

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES
RESOLUTION 24-08-43**

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.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on August 29, 2024.

Attest



Paul Francis, secretary



Martin Valadez, chair