

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 4
SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Mariko Doerner - Chair
Mr. Ozell Jackson III
Ms. Flora Perez-Lucatero
Ms. Megan Scott O'Bryan
Dr. Christopher Villa, President & Executive Secretary to the Board

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Carl Bruner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

The Chair, Mariko Doerner, recognized that a quorum of Board members was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests were submitted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No guests at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2025
2. Special Board Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2025
3. Special Board Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2025
4. Special Board Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2025
5. Special Board Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2025
6. Special Board Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2025
7. Skagit/Island Head Start Report

It was moved by Megan Scott O'Bryan and seconded by Flora Perez-Lucatero to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

COLLEGE REPORTS

1. ASSVC REPORT – Ashley Zamora

ASSVC is conducting interviews to fill the vacant position and is collaborating with Student Government, campus clubs, and Student Life to plan the Fall Fest event on October 30. Representatives attended the 10-Year Review training with Dr. Darren Greeno and have been assigned to both the 10-Year Review and Standing Committees. Two new student clubs are being developed — the Tennis Club and Northwest Collegiate Ministries. ASSVC continues to organize monthly President’s Roundtable meetings, with the next scheduled for October 21.

The district-wide review of ASSVC bylaws is nearing completion, with proposed changes being finalized. The District ASSVC will also make final recommendations regarding the Student Technology Fee before submission to the Board. Members have expressed strong interest in supporting student needs through expanded access to resources such as a clothing closet, laundry services, and shower facilities.

2. SVCFT – Kip Zwolenski

No report at this time.

3. WPEA – Lance Levesen

No report at this time.

4. PRESIDENT – Dr. Christopher Villa

Fall 2025 In-Service was held on September 15 at the Mount Vernon campus and September 16 at the Whidbey Island campus, bringing together nearly 300 full and part-time faculty, classified staff, exempt staff, and administrators. The event was a great success as attendees heard from President Villa, who emphasized this year’s theme, *“Everybody has a story, and every story matters.”*

The program included years of service recognition and the presentation of Exceptional Faculty and Staff Foundation Awards. Faculty also participated in a series of engaging and rigorous professional development sessions designed to support student success and collaboration across the college.

Skagit Valley College’s enrollment management strategies are yielding positive results, contributing to continued enrollment growth. Full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment for summer quarter 2025 increased by 8 percent compared to summer 2024. Likewise, fall quarter 2025 FTE enrollment is currently up 9 percent from the previous year. Current data also indicate that the college is surpassing our AFTE target of 970 for fall quarter 2025 by 37 AFTE, an increase of approximately 4 percent.

On September 29–30, members of Skagit Valley College’s Executive Cabinet, Dr. Villa, Dr. Darren Greeno, Dr. Gabriel Mast, and Yadira Rosales, attended the Excelencia in Education Convening. The event brought together approximately 200 presidents, vice presidents,

deans, and other higher education leaders, most representing Hispanic-Serving Institutions. Attendees were provided with the opportunity to learn more about the impact of and strategies in response to recent actions from the current federal government. In addition, attendees learned about successful programs, backed by comprehensive data.

5. BOARD OF TRUSTEES/ACT

Trustee Jackson attended Trustee Tuesday on October 14th. Attendees were asked to gather and forward stories related to student enrollment, student services, and the impact of U.S. Department of Education actions on community colleges for compilation and distribution as talking points. Additional topics included participation in multi-state advocacy forums, engagement with County Commissioners, hosting town halls, and inviting community members to visit the campuses.

Trustee Perez-Lucatero attended the Foundation Board of Governors meeting and reported that the CVV housing units received new paint and updates to five units. The Foundation is revisiting a feasibility study for potential expansion to address the lack of affordable student housing in Skagit County. Scholarship outreach is underway, with new scholarships available. Recent and upcoming events include the successful Ford Golf Classic, which raised \$121,000, the Fall In-Service Social, the President's Reception on November 6, the Athletic Auction on February 28, and the Champions of Diversity Reception on November 20th. The Foundation is also exploring options for online access to SVC merchandise, particularly Centennial items. The Foundation website is being redesigned in partnership with Bayliff Branding.

STUDY ITEM

1. Head Start Budget Revision
2. Head Start One-Time Supplemental Funding Application

Shelley Greybeck was available for questions.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

November 4, 2025, 4:30 p.m., Whidbey Island Campus, Oak Hall – A306. Study Session at 3:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Doerner announced at 5:08 p.m. that the Board will convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1) for the following purpose(s): (g) To review the performance of a public employee and (i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation. No action will be taken.

At 5:28 p.m., Chair Doerner extended the Executive Session by 34 minutes.

OPEN SESSION

The Chair reconvened the meeting into open session at 6:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Doerner adjourned the Board of Trustees meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Mariko Doerner, Chair

Dr. Christopher Villa, President
Executive Secretary to the Board