

CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 26-02-07)

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Recognition of Jay Reich's Years of Service to the State Board

Brief Description

This item aims to formally recognize Jay Reich's nearly 13 years of service and dedication to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges as a board member.

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

The resolution correlates to *Objective 4.3: Strengthen advocacy and community partnerships* by showcasing continued engagement between Jay Reich and State Board staff, chancellors and presidents, college faculty and staff, and student leaders.

Background information and analysis

Jay Reich was first appointed as a board member for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in June 2013. Throughout his time with the board, Mr. Reich acted as an advocate for the agency and system. His wealth of knowledge comes from an extensive legal career, where he spent 28 years career with his private practice in Seattle, focusing on affordable housing, education, nonprofit, and government finance. He also served in the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, first as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and later as the Assistant Chief Criminal Deputy in charge of the Juvenile Section, and as a White House Fellow in Washington, D.C. in the office of the US Secretary of Agriculture.

Mr. Reich served the State Board with distinction, providing leadership and guidance to the Washington community and technical college system. He was a champion for student success, equity, and access to education, providing invaluable legal and financial expertise, personal dedication, and engaged service during his tenure.

The State Board expresses its gratitude and appreciation for Mr. Reich's years of service and wishes him well in his next adventures.

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 26-02-07 to formally recognize Jay Reich for his years of service and dedication to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Policy Manual Change Yes No

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES
RESOLUTION 25-02-07**

A resolution to formally recognize Jay Riech's nearly 13 years of service and dedication to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges as a board member.

WHEREAS, Jay Reich was first appointed as a board member to the State Board in June 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reich spent 28 years working for his private practice in Seattle, focusing on affordable housing, education, nonprofit, and government finance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reich also served in the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, first as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and later as the Assistant Chief Criminal Deputy in charge of the Juvenile Section, and as a White House Fellow in Washington, D.C. in the office of the US Secretary of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reich served with distinction, providing leadership and guidance to the Washington community and technical college system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reich was a champion for student success, equity, and access to education; and


WHEREAS, Mr. Reich provided invaluable legal and financial expertise, personal dedication, and engaged service during his tenure, stemming from a wealth of knowledge attained throughout his extensive legal career; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the State Board expresses its gratitude and appreciation for Mr. Reich's years of service and wishes him well in his next adventures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges hereby celebrates Jay Reich for his years of service to thousands of students across Washington state's many communities. The State Board offers its congratulations and best wishes.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on (02/19/2026)

Attest



Nate Humphrey, secretary



Martin Valadez, chair