



District No. 15
Wenatchee,
Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

May 20, 2026

Wenatchee Campus, Van Tassell – TEAMS Webinar

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Present:

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

Also Present:

Cabinet
Members
Faculty and
Staff

TRUSTEE STUDY SESSION – 10:25 am

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Two groups from the Leadership Development Academy cohort presented their capstone projects to the Board. The projects included the development of the Knights Gym, a calisthenics and fitness initiative, and a personal care items collection drive to support the Women's Resource Center. Board members received the presentations and commended the participants for their work and commitment to serving the college community.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMUNICATION

Trustee Arno Martinez reported that she attended the ACT Spring Conference and found the governance presentation to be a valuable refresher. She also attended the optional *Connected for Impact* session, a conference co-sponsored by OSPI and Wenatchee Valley College, which focused on the impact of homelessness and highlighted resources available to support students.

Wenatchee commencement is scheduled for June 18, 2026, and Omak commencement is scheduled for June 20, 2026. All trustees indicated their intent to attend the ceremonies.

ENROLLMENT

Dr. Garza presented the enrollment projections for the upcoming year:

Enrollment Projection for 2026-27

Academic Year 2026/27					
Description	Summer 26 (EST)	Fall 26 (EST)	Winter 27 (EST)	Spring 27 (EST)	Annual (EST)
Headcount	1195	3703	3538	3261.00	2,924.33

The projections for the upcoming year are lower than for the current year.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Steve Ward presented the draft Fiscal Year 2027 budget. The budget was developed in collaboration with the President's Cabinet and the Budget Committee and was presented to the campus community on April 17, 2026. A two-week public comment period was provided through May 1, 2026, during which one comment was received.

Projected revenue: \$41,589,335

Projected expenditures (payroll) \$34,508,878

Projected expenditures (non-payroll) \$5,221,917

Other expenditures: \$1,858,540

Other expenditures account for WPEA adjustments, debt service, ConexEd, running start, grant funded position, etc.

ACCREDITATION

Highlights of the report included confirmation that the Board remains in compliance with governance standards. The report emphasized the importance of continued attention to board roles and responsibilities and maintaining a clear distinction between governance and operational functions.

Commendations were noted for COILS, campus operations, and Information Technology services. Recommendations for the Omak campus included continued focus on safety and security and improved communication regarding staff roles and responsibilities.

Trustee Cartagena expressed concern regarding several comments received from students. She noted that communication emerged as a recurring theme in the feedback and expressed surprise at comments related to area plans, as no prior feedback on those issues had been received.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Marcine Miller provided an update on the newly published website.

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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Actors from the student production ARC shared their experiences participating in the production. The show brought together students from six schools across the region. Performances were held in Wells Theater over Mother's Day weekend.

FIRST READ

Dr. Garza presented the 2027–2028 Academic Calendar for first reading. The calendar had previously been reviewed and approved by the Calendar Committee and President's Cabinet.

Iris Rodriguez, Student Life Coordinator, and Dr. Garza presented the 2026–2027 ASWVC Services and Activities (S&A) Budget for first reading.

Dr. Treat presented proposed Policy 300.850, Regular and Substantive Interactions, for first reading. The policy was developed in response to recommendations from the recent accreditation visit.

ACTION ITEMS FOR REVIEW

The following action items were presented for first read during the April board of trustees meeting.

- 2026-2027 Tuition and Fee Waivers
- 2026-2027 Tuition Fee Schedule
- Policy: 400.020 Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- Policy: 000.180 Personal Device Use

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustees entered executive session at 2:5 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss personnel and legal matters, as permitted under RCW 42.30. The executive session concluded at 2:35 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Trustee Arno Martinez moved to amend the agenda to include an action item authorizing President Harrison, or her designee, to explore the potential acquisition of the property located at 17 Ash Street North in Omak, along with the adjacent parcel without an assigned address. Trustee Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MOTION NO 2427

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 29, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

Trustee Zimmerman moved that April 29, 2026, meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jackson and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO 2428

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

The following new employees were introduced Nick Crawford, Controller; America Simmental, Student Navigator; Meegahn Singletary, Enrollment Services.

ALL WASHINGTON ACADEMIC TEAM RECOGNITION

Ethan Kamphaus, was presented with the All-Washington Academic Team award. Ethan will graduate in June from WHS and WVC with his Associate of Arts transfer degree, before he transfers to Montana State University. He intends to pursue a degree in environmental biology and a minor in business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

SPECIAL REPORTS

AHE President Report

Micky Jennings reported that faculty have elected new association officers. Shannon Rodman will serve as Vice President, and Katie Lantau will serve as Treasurer. He also reported that AHE donated gift cards to support the Knights Kupboard. Bargaining agreement negotiations remain ongoing.

WPEA

Not present.

ASWVCO (Omak)

ASWVC (Wenatchee)

Diana Moreles Cruz – End of the Year Student event will be on June 3, 2026.

CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

Cabinet members provided brief updates:

- Clint – Fishing derby was a success.

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

2026 – 2027 Tuition and Fee Waivers

Trustee Arno Martinez moved to approve the 2026-2027 Tuition and Fee Waivers. Second, by Phylicia Hancock. Motion carried.

MOTION NO 2429

2026 – 2027 Tuition Fee Schedule

Trustee Jackson moved to approve the 2026-2027 Tuition Fee Schedule. Second by Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried.

MOTION NO 2430

Policy 400.020 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and 000.180 Personal Device Use

Trustee Zimmerman moved to approve policy 400.020 and policy 000.180. Second by Trustee Hancock Lewis. Motion carries.

MOTION NO 2431

Land Acquisition

Trustee Hancock Lewis moved to authorize President Harrison, or her designee, to explore the potential acquisition of the property located at 17 Ash Street North in Omak, along with the adjacent parcel without an assigned address. Trustee Arno Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MOTION NO 2432

ADJOURNMENT - 3:19 PM

Secretary

Date

Chair

Date