

CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 25-04-18)

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Officer term limits change to State Board bylaws

Brief Description

Recent bylaws revisions recommended by Board members of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges that would extend the term limits for Board members in officer positions from two consecutive terms to three.

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

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges carries out its statutory responsibilities and duties within the confines of the authority, power, and discretion granted ([RCW 28B.50](#)). State Board Bylaws were established to provide guidelines governing the practical details of its administration, as well as providing additional details regarding its purpose. Specifically, officer positions on the Board allow members

Background Information and analysis

The Board elects a chair and vice-chair from its members during the annual June meeting. These individuals serve for one year until successors are elected (see [RCW 28B.50.070](#)). The chair presides at all Board meetings and sign any legal or official documents that require a signature on behalf of the board. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair assumes their duties and acts as chair pro tempore. They may also serve as the successor of the chair.

During the February 2025 Board meeting, there was discussion of extending the term limits for officer positions from no more than two successive terms to no more than three successive terms, particularly in years when a new executive director is hired. Members of the Board agreed to consider this proposed change and bring it up to a vote at the next Board meeting.

Recommendation/preferred result

The Board recommends approval of Resolution 25-04-18.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☒ No ☐

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

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A resolution relating to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges adopting an updated set of bylaws that changes term limits for officer positions from no more than two successive terms to no more than three successive terms.

WHEREAS, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in 2024 adopted Resolution 24-05-27 to review State Board bylaws via a committee.

WHEREAS, State Board members convened during the Feb. 2025 meeting to discuss extending the term limits of Board officer positions, such as Chair and Vice Chair.

WHEREAS, Board members agreed to consider the proposed changes to officer term limits and bring the matter to a vote at the next Board meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes the adoption of the attached document with the proposed bylaws update.

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 April 10, 2025

Attest



Chris Bailey, interim secretary



Martin Valadez, chair