has worked with the Bellwether Housing and Chief Seattle Club to develop a proposal to satisfy requirements of the State Board before executing a ground lease.

In the initial stage of the development process this space was envisioned to include a longhouse. As the Board was informed, both the College and Bellwether Housing/Chief Seattle Club decided that rather than sharing space it would be best to develop a facility dedicated to serving the College's needs. The elimination of the longhouse also lessens the acreage required to lease, and gives the college dedicated rather than shared space.

This dedicated space will enable the creation of an Intellectual House for North Seattle College. The Intellectual House will be a multi-service/multi-cultural learning and gathering space for American Indian and Alaska Native students, faculty, and staff, as well as others from various cultures and communities. The Intellectual House will be centered on developing relationships between Tribal communities and the Seattle Colleges community and as a resource for student recruitment and retention. Since the Intellectual House will be owned by the college, the college can ensure its use for this intended purpose long-term.

The State Board established conditions in resolution 21-03-10 for the college to adhere to. An update of the project was given during this presentation describing what has changed and requested authorization to begin drafting a ground lease for State Board review.

Motion: Moved by Chelsea Mason-Placek seconded by Martin Vladez and unanimously approved by the Board the adoption of Resolution 22-08-44 approving the North Seattle College authorizes North Seattle College to enter formal negotiations for a ground lease with Bellwether Housing and Chief Seattle Club for the development of affordable housing and space in condominium for the college on the North Seattle College campus.

ACT Report

Greg Dietzel, ACT president reported on the following:

- Aug. 18-19, 2022 Board of Directors retreat
- Sept. 13, 2022 Trustee Tuesday: Back to School
- Nov. 17-18, 2022 Fall Conference

Public Comment

No public comments.

Board Discussion

Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney thanked the Board members for their time and the State Board staff for their presentations.

Adjournment/next meeting

There being no further business, the State Board adjourned its Aug. 23, 2022, special meeting at 4 p.m. The next meeting will be Oct. 19-20, 2022, at Spokane Falls Community College.



Paul Francis, Secretary



Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, Chair