Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges

Board of Presidents

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 28, 2025

8:30 P.M. – Noon
South Puget Sound Community College, Lacey

## Members Present

Lin Zhou, Bates
David May, Bellevue

Jim Lemerond, Bellingham

Sara Thompson Tweedy, Big Bend
Eric Murray, Cascadia

Bob Mohrbacher, Centralia

Karin Edwards, Clark

Joyce Loveday, Clover Park

Rebekah Woods, Columbia Basin

Amit Singh, Edmonds

Chemene Crawford, Everett

Carli Schiffner, Grays Harbor

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

Chris Villa, Skagit

Tim Stokes, South Puget Sound

Monica Brown, South Seattle

Kevin Brockbank, Spokane District

Jenni Martin, Spokane

Kimberly Messina, Spokane Falls

Ivan Harrell, Tacoma

Chad Hickox, Walla Walla

Faimous Harrison, Wenatchee Valley

Nate Langstraat, Whatcom

Teresa Rich, Yakima Valley

## Ex-Officio Members — SBCTC

Chris Bailey, interim executive director

Choi Halliday, business operations

Grant Rodeheaver, information technology

Joyce Hammer, education

## Guests and SBCTC Staff

Martin Valadez, State Board

Arlen Harris, SBCTC

Bertha Ortega, ACT

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

Michael Brown, SBCTC

Monica Wilson, SBCTC

Nanette Angel, SBCTC

Sam Herriot, SBCTC

Stephanie Winner, SBCTC
Summer Kenneson

Will Durden, SBCTC

## Call to Order and Welcome

## Amy Morrison, President of the Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges (WACTC), convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m., welcoming the attending presidents. She then introduced Marty Cavalluzzi, who provided a brief overview of Senator Drew Hansen’s contributions to the system.

## Senator Hansen expressed gratitude to the colleges and SBCTC staff for their efforts in supporting the system-wide mission. Key updates included:

## A positive outlook for higher education funding.

## No anticipated budget cuts, thanks to recent investments.

## Strong enrollment figures and a high transfer rate (~70% to UW).

## Ongoing discussions about tuition increases, with hesitation to implement significant hikes.

## Concerns regarding inflation adjustments and their impact on higher education budgets.

## Discussion of Governor Ferguson’s furlough strategy, though no formal caucus deliberations have taken place.

## Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve the Jan. 29, 2025, 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, reporting a carry-forward balance of $89,876.81.

## She noted that this balance does not yet account for the following unpaid contributions:

## FSOCC: $12,500

## SOCC: $12,500

## All-Washington Scholarships: $40,000

## The total outstanding contributions of $65,000 are currently undergoing the approval process and will be reflected in a reduced balance in the next report.

## Executive Committee Report — Amy Morrison, WACTC president

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

## Discussion on upcoming executive director’s search for the State Board.

## The timeline for new appointment by July 1, 2025.

## State Board Report — Chris Bailey

## Ongoing executive director search with strong candidate pool.

## Equity Committee — Faimous Harrison

## Concerns regarding budget uncertainties and their impact on equity initiatives.

## Recognition of support from SBCTC for diversity leadership councils.

## Operating Budget Committee — Carli Schiffner & Ivan Harrell

## Review of end-run policy procedures for 2023 operating budget.

## Updates on allocation model review with semi-final recommendations expected in March.

## The March meeting to be held in-person at the State Board offices.

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

## Advocacy efforts planned for March and April.

## Encouragement for presidents to attend town hall meetings and legislative visits.

## Discussion of tuition policy and the legislative approach to financial aid.

## Capital Budget Committee — Chio Flores and Darrell Jennings

## Updates on affordable housing legislation affecting CTC lands (SB 5725).

## Review of minor work expenditure trends.

## Task force update on low-income student housing study.

## Educational Services Committee — Rosie Rimando Chareunsap

## Guided Pathways funding and implementation discussions.

## Updates on ERP/student success software selection process.

## Concerns raised about the clarity and transparency of software implementation funding.

## Technology Committee — Kevin Brockbank

## Review of CTC Link funding and sustainability model.

## Discussion on staffing and budget planning through 2028.

## Trustees Report — Bertha Ortega

## ACT National Legislative Summit (NLS) recap.

## May 22-23, 2025, ACT Spring Conference in Spokane.

## Discussion on AI risks, governance, and trustee roles.

## Adjournment

With no further business, the Feb. 28, 2025, Board of Presidents’ regular meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next business meeting will be held Mar. 28, 2025, at the SBCTC office in Olympia.

### Future meetings:

* April 24-25, 2024: WACTC host South Puget Sound Community College, in conjunction with the All-Washington Academic Scholarship Ceremony.
* May 29-30, 2025: WACTC host TBD

Minutes prepared by Nanette Angel