



STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 // 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Board members

Chelsea Mason-Placek, chair // Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney // Crystal Donner // Jay Reich // Kady Titus // Ben Bagherpour // Fred Whang // // 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 Chelsea Mason-Placek called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. and welcomed those present.

Establish a Quorum and Adoption of Agenda

Chair Chelsea Mason-Placek noted that a quorum was present and requested a motion to adopt the agenda.

MOTION: Moved by Jay Reich, seconded by Martin Valadez, and unanimously approved by the Board the adoption of the August 30, 2023, special meeting agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Bellevue College: local capital expenditure authority for cafeteria renovations
Resolution 23-08-31
- b. Bellevue College: local capital expenditure authority for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning unit replacements
Resolution 23-08-32
- c. Columbia Basin College: increase local capital expenditure authority for T building Equity Center renovations
Resolution 23-08-33
- d. Spokane Community College: local capital expenditure authority for campus security upgrades
Resolution 23-08-34

Public Comments

- Jacqui Cain, vice-president, contingent faculty, AFT-WA
- Charles Knutson, Amazon

Consideration of 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget Request (Resolution 23-08-35)

In the even-numbered years of a biennium, a supplemental capital budget to amend the biennial budget may be proposed by the Governor and considered by the Legislature. Supplemental budget requests are meant to address technical corrections to the biennial budget and for urgent priorities that cannot wait until the next biennial budget. The Office of Financial Management has requested agency supplemental budget requests be submitted by September 13, 2023.

Staff recommends new appropriations in the supplemental capital budget as presented below. The proposal is focused on meeting priority needs related to the state’s aggressive climate requirements and continued funding for projects remaining in the State Board’s pipeline of major projects. This will result in a system capital budget request of approximately \$100 million.

2024 Supplemental Capital Budget Request - DRAFT						
Priority	College	Number	Project	Phase	Request	Cumulative
1	Statewide	40000878	CBPS SBCTC Statewide Utility Submeters for Clean Buildings Act	Design & Construct	\$ 8,760,000	\$ 8,760,000
2	Statewide	40000914	HB 1390 - Decarbonization Planning	Planning	\$ 1,560,000	\$ 10,320,000
3	Statewide	40000880	CTC Statewide Energy Efficiency Program	Grant program	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 12,320,000
4	Lower Columbia	40000106	Center for Vocational and Transitional Studies	Construction	\$ 40,231,000	\$ 52,551,000
5	Columbia Basin	40000108	Performing Arts Building Replacement	Design & Construct	\$ 47,876,000	\$ 100,427,000
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Alternative Financing Authorities						
	Renton	40000881	Building J Renovation	Design & Construct	\$ 2,000,000	

The exact amount will be determined in collaboration with colleges prior to submittal of the request to the Office of Financial Management by September 13, 2023.

The proposal is consistent with the concept that was presented to the State Board in June, and WACTC voted to endorse this proposed budget concept at its July 14, 2023 business meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, seconded by Fred Whang, and unanimously approved by the Board the adoption of Resolution 23-08-35 directing staff to complete the 2024 supplemental capital requested as presented.

Recommended Capital End-run Sanction (Resolution 23-06-26)

Colleges, the Governor’s Office, and the Legislature alike count on our system’s unified and objective approach to capital funding. The college system advocates for the Legislature to fund the list in priority order. As projects are funded in one budget cycle, those not funded move up the list for consideration in the next budget cycle. New projects are then added to the bottom of the list in priority order for the year that they are scored using the same scoring and ranking process.

To maintain the fairness and integrity of this impartial process, the Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges (WACTC) has an established “end-run” policy to discourage colleges from advocating for projects or funding that is not part of, or differs from, the State Board’s system request. Situations involving an end-run are taken seriously and considered carefully by WACTC executive leadership.

Bellevue College received design funding in 2019-21 and construction funding in 2021-23 to fully fund the Center for Transdisciplinary Learning and Innovation project (#40000168) at the State Board's request level. During the 2023 legislative session, Bellevue College successfully received an additional \$2 million appropriation from the Office of Financial Management's Inflation and Contingency pool in the 2023-25 capital budget. This funding was requested by the college separate from the State Board's system request.

The WACTC Capital Budget Committee reviewed the situation and heard from Bellevue College's president at the time the end-run took place. The Capital Budget Committee agreed that, per WACTC policy, an end-run had occurred. The committee forwarded a recommendation to the WACTC Executive Committee that Bellevue College be sanctioned with a five-point deduction in the next major project scoring process that includes a project submitted by Bellevue. The WACTC Executive Committee supported the sanction and, per its policy, requested the State Board endorse the sanction for Bellevue College.

MOTION: Moved by Jay Reich, seconded by Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, and unanimously approved by the Board the adoption of Resolution 23-08-36 supporting the WACTC Executive Committee's requested five-point penalty for Bellevue College for the college's next project submittal to the State Board's major capital project prioritization process.

Consideration of 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Request (Resolution 23-08-37)

In even-numbered years, the Legislature adopts a supplemental operating budget. Requests for the 2024 supplemental operating budget should focus on high priority emergent needs, corrections to the biennial operating budget, and new or expanding policies that are consistent with Governor Inslee's highest priorities. The proposals below have been discussed with the college presidents and represent staff recommendations for the 2024 supplemental operating budget request.

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree expansion: \$9 million

To create at least 15 new Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree programs at Washington community and technical colleges. With appropriate funding support, these programs would expand access to computer science bachelor's degrees for historically underserved populations and align with existing and emerging industry needs.

- Washington Open ProfTech project expansion: \$600,000

To provide funding to develop another set of open textbooks, offering financial relief from the high cost of textbooks for students and sustaining the momentum and growth of open-source materials in professional technical programs.

MOTION: Moved by Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, seconded by Jay Reich, and unanimously approved by the Board the adoption of Resolution 23-08-37 approving the 2024 supplemental operating budget request as presented.

ACT Report

ACT events

- Trustee Tuesday – leading through change: September 12, 2023
- ACCT Congress: October 9-12, 2023
- Fall Conference and New Trustee Orientation: November 16-17, 2023
- Spring Conference: May 2-3, 2023

WACTC Report

Tim Stokes, WACTC president, reported on the July WACTC retreat.

Labor Report

- Karen Strickland, American Federation of Teachers (AFT), discussed preliminary information of AFT's 2024 legislative agenda.
- Sue Nightingale, Washington Education Association (WEA), discussed the pay equity plan.

Executive Director Report

Paul Francis, executive director, reported on the following:

- Presidential changes
- Strategic Action Plan Committee
- State Board Office staffing updates
- CUNY Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP) planning grant
- State Board Office move
- Upcoming meetings/events
 - Government-to-Government Summit: September 6, 2023
 - Governor Inslee's visit to Small Planet Supply: September 8, 2023
 - Washington Roundtable Meeting: September 14, 2023
 - Washington State Military Transition and Readiness Council (WSMTRC) Executive Committee Meeting: September 29, 2023
 - Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) Board Meeting: October 3, 2023
- ctLink workplan
 - Training
 - Standard business practices
 - Communications
 - Governance structure

Board Discussion and Chair's Report

- 2023-24 State Board Vice-chair

MOTION: Moved by Ben Bagherpour, seconded by Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, and unanimously approved by the Board, appointed Martin Valdez as the 2023-24 State Board Vice-chair.

- Chair Chelsea Mason-Placek thanked the Board members for their time and State Board staff for their presentations.

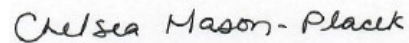
Adjournment/next meeting

There being no further business, the State Board adjourned its August 30, 2023, special meeting at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be October 18-19, 2023 at South Seattle's Georgetown Campus.

Attest



Paul Francis, secretary



Chelsea Mason-Placek, chair

