

CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 26-02-06)

February 19, 2026

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Policy Manual Revision

Brief Description

At the October 2025 board meeting, the State Board adopted Resolution 25-10-43: Proposed Revision to the Baccalaureate Program Approval Process. That change has necessitated an update to the State Board's Policy Manual. The approval of the Policy Manual is not a delegated authority under *1.30.20 Delegation of authority to the executive director*.

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

In June 2023, the State Board adopted an updated strategic plan, which focuses on four goals: increase access and retention among populations who can benefit the most from college; improve completion and transfer rates for students across all program types; provide flexible career-training options that are responsive to the needs of businesses and industries; and secure resources and develop systemwide strategies to support colleges' financial sustainability and resiliency. Updates to the State Board's Policy Manual support the strategic plan by providing policy guidance to the system as they conduct their college decision-making efforts.

Background information and analysis

An accurate and up-to-date Policy Manual provides college staff and SBCTC staff with guidance for college operations, making fiscal decisions, and supporting student access and inclusion initiatives.

At the October 2025 board meeting, the State Board adopted Resolution 25-10-43: Proposed Revision to the Baccalaureate Program Approval Process, which superseded Resolution 14-09-59 (adopted in September 2014) and necessitates an update to the Policy Manual.

The proposed changes to the Policy Manual are shown in Attachment A (with additions in underline and removals in strikethrough).

Recommendation/preferred result

Adoption of the updated section 4 of the Policy Manual as proposed.

Policy Manual Change Yes No

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES
RESOLUTION 25-02-06**

A resolution relating to the revision and adoption of the State Board Policy Manual.

WHEREAS, it is important for the State Board to provide the colleges with policy guidance for operation of the colleges,

WHEREAS, it is important that the State Board's Policy Manual reflects changes and communicates policies clearly to the college system and external audiences,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges approves the proposed revisions to the Policy Manual detailed in Attachment A;

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 19, 2026

Attest



Nate Humphrey, secretary



Martin Valadez, chair