

STATE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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Special Meeting: Monday, September 23, 2024 // 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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

Special Meeting

Time	Item	Location/Activity
9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Board member introductions Martin Valadez, chair	
9:33 a.m.	Establish a quorum and adopt meeting agenda Martin Valadez, chair	(Action)
9:35 a.m.	Public comment	
9:45 a.m.	Consideration of the 2025 supplemental operating budget request Resolution 24-09-51 Stephanie Winner, operating budget director	Tab 1 (Action)
10 a.m.	Adjournment Next meeting: October 30-31, 2024, Grays Harbor College	

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.



REGULAR ITEM (24-09-51)

September 23, 2024

Tab 1

2025 Second Supplemental Operating Budget Request

Brief Description

In odd-numbered years, the Legislature adopts a second supplemental operating budget. Requests for the 2025 second supplemental operating budget should be limited to required updates and changes due to legally mandated caseloads, workloads or other legally required changes; or necessary technical corrections to the enacted 2023-25 budget. The proposal described below has been discussed with the college presidents and represent staff recommendations for the 2025 second supplemental operating budget request.

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

The State Board is responsible for submitting a budget to the governor and state Legislature on behalf of the community and technical college system. The system operating budget requests are essential to support student success at all 34 Washington community and technical colleges. The proposed 2025 second supplemental operating budget request supports the State Board's goal to secure resources and develop systemwide strategies to support colleges' financial sustainability and resiliency.

Background information and analysis

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) received notification August 22, 2024 from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) that \$28,527,000 of near general fund-state funding had been duplicated in the 2023-25 operating budget and needs to be unallocated to colleges for recovery in the 2025 second supplemental operating budget. This maintenance level request seeks to offset that reduction, resulting in a net-zero change to the funding appropriated to the community and technical college system – either by permanently increasing base funding in the carryforward level or as an increase to the College Affordability Program¹ appropriation.

Our shared priority is to protect the students served by Washington's community and technical colleges. The budgetary impact will vary from college to college, but each will experience a cut. Reductions range from a low of \$330,000 for our small, rural colleges up to more than \$2,000,000 for larger districts. The average allocation reduction across the system is \$936,000 for each of the

¹ The <u>College Affordability Program</u>, enacted into law in 2015, requires the Legislature to appropriate funds, adjusted for inflation, to compensate for the lost revenue resulting from the 5% tuition reduction.

thirty districts.

More than two months into the current fiscal year, colleges have completed building their budgets and faculty are back on campus. Many of our colleges have entered into new collective bargaining agreements with unions and have programming set in motion for the current academic year based on the appropriations provided by Legislature. If current funding is cut, colleges will be faced with hiring freezes or layoffs, delays of new program implementation, and possible closure of programs.

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends passage of Resolution 24-09-51.

Policy Manual Change Yes \square No \boxtimes

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STATE OF WASHINGTON STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES RESOLUTION 24-09-51

A resolution relating to the agency request for the 2025 second supplemental operating budget.

WHEREAS, the enacted 2023-25 biennial budget reflects the Legislature's intended support for the community and technical college system, it does include a technical error resulting in over-funding that the Office of Financial Management intends on recovering; and

WHEREAS, the community and technical college system has an ongoing mission to respond to student and community needs; and

WHEREAS, the State Board has an ongoing goal to secure resources and develop systemwide strategies to support colleges' financial sustainability and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 supplemental operating budget process provides an opportunity for agencies to submit necessary technical corrections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes a 2025 second supplemental operating budget request for \$28,527,000 to offset the recovery of the over-funding and ensure colleges have consistent and stable resources.

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 September 23, 2024

Attest		
Paul Francis, secretary	Martin Valadez, chair	