

STATE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Suncadia: 3600 Suncadia Trail, Cle Elum, WA 98922

Thursday, August 29 // 12:15 p.m. a.m. to 3:15 p.m. // Miller Room

Board members

Martin Valadez, Chair // Kady Titus, Vice Chair // Bernal Baca // Ben Bagherpour // Crystal Donner // Mack Hogans // Chelsea Mason-Placek // Jay Reich // Fred Whang

Paul Francis, Executive Director // Julie Walter, Executive Assistant Statutory Authority: Laws of 1991, Chapter 28B.50 Revised Code of Washington

August 29	Regular Business Meeting // Miller Room	Tab
12:15 p.m.	Call to order, establish a quorum, and adoption of agenda Martin Valadez, chair	
12:17 p.m.	Public comments	
12:27 p.m.	 Consent Agenda a. Spokane Community College: Local spending authority for campus-wide roof repairs Resolution 24-08-42 b. Walla Walla Community College: Property acquisition of two parcels at 102 Strawberry Road Resolution 24-08-43 c. Wenatchee Valley College: Local expenditure authority for softball and baseball field renovations Resolution 24-08-44 d. Wenatchee Valley College: Local expenditure authority for Center for Technical Education and Innovation Resolution 24-08-45 e. Skagit Valley College: Local expenditure authority for the Burlington Head Start play area construction Resolution 24-08-46 f. Green River College: Local capital expenditure authority for Physical Education building gymnasium floor replacement Resolution 24-08-47 g. 2025 State Board Meeting dates Resolution 24-08-48 h. SBCTC meeting minutes: June 27, 2024 	Tab 1 (Action)
12:30 p.m.	Consideration of the 2025-2027 operating budget request Resolution 24-08-49 Stephanie Winner, operating budget director	Tab 2 (Action)
12:55 p.m.	Consideration of an increase to the athletic waiver Resolution 24-08-50 John Boesenberg, deputy executive director, business operations	Tab 3 (Action)
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1:15 p.m.	Break	
1:25 p.m.	Allocation model review update Chad Hickox, Walla Walla Community College President and Allocation Model Review Committee Co-chair Carli Schiffner, Grays Harbor College President and WACTC Operating Budget Committee Chair Stephanie Winner, operating budget director	Tab 4 (Discussion)
2:20 p.m.	ACT report Bertha Ortega, ACT President	
2:30 p.m.	WACTC report Amy Morrison, WACTC President	
2:40 p.m.	System unions report	
2:50 p.m.	Executive Director report Paul Francis, executive director	
3:05 p.m.	Board Discussion and Chair's Report	
3:15 p.m.	Adjourn Next Meeting, October 30-31, 2024, TBD	
		updated: 8/22/2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Under RCW 42.30.110, an Executive Session may be held. Action from the Executive Session may be taken, if necessary, as a result of items discussed in the Executive Session. **PLEASE NOTE:** Times above are estimates only. The Board reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities if requests are made at least seven days in advance. Efforts will be made to accommodate late requests. Please contact the Executive Director's Office at 360-704-4309.



CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 24-08-42)

August 29, 2024

Tab 1a

Spokane Community College-local capital expenditure authority for campuswide roof repairs

Brief Description

Spokane Community College seeks approval to spend up to \$1,081,000 in local funds for roof system repairs across the campus.

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

This project supports student success by providing modern and relevant facilities.

Background information and analysis

Spokane Community College wants to leverage the use of \$796,000 in Minor Works Roof Repair funds along with local funds to complete patch, repair, and leak mitigation on multiple campus buildings.

Total project scope is estimated to be \$1,877,000, making a local commitment of \$1,081,000.

The Community Colleges of Spokane Board of Trustees approved this local capital expenditure request on July 16, 2024.

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 24-08-42 giving Spokane Community College authority to spend up to \$1,081,000 in local funds for roof system repairs across campus buildings.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☐ No ☒

Prepared by: Darrell Jennings, capital budget director 360-704-4382, djennings@sbctc.edu



A resolution relating to Spokane Community College's request to use up to \$1,081,000 in local funds for roof system repairs across campus buildings.

WHEREAS Spokane Community College would like to leverage the use of \$796,000 in Minor Works Roof Repair state funds along with local funds to complete patch, repair, and leak mitigation on multiple campus buildings; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the proposed scope of work is \$1,877,000, calling for a local commitment of \$1,081,000; and

WHEREAS, Community Colleges of Spokane's Board of Trustees approved this local capital expenditure request July 16,2024; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Spokane Community College to spend up to \$1,081,000 in local funds for roof system repairs across campus buildings.

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.

Attest	
Paul Francis, secretary	Martin Valadez, chair



CONSENT ITEM (24-08-43)

August 29, 2024

Tab 1b

Walla Walla Community College: property acquisition of two parcels at 102 Strawberry Road, Walla Walla, Washington

Brief Description

Walla Walla Community College seeks approval to spend up to \$2.9 million in local funds to purchase two parcels totaling 73-acres located at 102 Strawberry Road in Walla Walla, Washington.

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

This project supports enrollment and degree completions by providing expanded campus facilities and program offerings.

Background information and analysis

Walla Walla Community College is seeking to acquire up to 73-acres of prime agricultural property, in Walla Walla. It hosts the systems Agricultural and Natural Resources Center of Excellence, a resource to promote agriculture and natural resource education, expand and strengthen degree/certificate programs, and facilitate professional development for college faculty.

The subject property is ideally located immediately adjacent to the college's main campus and land owned by the college foundation. The college will utilize this new property to support and enhance its agricultural education programs, a Farm-to-Fork program, and other community-serving programs. This purchase is a rare opportunity and a strategic investment in the college's growth and future.

If approved by the State Board, acquisition will occur in two phases. The first phase is the acquisition of parcel 1, 43.3 acres. The acquisition of parcel 1 is scheduled to occur by September 17, 2024.

Parcel 2 is delayed because it requires environmental mitigation due to contaminated soils identified during the due diligence period. The college has retained the right to purchase parcel 2, 29.6 acres, after the seller has completed soil remediation. A closing date will be set within 60 days of the seller's delivery of a Letter of "No Further Action" from the Washington State Department of Ecology. The seller will retain the right to lease back approximately 6.2 acres of existing strawberry crops through the 2026 harvest. The strawberry crops are a pre-existing use and will not interfere with the college plans for the property.

The property and its improvements have an appraised value of \$3,017,000. The college, using the services of the Department of Enterprise Services, has negotiated a purchase price of \$2,800,000, plus incidentals, for both parcels. The college has identified local funds to complete the acquisition and the college has also identified local funds for any ongoing maintenance and repairs. The college will obtain appropriate expenditure authority for future capital work.

The Walla Walla Board of Trustees approved this acquisition, funding, and purchase and sale agreement conditions on July 18, 2024.

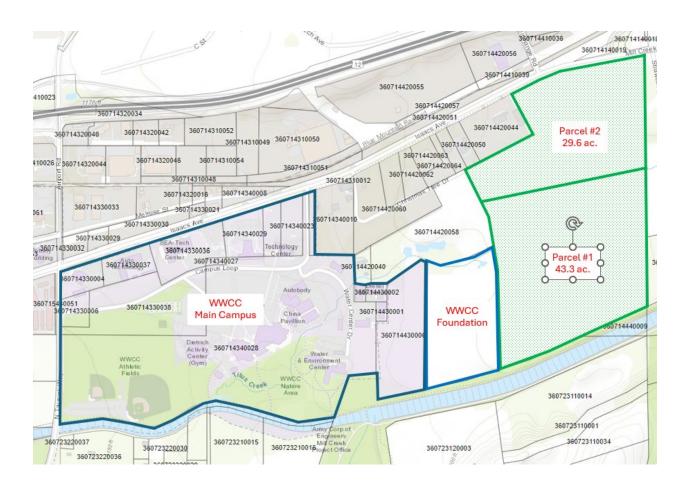
Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 24-08-43 giving Walla Walla Community College the authority to spend up to \$2,900,000 in local funds for the acquisition of up to 73 acres at 102 Strawberry Road in Walla Walla, Washington.

Policy Manual Change Yes \square No \boxtimes

Prepared by: Darrell Jennings, capital budget director (360) 704-4382, djennings@sbctc.edu

Proposed Acquisition





A resolution relating to Walla Walla Community College's request to use up to \$2,900,000 in local funds to purchase property located at 102 Strawberry Road in Walla Walla, Washington.

WHEREAS Walla Walla Community College is in a predominantly agricultural area and hosts the systems Agricultural and Natural Resources Center of Excellence to promote agriculture and natural resource education; and

WHEREAS two parcels totaling approximately 73-acres of prime agricultural property adjacent to the colleges main campus in Walla Walla are for sale that could enhance the colleges educational programs and resources; and

WHEREAS the college has used the Department of Enterprise Services and negotiated a purchase price of \$2,800,000 to acquire both parcels, plus incidentals; and

WHEREAS parcel 1 is 43.3 acres and can be closed upon State Board approval; and

WHEREAS parcel 2 is 29.6 acres and is an option with closing delayed until the seller can provide a letter of "no further action" from the Department of Ecology related to remediation of soil contamination identified during the due diligence period; and

WHEREAS Walla Walla Board of Trustees approved these acquisitions and local funding on July 18, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Walla Walla Community College to spend up to \$2,900,000 in local funds to purchase approximately 73-acres of agricultural property at 102 Strawberry Road in Walla Walla, Washington.

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.

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CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 24-08-44)

August 29, 2024

Tab 1c

Wenatchee Valley College: local capital expenditure authority for softball and baseball field renovations

Brief Description

Wenatchee Valley College seeks approval to spend up to \$1,220,100 in local funds for ballfield renovations to improve player safety and fan experiences.

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

This project supports student success by providing modern and relevant facilities.

Background information and analysis

Wenatchee Valley College has secured funding from the Department of Commerce for fastpitch softball and baseball field improvements. The college would like to add local funds to complete the scope of work as designed.

Improvements include playing field surface renovations for better player safety and other renovations to improve player and fan experience at both fields.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,220,100.

Wenatchee Valley College's Board of Trustees approved this local capital expenditure request on July 30, 2024.

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 24-08-44 giving Wenatchee Valley College authority to spend up to \$1,220,100 in local funds for ballfield renovations to improve player safety and fan experience.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☐ No ☒

Prepared by: Darrell Jennings, capital budget director 360-704-4382, djennings@sbctc.edu



A resolution relating to Wenatchee Valley College's request to use up to \$1,220,100, in local funds for ballfield renovations to improve player safety and fan experiences.

WHEREAS, Wenatchee Valley College has secured Department of Commerce funding for fastpitch softball and baseball field improvements; and

WHEREAS, the college would like to add local funds to complete the scope of work as designed; and

WHEREAS, improvements include playing field surface renovations to improve player safety and other renovations to improve player and fan experience at both fields; and

WHEREAS, Wenatchee Valley College's Board of Trustees approved this local capital expenditure request on July 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be \$1,220,100; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Wenatchee Valley College to spend up to \$1,220,100, in local funds for ballfield renovations to improve player safety and fan experiences.

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.

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CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 24-08-45)

August 29, 2024

Tab 1d

Wenatchee Valley College: local capital expenditure authority for Center for Technical Education and Innovation

Brief Description

Wenatchee Valley College seeks to spend up to \$700,000 in local funds toward design and construction of major project 40000198 Center for Technical Education and Innovation.

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

This project supports student success by providing modern and relevant facilities.

Background information and analysis

Wenatchee Valley College currently has \$51,452,655 in state funds for their Center for Technical Education and Innovation building project 40000198. Due to a failed construction bid solicitation, additional funds are needed for project redesign services and construction cost delays.

The total project cost after redesign is currently estimated to be \$52,152,655.

Wenatchee Valley College's Board of Trustees approved this local capital expenditure request on June 26, 2024.

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 24-08-45 giving Wenatchee Valley College authority to spend up to \$700,000 in local funds for design and construction of the Center for Technical Education and Innovation major project 40000198.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☐ No ☒

Prepared by: Darrell Jennings, capital budget director 360-704-4382, djennings@sbctc.edu



A resolution relating to Wenatchee Valley College's request to use up to \$700,000, in local funds toward design and construction of major project 40000198 Center for Technical Education and Innovation.

WHEREAS, Wenatchee Valley College currently has \$51,452,655 in state funds for their Center for Technical Education and Innovation major project 40000198; and

WHEREAS, due to a failed construction bid solicitation, additional expenses include redesign services and construction delay costs; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost after redesign is currently estimated to be \$52,152,655; and

WHEREAS, Wenatchee Valley College's Board of Trustees approved this local capital expenditure request on June 26, 2024; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Wenatchee Valley College to spend up to \$700,000, in local funds for design and construction of the Center for Technical Education and Innovation major project 40000198.

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.

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CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 24-08-46)

August 29, 2024

Tab 1e

Skagit Valley College: local capital expenditure authority increase for the Burlington Head Start play area construction

Brief Description

Skagit Valley College seeks to spend up to an additional \$1,020,000 in local funds to complete the second phase of design and construction of an outdoor play area at the Burlington Head Start Center.

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

This project supports student success by providing modern and relevant facilities.

Background information and analysis

Skagit Valley College received Executive Director approval #24-22, on September 11, 2023, to spend up to \$645,000 in local funds for design and construction of an outdoor play area at the Burlington Head Start Center. Federal Head Start funds were used for this first phase of the project.

The college has received approval from Head Start to continue with the second phase of the outdoor play area. The estimated cost for design and construction is \$1,020,000.

Total project cost for the outdoor play area is estimated to be \$1,665,000,

Skagit Valley College's vice president for administrative services approved this local capital expenditure request increase on August 5, 2024.

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 24-08-46 giving Skagit Valley College authority to spend up to an additional \$1,020,000 in local funds for design and construction of the second phase of outdoor play area at the Burlington Head Start Center.

Policy Manual Change Yes \square No \boxtimes

Prepared by: Darrell Jennings, capital budget director 360-704-4382, djennings@sbctc.edu



A resolution relating to Skagit Valley College's request to use up to an additional \$1,020,000, in local funds to complete phase two design and construction of the outdoor play area at the Burlington Head Start Center.

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College received Executive Director approval #24-22, to spend up to \$645,000, in local funds on September 11, 2023, for design and construction of an outdoor play area at the Burlington Head Start Center; and

WHEREAS, the college secured federal Head Start funds for the first phase of the project and has now received permission to continue with the second phase of the outdoor play area; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for design and construction of the second phase is \$1,020,000, making the total project cost estimate \$1,665,000; and

WHEREAS, Skagit Valley College's vice president for administrative services approved this local capital expenditure increase request on August 5, 2024; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Skagit Valley College to spend up to an additional \$1,020,000, in local funds for design and construction of the second phase of the outdoor play area at the Burlington Head Start Center.

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.

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CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 24-08-47)

August 29, 2024

Tab 1f

Green River College: local capital expenditure authority for Physical Education building gymnasium floor replacement

Brief Description

Green River College seeks approval to spend up to \$1,500,000 in local funds for analysis, design, and construction of the damaged gymnasium floor.

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

This project supports student success by providing modern and relevant facilities.

Background information and analysis

Green River College is experiencing ground water penetration in the Physical Education building (UFI A06045). An engineering study is underway to determine the cause and possible solutions.

The college is estimating a total project cost of \$1,500,000 for analysis, design and replacement of the gymnasium floor.

The Green River College Board of Trustees approved this local capital expenditure request in resolution 2024-25-01 on June 13, 2024.

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 24-08-47 giving Green River College authority to spend up to \$1,500,000 in local funds for analysis, design, and replacement of the Physical Education building (UFI A06045) gymnasium floor.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☐ No ☒

Prepared by: Darrell Jennings, capital budget director 360-704-4382, djennings@sbctc.edu



A resolution relating to Green River College's request to spend up to \$1,500,000 in local funds for Physical Education building gymnasium floor replacement.

WHEREAS Green River College is currently investigating the cause of ground water penetration in the Physical Education building (UFI A06045); and

WHEREAS the gymnasium floor is damaged and removal and replacement is likely; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for analysis, design, and construction of the gymnasium floor is \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, Green River College's Board of Trustees approved this local capital expenditure request in Resolution 2024-25-01 on June 13, 2024; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Green River College to spend up to \$1,500,000 in local funds for analysis, design, and replacement of the Physical Education building (UFI A06045) gymnasium floor.

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.

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CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 24-08-48)

August 29, 2024

Tab 1g

Approval of 2025 State Board Meeting Dates

Brief description

The State Board adopts a schedule of regular meetings each year for publication in the *Washington State Register*. Meetings are held six to seven times per year on community and technical college campuses and at the State Board offices at intervals of six to eight weeks. Locations rotate among all 34 colleges, balancing visits on the east and west sides of the state. During legislative sessions, meetings are held in or near Olympia.

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

The two-day meetings include a study session on the first day designed to provide board members with an in-depth discussion about policy issues and a regular business meeting on the second day when action items are addressed. The proposed meeting schedule is designed to align properly with the board's current Strategic Plan.

Background information and analysis

The following schedule of State Board meetings is proposed for 2025:

- February 5-6, 2025, State Board Office
- April 9-10, 2025, TBD
- June 11-12, 2025, TBD
- August 20-21, 2025, TBD (Retreat)
- October 15-16, 2025, TBD
- December 10-11, 2025, TBD

Recommendation/preferred result

It is recommended that the State Board adopt Resolution 24-08-48 approving its schedule of meeting dates for 2025 for publication in the *Washington State Register*.

Prepared by: Julie Walter, executive assistant 360-704-4309, jwalter@sbctc.edu



A resolution relating to the 2025 State Board meeting schedule.

WHEREAS the State Board adopts its meeting schedule for the fiscal year for publication in the *Washington State Register*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has agreed upon the following meeting dates for 2025:

- February 5-6, 2025, State Board Office
- April 9-10, 2025, TBD
- June 11-12, 2025, TBD
- August 20-21, 2025, TBD (Retreat)
- October 15-16, 2025, TBD

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• December 10-11, 2025, TBD

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 schedule, as necessary, for actions taken by the governor, Legislature, externally imposed restrictions or guidelines, and unanticipated changes in state or federal law.

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Paul Francis, secretary	Martin Valadez, chair



STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chelsea Mason-Placek, chair // Martin Valadez, vice chair // Bernal Baca // Ben Bagherpour // Crystal Donner // 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

Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 27, 2024 // 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 841 0069 5051

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

State Board Members Absent: Bernal Baca

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 Donner, seconded by Vice Chair Valadez, and unanimously approved by the board, the adoption of the June 27, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Edmonds College: Request to include local capital expenditure authority financed by a Certificate of Participation (COP) in 2025-27 SBCTC capital budget request Resolution 24-06-31
- b. Columbia Basin College: Request to include local capital expenditure authority financed by a Certificate of Participation (COP) in 2025-27 SBCTC capital request to construct new student housing facility

Resolution 24-06-32

- c. Columbia Basin College: Science Wing renovation local expenditure authority increase Resolution 24-06-33
- d. Spokane Falls Community College: Local capital expenditure authority to design and construct Lodge building renovations

Resolution 24-06-34

e. Yakima Valley College: Property acquisition

Resolution 24-06-35

- f. Olympic College: Ground lease to Western Washington University Resolution 24-06-36
- g. Instructure/Canvas contract renewal Resolution 24-06-37

- h. 2024-25 Correction Education Interagency Agreement Resolution 24-06-38
- i. SBCTC meeting minutes: May 9, 2024

MOTION: Moved by Vice Chair Valadez, seconded by Board Member Donner, and unanimously approved by the board, the adoption of the June 27, 2024 consent agenda.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Election of 2024-25 State Board chair and vice chair

In accordance with current State Board bylaws, the election of officers is to be held by June of each year.

Board Member Bagherpour gave the nominating committee report and submitted the nomination of Martin Valadez for the position of the 2024-25 State Board Chair and Kady Titus for the position of the 2024-25 State Board Vice Chair.

MOTION: Moved by Board Member Bagherpour, seconded by Board Member Reich, and unanimously approved by the board, appointing Martin Valadez as the 2024-25 State Board Chair.

MOTION: Moved by Board Member Bagherpour, seconded by Board Member Reich, and unanimously approved by the board, appointing Kady Titus as the 2024-25 State Board Vice Chair.

FAFSA update

The US Department of Education has continued to face challenges with the rollout of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2024-25 academic year. There have been frequent and ongoing errors and issues with the application that have caused further delays for college financial aid offices as staff processes financial aid awards for current and new college students.

Jamie Traugott, student services and K12 alignment director, and Dani Bundy, ctcLink customer support director, provided an update since the last report to the board in May, including:

- The ctcLink Financial Aid Support team conducted open work sessions to assist college financial aid teams in processing Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs), initiating the awarding of financial aid to students, and awarding of financial aid to students.
- <u>FAFSA Simplification 2024-2025 Known Issues in ctcLink</u> is posted on the ctcLink Reference Center under FAFSA Simplifications 2024-25. This resource is a compilation of known issues and bugs which have been discussed extensively with the financial aid community. Each item includes statement of impact, workaround (if any), timeline for resolution, priority level, and current status.
- <u>SBCTC FAFSA 2024-25 Rollout</u> webpage houses updates and resources developed for colleges, students, and partners, including:
 - FAQs for students and colleges regarding the FAFSA delay. These are frequently updated with emerging needs.
 - o FAFSA Simplification Q&A Center for system staff to submit questions, requests, and

feedback to SBCTC. This will identify system needs, emerging trends, and inform strategies to address the ongoing FAFSA cycle.

- The Student Aid Outreach and Completion Initiative Pilot Program (<u>HB 1835</u>) has been expanded to ESD 113 (Capitol Region). This includes five new college outreach specialists to support school districts in aiding seniors in financial aid completion for the 2024-25 school year. The colleges included in ESD 113's service area are Grays Harbor College, Centralia College, and South Puget Sound Community College.
- An op-ed co-authored by Paul Francis, Ruben Flores (Council of Presidents), and Terri Standish-Kuon (Independent Colleges of Washington) appeared in the Seattle Times: Why some WA students are still waiting for college financial aid

Consideration of fiscal year 2025 workforce and student support awards and allocations

(Resolution 24-06-39 and Resolution 24-06-40)

Colleges fund workforce education programs and student support programs in multiple ways, including the use of general enrollment funding and state and federal targeted funding. Each June, the State Board approves the targeted funding for the next fiscal year. Staff presented the proposed targeted federal and state contracted funding for fiscal year 2025:

- Carl D. Perkins Grant
- Early Achievers Grant
- Basic Food Employment and Training
- WorkFirst

MOTION: Moved by Board Member Bagherpour, seconded by Board Member Reich, and unanimously approved by the board the adoption of Resolution 24-06-39 approving allocating and awarding \$20,374,909 of federal and state contracted workforce training funds to community and technical colleges as presented.

MOTION: Moved by Board Member Donner, seconded by Board Member Hogans, and unanimously approved by the board the adoption of Resolution 24-06-40 allocating and awarding \$30,774,147 of federal and state contracted student support funds to community and technical colleges as presented.

Consideration of fiscal year 2025 Basic Education for Adults awards and allocations (Resolution 24-06-41)

The board heard a presentation and received a recommendation for the distribution of federal funds for Basic Education for Adults to 34 colleges and five community-based organizations based on the second year of awards resulting from the 2022-27 five-year competitive application process. These applications detail:

- Each program's alignment with their local workforce development board's memorandum of understanding.
- Alignment to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

- Progress and planning toward meeting proposed levels of service.
- Demonstrated effectiveness and planning toward meeting federal student outcome targets.
- Progress toward integration within Guided Pathways.

Colleges and community-based organizations provide assurance of specific program improvements and innovations to meet *Title II Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* requirements that reflect their own data and validated research, and these funds are collectively aligned to the Washington State Talent and Prosperity for All approved state strategic plan for the public workforce system. Funds are distributed based on a pro-rata share among providers for the following (three-year average of data):

- 50% Performance-based
 - 10% Transitions
 - 20% Total Student Achievement Points
 - 20% SAI points per student
- 50% Enrollment

MOTION: Moved by Board Member Bagherpour, seconded by Board Member Reich, and unanimously approved by the board the adoption of Resolution 24-06-41 allocating and awarding \$13,744,139 of federal adult and family literacy funds to community and technical colleges as presented.

2025-2027 operating budget priorities

The list of operating budget priorities was the outcome of a process that began earlier this year. College presidents were asked to complete a series of surveys with the participation of their leadership, trustees, faculty, staff, and student representatives. Responses were submitted by all 30 college districts, and the resulting list was representative of the diverse make up and needs of the community and technical college system in Washington state.

The collaborative process continued through discussions at Board meetings and outreach that included participation from SBCTC staff, WACTC legislative, operating budget, and equity committee members, as well as feedback from labor unions, local businesses, and students.

SBCTC staff and community and technical college presidents make the following recommendation for the 2025-27 operating budget priorities:

- Competitive Compensation Increase salaries for all employee groups supported with 100% state funding. Colleges are struggling to recruit and retain faculty and staff in several areas. Recent legislatively-provided salary increases created equity gaps as some employee groups received significantly larger increases than others. These challenges cannot be addressed unless our college system receives compensation funding to help keep pace with industry and K-12.
- Increase General Purpose Funding With the rising cost of doing business throughout all
 areas of campus operations, colleges are stretched to meet demand using existing
 resources. The rising costs of materials, supplies, and operation have placed major
 constraints on our colleges' budgets, making implementing innovative ideas challenging.
 While the individual campus needs may differ, all colleges are squeezed by cost increases,

restricted funding, and structural barriers that limit colleges' ability to respond to student and college operating needs.

• Expand Capacity of Job Skills Programs — Since 1983, Washington has invested in partnerships between colleges and employers to provide incumbent workers skills training through the Job Skills Program (RCW 28C.04.400-420). Last biennium the program enabled 17 colleges to provide 1,200 customized skills courses to 8,200 working learners across 118 Job Skills grants. Demand for Job Skills grants exceeds available funding. This fiscal year all funding was awarded by July 1, leaving 14 proposals unfunded. College continuing education leaders indicate strong interest in the program from local businesses. Additional funding would provide an opportunity to expand college participation to meet the current demands and increase the number of small, rural, and diverse owned businesses supported with training grants.

Additional common priorities included IT and cybersecurity, student services, continued diversity, equity, and inclusion work, workforce education, basic education for adults, and campus safety and security. Upon further discussion at WACTC, presidents unanimously agreed that all priorities become unobtainable if colleges are unable to meet the basic demands for services.

The board provided guidance to staff to continue development of the 2025-27 budget request for consideration at the August meeting.

ACT Report

Upcoming events

- Board of Directors Retreat: Aug. 22-23, Seattle
- New Trustee Orientation: Fall. TBD
- Legislative Action Committee Meeting: Fall, TBD
- ACCT Leadership Congress: Oct. 23-26, Seattle

WACTC Report

Tim Stokes, WACTC president, provided a preview of the July Retreat:

- Fireside Chat around Microsoft's support of the community and technical college system in Washington, followed by a panel discussion on Cybersecurity Partnerships, and wrapping up with discussions around opportunities posed by Al.
- Guided Pathways Coaching Focus Group.
- Allocation Model Review Task Force update.
- Discussion with Washington Roundtable members.
- State Board budget overview.

System Unions Report

Suzanne Southerland, Washington Education Association (WEA), thanked everyone for the
work on the part-time faculty parity report and announced the 2025 United Voices for Higher
Education Lobby Day will be Jan. 30.

Executive Director Report

Paul Francis, executive director, reported on the following:

- Government-to-Government Summit: June 18, The Evergreen State College.
- Corrections education update.
- \$9.3 million National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant to support the Tribal Stewards Program.
- Leadership Development Program.
- Part-time faculty parity report.
- ctcLink improvement plan.
 - New employee onboarding training manuals for Student Financial and Campus Solutions Core.
 - Enhancement Request (ER) prioritization process.
- State Director's Retreat: July 21-24.
- June 24 All Staff Day of Learning:
 - Writing Your First Grant Proposal
 - Introduction to Coaching
 - New Employee Check In
- Linda Kaminski's retirement from Yakima Valley College after 27 years as president.

Board Discussion and Chair's Report

- The board recognized Chair Mason-Placek for her service as the 2023-24 State Board Chair.
- Committee/Task Force updates.
 - Evaluation Committee: The committee continues the interviews with various stakeholders.
 - Long-Term Advocacy Task Force: The task force met on May 20 and discussed the upcoming session.
 - Strategic Action Plan Task Force: No report.
- 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 June 27, 2024 regular meeting at 12:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Aug. 29, 2024 at Suncadia.

Attest		
Paul Francis, secretary	Chelsea Mason-Placek, chair	



REGULAR ITEM (RESOLUTION 24-08-49)

August 29, 2024

Tab 2

Consideration of the 2025-27 Operating Budget Request

Brief Description

SBCTC staff, in collaboration with the WACTC legislative and operating budget committee chairs, implemented a transparent and inclusive process for developing legislative priorities for the community and technical college system for the 2025-27 biennium. At this meeting, the State Board will be asked to approve an outline of the maintenance and policy-level budget requests and to grant authority to the executive director to submit the final budget to the Governor and Legislature in mid-September.

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

Legislative operating and capital appropriations to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges are the foundation for the system's operation. State resources provide the means to make progress on our goals. Each of the new budget requests for the 2025-27 biennial operating budget request would support the State Board's goal of securing resources and developing systemwide strategies to support college's financial sustainability and resiliency.

Background information and analysis

A detailed list of common priorities was established through a collaborative process that included participation from SBCTC staff, WACTC legislative, operating budget, and equity committee members, as well as feedback from labor unions, local businesses, and students. However, through continued discussion with community and technical college presidents it was agreed that without adequate funding to support the current basic operational needs of each campus, those priorities were unobtainable.

An update and summary of the request was provided during the June 2024 State Board meeting. Through the discussion that followed, State Board members agreed, in principle, for staff to proceed in developing the proposals as outlined and return for further consideration and action in August 2024.

The 2025-27 budget request for the community and technical college system will produce clear, concise legislative messaging of two equally important budget priorities: competitive compensation and increased flexible general-purpose funding.

Budget requests have two tiers, maintenance-level and policy-level. Maintenance-level requests reflect funding needed to continue current service levels or carry out policies already enacted by the Legislature. Policy-level requests are focused on new funds that would allow colleges to improve the quality or quantity of educational services provided to their students and communities. Attachment A includes a table with a high-level description of the requests at maintenance and policy level.

Maintenance Level Items

The requests at maintenance level (ML) can be categorized into three groups:

- Standard ML items included in most biennial budgets, such as I-732 COLA¹ increase, maintenance and operations for newly completed capital projects, utility rate adjustments and the College Affordability Plan tuition backfill adjustment.
- Adjustments or continued funding needed for ongoing programs or legislation that was
 originally budgeted as one-time funding. This includes reversing the 2003 fund swap of
 capital funds in place of general fund state funds, continued funding needs for college
 system benefits litigation, and the newly established Hospitality Center of Excellence.
- Adjustments needed for inflation or increase funding requests for ongoing programs, such as expansion of the Job Skills program.

The I-732 COLA is by far the largest item – over \$69 million for the 2025-27 biennium. The percentage increases expected are 3.99% for FY26 and 2.58% for FY27.

Policy Level Items

The community and technical college system presidents and State Board members have agreed on two equally important budget priorities:

Competitive Compensation – Washington community and technical colleges are facing a crisis. The failure to remain competitive in the employment market is resulting in difficulty recruiting and retaining faculty as well as administrative, and classified staff who play crucial roles in financial aid, business operations and advising. We are losing skilled employees to higher-paying jobs in K-12 schools and private industries. The State Board requests additional funding to increase faculty and administrative staff compensation² by 6.5% each year. The salary increase will help recruitment to fill vacant positions, reduce turnover and improve retention. This in turn will positively impact colleges' staffing quality levels, student success, and response to student needs.

Increase General Purpose Funding – Washington's 34 community and technical colleges need additional, core operational support to cover the true cost of running a college. College operating costs have increased dramatically over the past five years – not just because of inflation, but because the world of higher education has changed dramatically. For example, colleges must upgrade their technology infrastructure to accommodate more online learning, bolster cybersecurity, increase overall safety and security, and pay for increasingly expensive software subscriptions and leases. These unavoidable costs are consuming a greater share of college budgets, pulling funding away from student instruction, support, and services, and suppressing colleges' ability to respond to the increasing and evolving needs of their local communities.

¹ This initiative to the people of Washington "Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Teachers Initiative," was on the November 7, 2000, election ballot and was approved. This initiative allowed K-12 teachers, other school district employees, college faculty and technical college classified employees to receive annual, cost-of-living salary adjustments based on Seattle area CPI.

² Community College classified employees' salaries are negotiated with the Governor and funded through decision packages submitted by the Office of Financial Management.

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommend adoption of resolution 24-08-49

Policy Manual Change Yes \square No \boxtimes

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A resolution relating to the development of the 2025-27 operating budget request:

WHEREAS, RCW 28B.50.090 authorizes the State Board to prepare a single budget for the support of the state system of community and technical colleges; and

WHEREAS, the State Board has determined that the community and technical colleges are uniquely positioned to provide talented graduates to fill new jobs in Washington's dynamic economy; and

WHEREAS, the State Board has determined that meeting the state's post-secondary attainment goals and workforce needs requires both adequate and stable funding to support the core campus operations as described in Tab 2 of the August 29, 2024 meeting material.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges approves and directs the State Board staff to prepare the community and technical college system biennial operating budget request as set forth in Tab 2 – Consideration of the 2025-27 Operating Budget Request.

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.

Attest		
Paul Francis, secretary	Martin Valadez, chair	



REGULAR ITEM (RESOLUTION 24-08-50)

August 29, 2024

Tab 3

Consideration of an increase to the athletic waiver

Brief Description

College presidents (WACTC) are recommending an increase in the waiver amount colleges may provide to student athletes to an amount equal to the waiver provided by Oregon Community Colleges. By increasing this voluntary waiver up to an amount equal to the resident 15-credit rate for operating fees, Washington's colleges may be more competitive in recruiting and retaining student athletes, helping them achieve their athletic and academic goals.

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

Participation in athletics has been identified as an effective approach for engaging and retaining students, many of which are from historically underserved populations. This proposed waiver increase will ensure more students can access educational opportunities offered by colleges. This closely aligns with Goal 1 of the State Board's Strategic Action Plan: Increase access and retention among populations who can benefit the most from college.

Background information and analysis

The Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) is the parent athletic organization for thirty-six community colleges located in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. It has a variety of administrative responsibilities, including conference championship management, eligibility, and rule enforcement. Through its rules, the NWAC regulates the amount of financial assistance a college can award a student athlete. At this time, for the reasons summarized below, it is encouraging member colleges to adopt consistent levels of aid that can be given to student athletes.

Currently, Washington community and technical colleges with athletic programs are limited to offering an athletic scholarship totaling 65% of resident operating, building and student activity (S&A) fees – made up of a 40% scholarship and a 25% waiver. Although the maximum waiver is set at 25% of the operating, building and S&A fees combined, the resulting amount can only be subtracted from the operating fee. Oregon community colleges award a full scholarship in the form of a 15-credit tuition waiver based on resident tuition rates.

As noted above, the NWAC is proposing Washington colleges increase the level of aid provided to student athletes to match the aid provided by their Oregon community college members. The proposed 15-credit resident operating fee waiver would be the maximum allowable waiver and provides for each college to choose to offer less than the full 15-credit operating fee waiver or to meet the 15-credit operating fee amount through a combination of waivers and scholarship dollars. College presidents have participated in several conversations on the proposal and, during their July 2024 retreat, voted to recommend to the state board that it authorize an athletic waiver of up to 15-credits of resident operating fee. The proposed waiver would apply to resident and non-resident student athletes.

The proposal and recommendation are primarily based on the understanding that increasing the waiver amount will result in more student athletes choosing to attend Washington colleges. Additionally, because their retention is significantly higher than retention for the general student population, there's potential for student athletes to stay engaged longer and make more progress towards their educational goals. Additionally, it's believed that increasing and restructuring this waiver will:

- Encourage more students, including women and underserved students, to prioritize schooland-athletics over school-and-work, as the current waiver may not be compelling enough to keep them competing. This may be especially true for athletes who are not starters in their sport. Having and retaining more women athletes has the added benefit of helping colleges meet and maintain Title IX compliance.
- Ease the administrative burden in Financial Aid and Athletic offices that now must manage a complicated formula.
- Allow colleges to locally determine the proper number of waivers, within the NWAC guidelines, based on their financial situation.
- Allow colleges to continue to offer privately funded or student funded scholarships to award up to the 15-credit limit if needed.
- Provide flexibility for colleges in small markets, with limited fundraising capacity, to have an institutional solution to funding full awards that doesn't rely on privately raised funds.
- Potentially free up student fees from athletic scholarships to reinvest in other student funded programs.
- Help Washington coaches be more competitive in recruiting student athletes from Washington and across the country and avoid losing them to out-of-state colleges.

Recommendation/preferred result

For the State Board to approve Resolution 24-08-50, authorizing colleges to locally determine to waive operating fees for student athletes up to a maximum of 15-credits at the resident operating fee level.

Policy Manual	Change Yes $oxtimes$ No $oxtimes$
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A resolution relating to the waiver of tuition for student athletes.

WHEREAS, the State Board has the authority to authorize certain fee waivers in accordance with RCW 28B.15.915; and,

WHEREAS, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has adopted a waiver allowing colleges to waive an amount up to 25% of the established 15-credit resident operating, building and student and activity fees for resident and non-resident student athletes; and,

WHEREAS, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has a stated goal to increase student access and retention so that they may participate in the opportunities that come from education and training:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes community and technical college boards of trustees to establish an operating fee waiver for grant-in-aid eligible student athletes effective beginning fall quarter of the 2024-25 academic year:

- 1. Colleges may waive up to 100% of the SBCTC established resident student operating fee rate for 15-credits for grant-in-aid eligible student athletes.
- 2. Resident and non-resident grant-in-aid eligible student athletes are eligible for the operating fee waiver.
- 3. Community college boards of trustees must take formal action to adopt a waiver for this purpose before a grant of the waiver may be provided to students.
- 4. Waivers granted for this purpose will not be included in the statutory waiver limit established by RCW 28B.15.910 for the colleges as a whole.
- 5. Each college shall adhere to the rules of the official Code Book of the Northwest Athletic Conference and shall establish its own policy for documenting student athlete eligibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges grants to college boards of trustees the flexibility to implement this waiver authority to address issues not explicitly identified in this resolution.

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

Attest	
Paul Francis, secretary	Martin Valadez, chair



REGULAR ITEM

August 29, 2024

Tab 4

Allocation Model Review Update

Brief Description

During this session the State Board will receive an update on the allocation model review that includes the initial recommendations as they were presented to the community and technical college chancellors and presidents during their July 2024 retreat.

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

Legislative operating appropriations to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges are the foundation for the system's operation. State resources provide the means to make progress on our Strategic Action Plan goals and objectives.

Background information and analysis

RCW 28B.50.090 authorizes the State Board to receive state funds for the system and to establish guidelines for the disbursement of funds to college districts. Each year the State Board adopts an annual allocation to the districts before July 1, the start of the fiscal year.

Most funds are distributed according to an allocation model that was first implemented in 2016. The allocation model includes four key elements and funding drivers:

- Student Achievement Initiative Performance funding based on completions in specific areas.
- Weighted Priority Enrollments Additional funding for enrollment in specified courses.
- Minimum Operating Allocation Fixed amount for operations.
- District Enrollment Allocation Base Allocation based on enrollment target.

In 2021, the chancellors and presidents voted to establish a review of the allocation model; however, due to the challenges presented at the time it was postponed.

In 2022-23, the WACTC Equity Committee performed a thorough review of the allocation model and its components and provided recommendations that formed the guiding principles and equity principles for the re-established allocation model review committee.

The committee began the review in November 2023 and at the March 2024 meeting, State Board members received an update on the allocation model review that included the objectives, guiding principles, equity principles, and anticipated timeline.

During the July 2024 Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges (WACTC) retreat, chancellors and presidents heard the initial recommendations for revisions to the current allocation

model and were reminded of the following:

- Any changes to the allocation model will result in a redistribution of existing appropriations.
- Initial recommendations are presented as concepts and do not include information on financial impact.
- Financial impacts will be provided with final recommendations.

A survey to collect feedback on initial recommendations from chancellors, presidents, and State Board members is due September 6, 2024.

Recommendation/preferred result

No State Board action is needed at this time.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☐ No ☒

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