

## STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chelsea Mason-Placek, chair // Martin Valadez, vice chair // Ben Bagherpour // Crystal Donner // Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney // Mack Hogans // Jay Reich // Kady Titus // Fred Whang

Paul Francis, executive director // Julie Walter, executive assistant

*Statutory Authority:* Laws of 1991, Chapter 28B.50 Revised Code of Washington

**Study Session:** Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024 // 1 p.m. to 5:05 p.m.

**Regular Meeting:** Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024 // 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**State Board Office:** 1300 Quince St SE, Olympia, WA

**State Board Members Present:** Ben Bagherpour, Crystal Donner, Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, Mack Hogans, Chelsea Mason-Placek, Jay Reich, Kady Titus, Martin Valadez, Fred Whang

**State Board Members Absent:** none.

The State Board held a study session on Jan. 31 from 1 p.m. to 5:05 p.m. Members heard an in-depth presentation and held a community roundtable discussion focused on ways to enroll recent high school graduates at community and technical colleges, part of its strategic plan.

The board also participated in a discussion on campus safety and security, reviewed the current allocation model, heard an update on the major capital project prioritization review, and received the bachelor's degree quarterly update including degree statements of need from:

- Shoreline Community College and Everett Community College: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.
- Olympic College: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.
- Clover Park Technical College: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Cyber-Physical Software Engineering.

### Welcome

Chair Mason-Placek called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed those present.

### Establish a Quorum and Adoption of Agenda

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

**Motion:** Moved by Board Member Gutiérrez Kenney, seconded by Board Member Hogans, and unanimously approved by the board, the adoption of the Feb. 1, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

### Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Bellevue College: Bachelor of Applied Science in Radiation Therapy.  
**Resolution 24-02-01**
- b. Clark College: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.  
**Resolution 24-02-02**

- c. Green River College: Bachelor of Applied Science in Accounting.  
**Resolution 24-02-03**
- d. Peninsula College: Bachelor of Applied Science in Teacher Education.  
**Resolution 24-02-04**
- e. Bellevue College: Local Capital Expenditure Authority for the Center for Transdisciplinary Learning and Innovation Project.  
**Resolution 24-02-05**
- f. Clark College: Local Capital Expenditure Authority for Installation of Utility Meters on Campus Buildings in Compliance with Clean Buildings Act.  
**Resolution 24-02-06**
- g. Renton Technical College: Local Capital Expenditure Authority to Create a Multicultural Center in Building D.  
**Resolution 24-02-07**
- h. Highline College: Local Capital Expenditure Authority for Building 29 Chiller Replacement.  
**Resolution 24-02-08**
- i. Columbia Basin College: Local Capital Expenditure Authority Increase for North HUB Parking Lot Repairs.  
**Resolution 24-02-09**
- j. Contract for Software Licensing and Implementation Services.  
**Resolution 24-02-10**
- k. SBCTC Meeting Minutes, October 19, 2023.
- l. SBCTC Meeting Minutes, December 7, 2023.

Board Member Hogans requested Resolution 24-02-10, contract for software licensing and implementation services, be pulled from the consent agenda for more discussion.

**Motion:** Moved by Board Member Hogans, seconded by Board Member Reich, and unanimously approved by the board, the adoption of the amended Feb. 1, 2024 consent agenda.

### **Contract for Software Licensing and Implementation Services**

#### **Resolution 24-02-10**

Choi Halladay, deputy executive director, business operations, provided a brief overview of why the contract is required.

**Motion:** Moved by Board Member Reich, seconded by Board Member Gutiérrez Kenney, and unanimously approved by the board, the adoption of Resolution 24-02-10 authorizing SBCTC to enter into a contract with Oracle Corporation to license and implement software necessary for One Washington data conversion.

### **Public Comments**

- Jacqui Cain, vice-president, contingent faculty, AFT-WA.

## Review of the Governor's 2024 Supplemental Budget Proposals

Gov. Inslee released his 2024 supplemental budget proposals in December. Darrell Jennings, capital budget director, and Stephanie Winner, operating budget director, reviewed key investments made for the system.

### Capital Budget Request

SBCTC Request - Governor's Proposed Budget Comparison

Priority	College	Funding Phase	Description	SBCTC Request Amount	Governor Proposed Amount	Proposal / Request
1	Bellingham TC	Campus Center Emergency Repairs	Design & Construct	\$ 19,384,000	\$ 19,384,000	100%
2	Statewide	CBPS SBCTC Statewide Utility Submeters for Clean Buildings Act	Design & Construct	\$ 8,544,000	\$ 8,544,000	100%
3	Statewide	HB 1390 - Decarbonization Planning	Planning	\$ 724,000	\$ 724,000	100%
4	Statewide	CTC Energy Efficiency Program	Grant program	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	100%
5	Lower Columbia	Center for Vocational and Transitional Studies	Construction	\$ 43,704,000	\$ -	0%
6	Columbia Basin	Performing Arts Building Replacement	Design & Construct	\$ 47,876,000	\$ -	0%
Total of new appropriations for community and technical colleges:				\$ 122,232,000	\$ 30,652,000	25%

Certificates of Participation  
Request for Local Financing Authority

College	Funding Phase	Description	SBCTC Request Amount	Governor Proposed Budget
Renton TC	Building J Renovation	Design & Construct	\$ 2,000,000	Included

### Operating Budget Request

#### 2024 Supplemental Budget Comparison Summary

Includes State General Fund, Education Legacy Account, Workforce Education Investment Account, Climate Commitment Act and Invest in WA

Dollars in Thousands

Budget Items	SBCTC Request			Governor's Budget Proposal		
	FY 2024	FY 2025	Biennial Total	FY 2024	FY 2025	Biennial Total
<b>Maintenance Level Subtotal</b>	<b>1,147,658</b>	<b>1,220,697</b>	<b>2,368,355</b>	<b>1,147,669</b>	<b>1,221,028</b>	<b>2,368,697</b>
<b>Policy Level</b>						
All Other Benefit & Central Svs Adj				481	18	499
<b><u>New Policy Items</u></b>						
BS in Computer Science		9,000	9,000			0
Integrated Climate Solutions			0		950	950
Career Launch Enrollments			0		3,750	3,750
Career Launch Enrollments - Climate Programs			0		1,500	1,500
Refugee Education Increases			0		1,000	1,000
Early Achievers Scholarship Supports			0		2,400	2,400
1500 Jefferson Lease & Relocation Costs One-Time	598		598	598		598
<b>Policy Level Subtotal</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>9,598</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>9,618</b>	<b>10,697</b>
<b>Total Proposed 2024 Supplemental Budget</b>	<b>1,148,256</b>	<b>1,229,697</b>	<b>2,377,953</b>	<b>1,148,748</b>	<b>1,230,646</b>	<b>2,379,394</b>

### Update on the 2024 Legislative Session

The board was updated on the 2024 legislative agenda and priorities, discussed high priority bills, and received an advocacy update.

### Washington Equity in Leadership Systems (WELS) Institute Update

The system's Leadership Development Program has been rebranded as the Washington Equity in Leadership Systems (WELS) Institute. The purpose of this effort is to develop Washington educators to lead with racial equity in support of the board's stated vision to advance racial, social, and economic justice.

Rodric Smith, director of leadership development, provided a brief update on the WELS Institute including steps taken to redesign the program.

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Update

Yokiko Hayashi-Saguil, student services policy associate, updated the board on the latest delays related to the to the implementation of the FAFSA Simplification Act.

## Consideration of 2024-25 Tuition and Fees Schedule Resolution 24-02-11

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.

In 2023, the Legislature passed [SB 5079](#), which provided a full year of lead time on the rate of tuition increase. Under the new law, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) must provide the maximum annual increase in tuition operating fees for resident undergraduate students at public institutions of higher education by Oct. 1 of each year for the following academic year.

Based on the May 2022 data released by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the percentage growth rate in the median hourly wage for Washington for the previous 14 years is 3%. Therefore, as documented by OFM on Sept. 29, 2023, tuition and operating fees for the public community and technical colleges and the public four-year institutions may increase by no more than 3% in the 2024-25 academic year. For illustrative purposes, a full-time, resident, lower division student taking 15 credits per quarter would pay an additional \$49.80 per quarter or \$149.40 per year (tuition and fees) with a 3% tuition operating fee increase.

Presidents and staff recommend the State Board continue the policy of increasing resident and non-resident tuition operating fees by the percentage the Legislature allows. While the State Board is rightly cautious about any increases in tuition, this modest, predictable increase is significantly lower than inflation and planned wage increases next year.

**Motion:** Moved by Board Member Reich, seconded by Board Member Hogans, and unanimously approved by the board, the adoption of Resolution 24-02-11 establishing the 2024-25 tuition and fees schedules for resident and non-resident, upper and lower division students.

## ACT Report

Pat Shuman, ACT president, reported on the following:

- 2024 National Legislative Summit: Feb. 4-7, Washington D.C.
- Trustee Tuesday – Managing Meeting Disruptions: March 5.
- ACT Spring Conference: May 2-3, Yakima Valley College.

## WACTC Report

Tim Stokes, WACTC president, reported on the following:

- January WACTC Meeting.
  - Washington Equity in Leadership Systems (WELS) Institute update.
  - ctcLink improvement plan.
  - Worker Retraining funding model.
- Guided Pathways Retreat.

## System Unions Report

- Jacqui Cain, American Federation of Teachers (AFT), discussed HB 2125, which would add part-time noninstructional workload to the calculation for determining eligibility for state-mandated benefits for part-time faculty at community and technical colleges.

## Executive Director Report

Paul Francis, State Board executive director, reported on the following:

- Washington State Leadership Board's 2023 Washingtonian of the Year: Jan Yoshiwara, former State Board executive director.
- 2023 Workforce Education Investment Act (WEIA) report.
- State Board office move.
- Student Legislative Interns.
  - Mollie Kuwahara, Tacoma Community College.
  - Josaphine Saccio-Devine, Lower Columbia College.
- Government to Government Summit – Building Higher Education Best Practices for Washington Tribes: June 18.

## Board Discussion and Chair's Report

- Committee/Task Force updates.
  - Long-Term Advocacy Task Force: The task force met on Jan. 16 to discuss issues related to the 2024 session. The task force will meet in March to review the outcomes of the 2024 session and again in September to prepare for the 2025 session.
  - Strategic Action Plan Task Force: The task force thanked board members and staff for participating in the previous day's roundtable discussion.
  - Bylaw Review Committee: The committee has started meeting every other week and will present the proposed changes for review at the March meeting with action at the May meeting.
  - Evaluation Committee: The committee is meeting to review the current evaluation process and discuss areas for improvement.
  - Nominating Committee: New committee members will be appointed in March.

- Board members shared their perceptions of events and meetings they have attended over the last few months.
- Chair Mason-Placek thanked the board members for their time and State Board staff for their presentations.

### Adjournment/next meeting

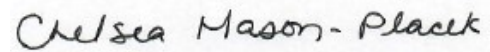
There being no further business, the State Board adjourned its Feb. 1, 2024 regular meeting at 12:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be March 27-28, 2024 at Skagit Valley College.

### Attest



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Paul Francis, secretary



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Chelsea Mason-Placek, chair