



# STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Study Session: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 // 1 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.  
Business Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2023 // 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Edmonds College: 6600 196<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Lynnwood, WA 9836

## 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 9 a.m. and welcomed those present.

## Establish a Quorum and Adoption of Agenda

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

**Motion:** Moved by Mack Hogans, seconded by Martin Valadez, and unanimously approved by the Board the adoption of the May 11, 2023, regular meeting agenda.

## Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Clover Park Technical College: Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Science  
**Resolution 23-05-10**
- b. Lower Columbia College: Bachelor of Applied Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)  
**Resolution 23-05-11**
- c. Peninsula College: Bachelor of Applied Science in Behavioral Health  
**Resolution 23-05-12**
- d. Seattle Central College: Bachelor of Applied Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)  
**Resolution 23-05-13**
- e. Skagit Valley College: Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education  
**Resolution 23-05-14**
- f. Signature Authorities for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) Account  
**Resolution 23-05-15**
- g. Ally/BlackBoard Contract Renewal  
**Resolution 23-05-16**
- h. Approval of 2023-24 State Board Meeting Dates  
**Resolution 23-05-17**
- i. March 30, 2023, State Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Moved by Mack Hogans, seconded by Jay Reich, and unanimously approved by the Board the adoption of the May 11, 2023, consent agenda.

## Recognizing Gary Locke (Resolution 23-05-18)

The Board presented Gary Locke, Bellevue College Interim President, with a resolution thanking him for his service to the state of Washington and the United States of America.

**Motion:** Moved by Jay Reich, seconded by Mack Hogans, and unanimously approved by the Board the adoption of Resolution 23-05-18 recognizing Gary Locke.

## Public Comments

- Jacqui Cain, American Federation of Teachers, Pierce College

## WACTC Report

Chris Bailey, WACTC president, provided an up on presidential changes and the work being done to support new presidents.

## Legislative Update

Arlen Harris, legislative director, provided information on policy bills that were passed by the Legislature:

- 2SHB 1316: Dual credit program access
- 2SHB 1390: District energy systems
- 2SHB 1559: Postsecondary student needs
- 2SSB 5048: College in the High School fees
- SB 5079: Tuition establishment date
- ESSB 5702: Student homelessness pilot
- E2SSB 5582: Nurse supply
- 2SSB 5593: Student data transfer

Cherie Berthon, operating budget director, provided an overview of the 2023-25 operating budget passed by the Legislature.

- Fully funded cost of living adjustments (COLA)
  - The legislature fully funded COLAs for community and technical college faculty and staff.
- Advance Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)
  - One-time investments are made to support further implementation of college EDI plans, close equity gaps, and improve the employment, earnings, and economic mobility of students of color.
- Nursing program expansion
  - Significant investments are made to expand college nursing programs in support of E2SSB 5582 including growth of nursing enrollments.

Darrell Jennings, capital budget director, provided a summary of the 2023-25 capital budget passed

by the Legislature.

For the 2023-25 capital budget, the system requested \$1.7 billion in capital investments to maintain and modernize aging campuses and ensure we provide effective teaching and learning environments for the next generation of students. The capital list leads off with \$216 million in much needed minor works and includes funding request for 41 major projects, which are ranked based on a rigorous assessment of the need for space, condition of existing facilities, systemwide policy objectives, and estimated costs. The 2023-25 state capital budget includes:

- \$148 million in minor works preservation.
- \$53 million in minor works program.
- \$294 million for six major construction projects at Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Bates Technical College, Everett Community College, Tacoma Community College, Wenatchee Valley College, and Shoreline Community College.
- \$5 million in grant funding for colleges to acquire equipment to support endorsed Career Connect Washington programs.
- \$429,000 to develop decarbonization plans for colleges with district energy systems that provide heating and/or cooling through a distributed system to three or more buildings with more than 100,000 square feet.

## 2023-24 Tuition and Fee Schedule (Resolution 23-05-19)

The State Board has responsibility for adopting tuition and fees (operating fees, building fees and the maximum allowable student activity fees) for the community and technical colleges, as well as the tuition for upper division courses in the system's applied baccalaureate programs. The legislative tuition policy stems from the College Affordability Program of 2015, which allows for resident tuition to increase by an inflation factor linked to median wages in Washington.

Each year, the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) releases the most recent median hourly wage data by state. Based on the May 2022 data, released on April 25, 2023, the percentage growth rate in the median hourly wage for Washington for the previous 14 years is 3.0%. Therefore, as documented by the Office of Financial Management (OFM), tuition for the public community and technical colleges and the public four-year institutions may increase by no more than 3.0% in the 2023-24 academic year. For illustrative purposes, a full-time, resident, lower division student taking 15 credits per quarter, would pay an additional \$54.90 per quarter (\$164.70 per year) with a 3.0% increase.

Presidents and State Board staff recommend the State Board continue the policy of increasing resident and non-resident tuition by the amount the Legislature allows. This increase is consistent with the enacted state budget, which assumes \$25 million in new expenditures from tuition next year.

**Motion:** Moved by Jay Reich, seconded by Ben Bagherpour, and unanimously approved by the Board the adoption of Resolution 23-05-19 establishing the 2023-24 tuition schedules for resident and non-resident, upper and lower division students.



## ACT Report

### 2023 ACT award recipients

- Trustee Leadership: Beth Thew, Community Colleges of Spokane

- Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Lin Zhou, president, Bates Technical College
- Partner of the Year: The Bremer Trust, John Mitchell
- Faculty Members: Kevin Blackwell, Olympic College
- Professional Staff Member: Kristen Nyquist, executive assistant to the president, Edmonds College

### ACT events

-  : May 15-16, Marcus Whitman  munity
- Trustee Tuesday - Splitting Hairs- Overview of the Allocation Model: June 13
- Board of Directors Retreat: June 23-24, Seattle Hilton Hotel and Convention Center

### Labor Report

- Sue Nightingale, Washington Education Association (WEA), provided a legislative recap and thanks the Board and staff for working collaboratively through the session.
- Jacqui Cain, American Federation of Teachers (AFT), discussed the pay equity provisio in the 2023-25 operating budget.

### Executive Director Report

Paul Francis, executive director, reported on the following:

- State Board Office staffing updates.
- Government to Government Summits
  - April 26, Grays Harbor College
  - June 7, Skagit Valley College
  - TBD, Seattle
- Concerns with Central Washington University's (CWU) proposal to offer an Associate of Arts degree for its students who stop out.
- Strategic Action Plan refresh.

### Board Discussion and Chair's Report

- Chair Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney 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 May 11, 2023, regular meeting at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be June 28-29, 2023, at Columbia Basin College.

### Attest




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Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, chair




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Paul Francis, secretary