

STATE OF WASHINGTON
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES
RESOLUTION 23-08-36

A resolution relating to the sanction of Bellevue College for violating the Washington Association of Community and Technical College's (WACTC) policy against capital funding end-runs.

WHEREAS, the State Board is required to submit a single prioritized capital project list to the Legislature for the community and technical college system; and

WHEREAS, projects that appear on the list are first scored and ranked according to established criteria;

WHEREAS, the college system, the Governor's Office, and the Legislature all benefit from this fair and impartial process to prioritizing capital projects for funding; and

WHEREAS, WACTC has established an operational policy, called the "end-run" policy, to protect the integrity of the process; and

WHEREAS, it was determined by the WACTC Capital Budget Committee that Bellevue College had committed an end-run in securing additional funding in the 2023-25 capital budget for the Center for Transdisciplinary Learning and Innovation project (#40000168) that was not part of the State Board's capital budget request; and

WHEREAS, the WACTC Executive Committee has decided to sanction Bellevue College and has notified the college president; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the capital end-run policy, the WACTC Executive Committee is requesting action by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in support of the sanction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board supports WACTC's request to sanction Bellevue College; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board instructs staff to deduct five points from the overall score of Bellevue College's next major project proposal submitted for consideration in the State Board's major capital project prioritization process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes the Executive Director to make adjustments to this action, including any necessary changes to the State Board's Policy Manual, as necessary, for actions taken by the Governor, Legislature, data corrections, externally imposed restrictions or guidelines, uniform accounting and reporting requirements, and unanticipated changes in state or federal law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on 08/30/2023

Attest

Chelsea Mason-Placek

Chelsea Mason-Placek, chair

Paul Francis

Paul Francis, secretary