

## CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 25-02-01)

February 6, 2025

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### **South Puget Sound Community College–local capital expenditure authority to construct a facility for soccer**

#### **Brief Description**

South Puget Sound Community College seeks approval to finance up to \$5,000,000 backed by local funding, to construct a soccer facility and related support amenities for intercollegiate athletics.

#### **How does this item link to the State Board’s Strategic Plan?**

This project will support student success and retention through increased student engagement.

#### **Background information and analysis**

In recent years, the state has not appropriated funds for non-academic or enterprise activities like athletic or recreational facilities for the community and technical colleges.

A recent update to the SPSCC campus master plan includes the addition of a soccer field and is a highly anticipated project for the students and the athletic program. This addition aligns with the college’s values by demonstrating a commitment to excellence, fostering partnerships with the communities we serve, and providing student-centered education. Furthermore, as outlined in the college’s strategic plan, the soccer field will expand athletics and recreational facilities, enhancing opportunities for both students and the broader community.

South Puget Sound Community College plans to develop an 81,000 sq. ft. soccer field on its main campus at 2011 Mottman Rd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512. The field will support intercollegiate athletic programs by hosting soccer matches, team training, and related activities. The project includes construction of a synthetic athletic field, field lighting, bleacher seating for spectators, and a small concession and restroom building, all located near the college’s Health and Wellness Center. This initiative reflects the college’s commitment to providing an exceptional facility for collegiate athletes while fostering a dynamic environment that supports both academic and athletic pursuits for students and the community.

The estimated cost to construct the facility is \$5,000,000. According to Chapter 39.94 of the Revised Code of Washington, all capital financing requires approval from the Legislature and the State Finance Committee. Once the project receives legislative approval through the capital budget, the State Finance Committee will market and sell the financing bond.

The college will partner with the Department of Enterprise Services to manage the public works process and provide project management services for the construction.

The South Puget Sound Community College Board of Trustees authorized this request and approved the use of up to \$5,000,000 in local funding for debt service on January 14, 2025. In recognition of

their support, the student body plans to approve the use of student and activity (S&A) fees to construct the soccer facility at their next stated meeting, due to occur before January 31, 2025. Combined, the college will use the college local funds and student fees to pay the debt service on a 20-year Certificate of Participation.

### **Recommendation/preferred result**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 25-02-01, granting South Puget Sound Community College the authority to request up to \$5,000,000 in local financing as part of the 2025-27 capital budget to construct an NCAA-regulation soccer facility along with related support amenities.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☐ No ☒

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## **STATE OF WASHINGTON**

### **STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

### **RESOLUTION 25-02-01**

A resolution relating to South Puget Sound Community College's request to finance construction of a soccer facility and related support amenities at 2011 Mottman Rd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512 for intercollegiate athletics.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 28B.50 and State Board policy, 6.20 the State Board any expenditure of capital funds, any expenditure for a capital purpose, and each capital improvement project affecting educational facilities, must be approved by the State Board; and

**WHEREAS**, South Puget Sound Community College plans to construct a soccer facility for the purpose of holding intercollegiate soccer matches, trainings, and associated activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the project includes the construction of an 81,000 sf synthetic soccer field, field lighting, bleacher seating for spectators, and a small concession and restroom building; and

**WHEREAS**, the college is requesting authority to finance up to \$5,000,000 for acquisition and renovation using a locally supported 20-year Certificate of Participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the student body approved the use of student fees for this capital project on and

**WHEREAS**, the college board of trustees approved the request for Certificate of Participation financing and use of college local funds on January 14, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature and State Financing Committee must approve financing for capital purposes in the capital budget.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes South Puget Sound to finance up to \$5,000,000, supported by local funding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges will seek to have the Legislature include authorization in the 2025-27 capital budget for South Puget Sound Community College to finance up to \$5,000,000 using a Certificate of Participation to construct a soccer facility and related support amenities; and

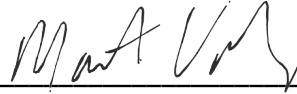
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes the Executive Director to make adjustments to this action, including any necessary changes to the State Board's Policy Manual, as necessary, for actions taken by the Governor, Legislature, data corrections, externally imposed restrictions or guidelines, uniform accounting and reporting requirements, and unanticipated changes in state or federal law.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on February 6, 2025

Attest

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Chris Bailey, interim secretary

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Martin Valadez, chair