

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

October 15, 2025

Wenatchee Campus - Zoom

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Present:

Paula Arno Martinez, Chair
Wilma Cartagena
Phylicia Hancock Lewis
Steve Zimmerman
Tamra Jackson

Also Present:

Cabinet Members
Faculty and Staff

TRUSTEE STUDY SESSION– 11:00 am

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMUNICATION

Trustees Arno Martinez and Cartagena attended *Trustee Tuesday*, where AAG Aileen Miller provided an overview of federal funding and compliance.

The Trustee Legislative Advocacy Committee continues to meet monthly. Arlen Harris and Sam Harriott from SBCTC joined the most recent meeting. Given the upcoming short legislative session, advocacy efforts will primarily focus on securing funding for the COLA.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES UPDATE

President Harrison is working on an interagency contract with Yakima Valley College and Teresa Rich to provide support with the financial audit.

The applicant pool for the Vice President of Administrative Services position is impressive. President Harrison is exploring an emergency hire to bring someone on board as soon as possible. The Trustees have full confidence in President Harrison to do an emergency hire.

The State Board and Centralia College will be offering trainings and regular meetings with the Business Office to provide continued support and guidance.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

The written portion of the accreditation report is not where it should be. However, Jennifer Hadersberger has taking over accreditation and the work is now underway to draft the report, which will be shared with Cabinet members for their review and feedback. Jennifer Hadersberger meets with Dr. Teresa Rivenes, Vice President of NWCCU regularly. Dr. Rivenes provided a template for WVC to use which, has been helpful with a year 6 and 7 combined.

Jennifer Hadersberger and Lisa Turner are working to develop and deliver PACE training at the all-district meeting on Oct. 10, 2025.

PACE REPORT

Jennifer Hadersberger provided an overview of the 2025 PACE report. Trustees received the full report when it was distributed to faculty and staff, and it was briefly discussed during the Board Retreat. While WVC's results are consistent with those of other colleges, the findings highlight that there is still significant work to be done.

BUDGET PROCESS

Dr. Tod Treat shared an overview of the college's budget development cycle and how it aligns with accreditation requirements. Due to the short turnaround for the 2025–2026 budget, the college is implementing a shortened version of the usual budget cycle for this academic year.

The Board of Trustees will receive a first reading of the proposed 2025–2026 academic budget at the November meeting.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

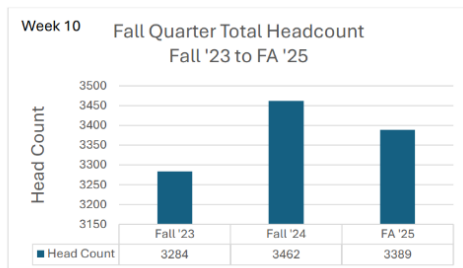
President Harrison reviewed information presented at the all-district meeting held on Friday, October 15, 2025, regarding the financial health of the college. He noted that Yakima Valley College will be assisting Wenatchee Valley College with financial audits to bring the college up to date.

BOARD ENGAGEMENT

Dr. Kestrel Smith, Director of AIIS shared the work that she is doing with Humanities Washington, Fish Wars.

ENROLLMENT DATA

Ellia Sablan Zebedy provided an enrollment update. SBCTC will be releasing summer enrollment numbers in November, based on current data there was a 14% increase in summer enrollment when compared to 2024.



- At Week 10 which is around the end of the first week in October, Fall '25 enrollment headcount stands at 3,389 students. At this point in time, we are slightly down in headcount by 73 students or 2% compared to last fall quarter 2024.

ACTION

Action items were reviewed in detail to be presented for action during the regular meeting.

FIRST READ

Dr. Treat provided an overview of WVC Degree Modifications. Trustees had no questions and will move it for action during the November Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered an Executive Session at 2:05 to discuss the review or evaluation of an employee. The Executive Session lasted 40 minutes and ended at 2:45.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 3:01 P.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CONCENT AGENDA

August 29, 2025, Board Retreat Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Trustee Paula Arno Martinez moved that the consent agenda be approved, The motion was seconded by Phylcia Hancock Lewis and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2405

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

New employees of the Omak campus were mentioned. None were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Angela Redmond, Math Faculty, requested that the Trustees consider reviewing college leadership and engaging with employees who have recently left WVC. She noted that some former employees are willing to share their experiences, which may provide insight to inform future leadership considerations. Ms. Redmond also expressed concerns regarding leadership in relation to the budget and accreditation.

SPECIAL REPORTS

ASWVCO President Amber Watson provided an update on student events that took place during September.

ASWVC Diana Moreles Cruz delivered an update on student activities and events held in September at the Wenatchee campus.

CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

Dr. Diana Garza reported that WVC athletics received commendation from the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) for their leadership. She also advised that the Native American Classic will not be held this year due to staff transitions; however, the college will host a game against Northwest Indian College.

Dr. Treat extended congratulations to Rosanna Linares, Director of MESA, for her exemplary efforts in organizing the MESA Washington State Legislative event. Additionally, he commended Dr. Jenny Freese for successfully securing a federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Nursing Grant totaling \$2.9 million.

Cal Goolsby indicated that efforts to sustain the partnership with the Methow Library are ongoing.

Lisa Turner announced that Adamarie Hernandez, formerly First Year Experience Advisor, has been appointed as the Assistant Human Resources Director. She will be responsible for supporting the college with public records requests.

ACTION: Action items were reviewed in detail during the board work session

Update of Policy 400.450 Student Employment

Trustee Steve Zimmerman moved to adopt student employment policy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2406

3:17

Secretary

Date

Chair

Date