



District No. 15  
Wenatchee,  
Washington

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## WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Board Meeting

April 29, 2026

Wenatchee Campus, Van Tassell – TEAMS Webinar

### MINUTES

#### ATTENDANCE

Trustees Present:

Wilma Cartagena  
Phylicia Hancock Lewis  
Paula Arno Martinez  
Steve Zimmerman

Also Present:

Cabinet  
Members  
Faculty and  
Staff

#### TRUSTEE STUDY SESSION – 10:30 am

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMUNICATION

Trustee Arno Martinez and Maria Iñiguez will attend the Spring ACT Conference in Blaine, Washington. President Harrison's attendance is dependent on campus activities.

Wenatchee's graduation will take place on June 18, 2026 and Omak's on June 20, 2026. All trustees plan on being in attendance.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report - Overall we are on track to finish the year with a surplus, and we have improved the budget monitoring reports to provide information more accurately and timely for the college.

State allocation revenues are currently ahead of last year but are not being drawn down at an optimal rate; efforts are underway to better align expenses and maximize cash balances from local sources such as tuition and Running Start, with all state allocations expected to be fully drawn by year end. Tuition revenues have exceeded budget by \$1.3 million, and while Running Start will also surpass projections, it will be budgeted more conservatively next year. A \$750,000 miscalculation in operating budget revenue due to ineligible fees was offset by these increased revenues. Payroll expenses remain on track, and Administrative Services budget lines have been reallocated to correct earlier development errors—resulting in decreased Finance, increased Facilities, and a new contingency line of \$75,222—without changing the overall Board-approved budget. SBCTC revolving fund charges will be settled during year-end closeout, and one-time expenses, including the ConexEd CRM software and \$180,000 in third-party reconciliation and audit costs, will be reflected and adjusted accordingly, while operating cash balance replacement serves as a non-expense cash flow cushion.

Steve Ward shared an update on the Fiscal Year 2027 budget process, noting that the budget committee is actively developing the proposal and that the Board of Trustees will receive the first draft of the FY27 budget at the May Board meeting.

The college has hired the Controller position that will be starting mid-May. He has extensive experience and will be a good fit for the college.

## ACCREDITATION

Trustee Arno Martinez and Cartagena met with the accreditors on April 23, 2026. The perception is that the meeting went well. Jennifer Haddersberger shared the 5 commendations and the 7 recommendations that were shared by the evaluation team at the exit meeting.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

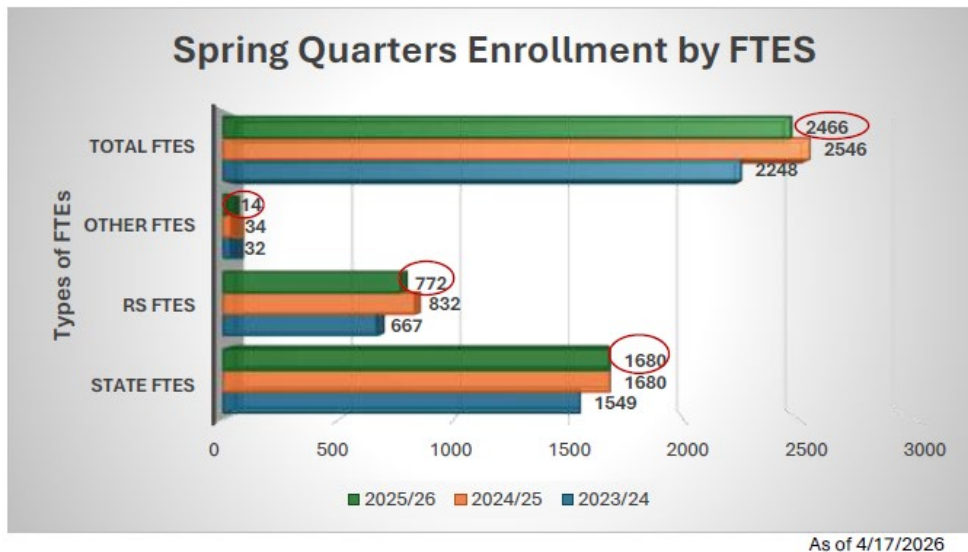
Marcine Miller provided an update on the newly published website.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Members from the Collaborative Oversight Forum presented the strategic communication plan that was shared at the April all-district meeting. The team shared recommendations for improved communication which included campus leadership as well as the board of trustees.

The trustees requested quarterly update presentations from the Collaborative Oversight Forum to remain informed on ongoing initiatives, progress, and areas of focus.

## ENROLLMENT UPDATE



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harrison shared a calendar of upcoming campus and WVC-sponsored events with the Board of Trustees. The campus community has expressed interest in greater trustee involvement and visibility at college events, and the calendar will help facilitate opportunities for engagement and participation.

## FIRST READ

Steve Ward presented the 2026–2027 Tuition and Fee Waivers and the tuition fee schedule for first read. While the tuition schedule is established by the state, it must still receive approval from the Board of Trustees.

Ellia Sablan Zebedy provided an overview of Policy 400.020: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The proposed revisions included only minimal changes to the existing policy.

Lisa Harger presented a first read of new Policy 000.180: Personal Device Use. The college currently does not have a policy addressing personal device use, and with the increase in public records requests, the development of this policy is considered essential.

## ACTION ITEMS FOR REVIEW

The trustees reviewed the regular meeting agenda and the following action items:

- 2026-2027 Proposed Fees
- Basketball Naming Rights

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustees entered executive session at 2:00 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss personnel and legal matters, as permitted under RCW 42.30. The executive session concluded at 2:30 p.m.

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER: 3:01 P.M.**

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **March 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Arno Martinez moved that March 18, 2026, meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hancock Lewis and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO 2424

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

### **AHE President Report**

Micky Jennings reported that faculty members celebrated newly tenured faculty and staff with a gathering at Pinnacle Brewery. He also thanked faculty who participated in the NWCCU visit.

Bargaining negotiations are continuing and progressing well. In addition, the union established a process for electing officers.

Representatives from Wenatchee attended the Washington Education Association gathering in Spokane and participated in floor discussions on topics including financial aid transparency and Running Start. The event also provided a valuable opportunity to network with other AHE members.

### **WPEA**

Not present.

### **ASWVCO (Omak)**

Amber Watson reported that the budget committee met and will be presenting a proposed budget in May. The Red Road Association is partnering with Student Senate to bring a hoop dance to the PAC in Omak.

### **ASWVC (Wenatchee)**

Diana Moreles Cruz reported that the budget committee met to go over the Student Fees.

## **CABINET MEMBER UPDATES**

Cabinet members provided brief updates,

- Dr. Garza – Friday, April 31, 2026, is Softball sophomore day. 230 tickets have been sold for The Mayne Event.
- Steve – Acknowledge the commendations received for the campus facilities from the accreditation visit, Steve met with the team personally to thank them.

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

**2026 – 2027 Proposed Fees**

