

Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges

Board of Presidents

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.  
South Puget Sound Community College, Lacey

## Members Present

David May, Bellevue

Jim Lemerond, Bellingham

Sara Thompson Tweedy, Big Bend

Karin Edwards, Clark

Joyce Loveday, Clover Park

Rebekah Woods, Columbia Basin

Chemene Crawford, Everett

Carli Schiffner, Grays Harbor

Suzanne Johnson, Green River

John Mosby, Highline

Amy Morrison, Lake Washington

Rachel Solemsaas, North Seattle

Marty Cavalluzzi, Olympic

Suzanne Ames, Peninsula

Julie White, Pierce District

Matthew Campbell, Pierce Ft. Steilacoom

Chio Flores, Pierce Puyallup

Yoshiko Harden, Renton

Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap, Seattle District

Chantae Recasner, Seattle Central

Jack Kahn, Shoreline

Tim Stokes, South Puget Sound

Monica Brown, South Seattle

Kevin Brockbank, Spokane District

Jenni Martin, Spokane

Kimberly Messina, Spokane Falls

Ivan Harrell, Tacoma

Faimous Harrison, Wenatchee Valley

Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Whatcom

Teresa Rich, Yakima Valley

## Ex-Officio Members — SBCTC

Chris Bailey, interim executive director

Grant Rodeheaver, information technology

Joyce Hammer, education

## Guests and SBCTC Staff

Chelsea Mason - Placek, State Board

Arlen Harris, SBCTC

Bertha Ortega, ACT

Choi Halliday, SBCTC

Darrell Jennings, SBCTC

Ha Nguyen, SBCTC

Jamie Traugott, SBCTC

Jason Hetterle, Wenatchee Valley College

Julie Huss, SBCTC

Katie Rose, SBCTC  
Kim Tanaka, SBCTC

MarcusAntonio Gunn, SBCTC

Marie Bruin, SBCTC

Maya Esquivido, SBCTC

Monica Wilson, SBCTC

Nanette Angel, SBCTC

Sam Herriot, SBCTC

Stephanie Winner, SBCTC

Valerie Sundby, SBCTC

Will Durden, SBCTC

## Call to Order and Welcome

Amy Morrison, Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges (WACTC) president, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed the presidents and the return of Chris Bailey, Interim Director, SBCTC

## Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve the Nov. 22, 2024, minutes as presented without amendments.

**MOTION PASSED.**

## Treasurer’s Report — Joyce Loveday, WACTC president- elect

Joyce Loveday presented the latest financial summary, included in the WACTC packet, showing a carry-forward balance of $89,876.81.

She noted that this balance does not yet reflect the unpaid contributions for:

* FSOCC: $12,500
* SOCC: $12,500
* All-Washington Scholarships: $40,000

With total contributions of $65,000, the balance will significantly decrease. This prompted a discussion about the possibility of adjusting college dues to accommodate future financial needs.

## Executive Committee Report — Amy Morrison, WACTC president

Amy Morrison reviewed and discussed the agenda topics for the day.

* Recognition of Kathi Hiyane-Brown – Marty Cavalluzzi, Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap, and Suzy Ames
* Tim Stokes – Board of Nursing: Ongoing challenges of BSN program and Commission requirements causing obstacles. Discussion on having a president on the board and registering concerns from WACTC collectively. Consideration of a collective letter; requested SBCTC help in drafting.
* Julie White – Education for All: National Organization by presidents and chancellors for presidents and chancellors. Requested organization partnership, which entails listing as a partner on their website with a logo.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve registration with Education for All as a partner.

**MOTION PASSED.**

Julie sent the site link via email.

## State Board Report — Chris Bailey

* Recognition of SBCTC Staff for crisis management
* DEOC update – advancing student protections
* SBCTC restructuring concerns
* Public records concerns: an individual has been appearing on campuses with cameras, posting negative content on social media, and requesting “index” records. Colleges encouraged to consult AG’s office on public messaging and records handling.
* DEI expenditures survey request:
  + OFM survey – completion requested (tenure)
  + Legislative survey – put on pause; no response required

## Equity Committee — Faimous Harrison

## Clarification on long-term vote regarding State Board and WACTC contribution of $25,000 per year

## Operating Budget Committee — Carli Schiffner & Ivan Harrell

## Val Sundby: Course sharing Computer Science proposal included in packet. Plan “B” proposed hiring a dedicated person to manage a Computer Science consortium due to vendor limitations. Decision to revisit in May for ctcLink enhancement feasibility.

## **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve BAS Course sharing funds.

**MOTION PASSED** (3 abstentions).

## Ivan Harrell – Survey feedback recommendations.

## Final recommendations to be presented in March, followed by another survey, with finalization in June.

## Review and final vote at WACTC retreat in July.

## Earmark changes: BAC representatives to help identify priorities. Funds do not revert to Legislature but return to the model. Each earmark will be voted on separately due to complexity.

## Legislative & Public Information Committee Report — Chemene Crawford and Arlen Harris

## $28.6 million message for the current FY/Biennium

## HB 1278 / SB Companion 5523 did not move out of committee due to concerns

## High-security day at Capitol; potential protests noted

## See talking points on page 12 of the meeting packet for further information

## Capital Budget Committee — Chio Flores and Darrell Jennings

## Reference packet:

## Page 17: 2025-27 Gov. Proposed Capital Budget Balance Sheet

## Page 54: Spokane Colleges Climate Commitment Act Charges (additional costs)

## Chio Flores directed presidents to a list of legislators as a reference for Day on the Hill outreach. (pages 25-26 of the meeting packet)

## Capital Academy scheduled for February WACTC

## Educational Services Committee — Rosie Rimando Chareunsap

## Guided Pathways updates: Meeting on January 17th, Smart Scheduling Summit on March 26th & April 17th

## Assessment, Teaching, and Learning (ATL) Conference: April 29 – May 1, 2025

## Guided Pathways Planning Guide underway. Survey included in the packet; responses requested.

## Technology Committee — Kevin Brockbank

* Jason Hetterle, PAW lead, reported on Process Alignment Workgroup (PAW), travel taskforce, and online presence.
* Grant Rodeheaver provided updates on ADA Title II compliance, financial aid security, and a cybersecurity tabletop exercise.
* Presidents were encouraged to assess campus cybersecurity readiness.
* The committee is reviewing ctcLink staffing and funding model for presentation next month.

RFP update – Matt Campbell

* Four finalists for the Student Success Center RFP. Final recommendation to be made at the February WACTC meeting.

## Trustees Report — Bertha Ortega

Bertha thanked everyone for attending the Trustee Tuesday, Crystal Ball Insights Part 2 and gave a special thanks to Arlen Harris for sharing his insights and encouragement for productive meetings with elected officials.

Upcoming events:

* ACCT National Legislative Summit (Feb. 9–12, 2025 – Washington, DC)
* Spring Conference (May 22–23, Spokane, WA)
  + New Trustee Orientation: Shortened session on May 21 (12–4 PM)

## Next Steps and Action Items

* Follow-up on BSN program obstacles and collective letter drafting
* Final recommendations on earmark changes by July retreat
* Survey feedback integration for Operating Budget Committee report
* Continued engagement in legislative processes and capital budget planning

## Adjournment

With no further business, the Jan. 29, 2025, Board of Presidents’ regular meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next business meeting will be held Feb. 28, 2025, in Olympia.

### Future meetings:

* March 27-28, 2024: WACTC meeting will be held in person in Olympia due to the legislative session.
* April 24-25, 2024: WACTC host South Puget Sound Community College, in conjunction with the All-Washington Academic Scholarship Ceremony.
* May 29-30, 2024: WACTC host Wenatchee Valley College

Minutes prepared by Nanette Angel