



## STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

### Board members

Jay Reich, chair // Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney, vice chair // Carol Land McVicker // Fred Whang

Ben Bagherpour // Crystal Donner // Chelsea Mason // Martin Valadez // Mack Hogans

Jan Yoshiwara, Executive Director // Beth Gordon, Executive Assistant

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

### Call to order and adoption of agenda

Chair Jay Reich called the meeting to order at 2 p.m., welcomed those present, and requested a motion to adopt the agenda.

**Motion:** Moved by Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney, seconded by Crystal Donner, and unanimously approved by the Board the agenda for the June 7, 2022, State Board meeting.

### Executive Session

The Board convened in executive sessions at 2:05 p.m. to evaluate qualifications of applicants for public employment. No action was taken by the Board during the executive session.

### Consideration of Executive Director Appointment and Delegation of Contract Negotiations

Chair Reich noted that following Jan's retirement announcement, the Board initiated a national search with extensive stakeholder involvement. Three candidates were referred by the Advisory Screening Committee to the Board for interview. On May 26, 2022, the Board interviewed, received reference information and feedback from stakeholders for each of the candidates. It continued evaluation of that information through its meeting in executive session today. Each of the candidates has excellent and unique backgrounds and experience to bring to the Executive Director position. He noted that the Board had not yet made a decision.

Vice Chair Gutierrez Kenney noted that All candidates were great and represent interesting choices for the Board and system. However, one candidate's experience made a difference. She made a motion that the Board offer the position to Paul Francis and delegate Chair Reich to finalize contract negotiations, and Crystal Donner seconded the motion.

Chair Reich noted that there was a motion and a second and asked for discussion. Each Board member noted how they thought that Paul Francis had the experience and set of skills necessary to be successful in the role of Executive Director.

Chair Reich called for a roll call vote and it was unanimously approved by the entire Board to offer Paul Francis the position of Executive Director for the Community and Technical Colleges. He noted the final negotiated contract will be ratified on the consent agenda at the regular meeting on June 30.

### Adjournment/next meeting

There being no further business, the State Board adjourned its June 7, 2022, special meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Jan Yoshiwara, Secretary

Jay Reich, Chair