

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 4
SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE
Tuesday, February 3, 2026
4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Mariko Doerner – Chair

Ms. Flora Perez-Lucatero – Vice-Chair

Dr. Carl Bruner

Mr. Ozell Jackson III

Dr. Mike Cogan, Lead Administrator & Executive Secretary to the Board

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

Edgar Rosas-Alquicira, Biology Instructor, provided public comment on the Diversity Center.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No guests at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2025
2. Board Special Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2026
3. Board Special Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2026
4. Board Special Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2026
5. Skagit/Island Head Start Report

It was moved by Ozell Jackson and seconded by Flora Perez-Lucatero to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

COLLEGE REPORTS

1. Associated Students of Skagit Valley College (ASSVC) REPORT

Ashley Zamora, President, Mount Vernon Campus

Student representatives shared concerns that students were not aware of recent room changes on campus, including the relocation of the Diversity Center. Some students believed the space was being eliminated. A letter was sent to the college's five vice presidents emphasizing the value of the space and requesting open and honest communication regarding campus changes. Student leaders also requested biweekly meetings between vice presidents and student representatives to strengthen communication moving forward.

ASSVC representatives will travel to Olympia to participate in Advocacy Day and meet with state legislators.

ASSVC is reviewing design options and planning to order crewneck sweatshirts for student leadership gear.

ASSVC supported the "Constitution in Crisis" workshop, a free speech presentation on the state of the republic held on February 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and allocated funds to provide food for participants.

Student leaders are exploring ways ASSVC can support the campus food pantry in the future.

ASSVC met with student leaders from the Whidbey Island Campus for a district meeting on February 20.

The Computing Club has been established as a new student club.

ASSVC is meeting biweekly with Administration and the Program Board to assist with planning activities related to the college's Centennial Celebration.

ASSVC is purchasing useful and engaging items to distribute to students during campus tabling events.

ASSVC also allocated funds to support the Grappling Club and the Black Student Union.

2. Skagit Valley College Federation of Teachers (SVC-FT)
Kip Zwolenski, Union President

Kip provided a brief update on union activities and shared that the campus climate report had strong participation. He also noted ongoing work related to faculty hiring and tenure processes and referenced updates from AFT Washington regarding the legislative session. He concluded by outlining key priorities for the union this session.

3. WPEA – Lance Levesen

No report at this time.

4. LEAD ADMINISTRATOR – Dr. Mike Cogan

No report at this time.

5. Strategic Priorities Performance Report | Student Services

Dr. Darren Greeno and Dr. Gabriel Mast presented an update on the college's Strategic Priorities performance measures related to Student Services.

6. BOARD OF TRUSTEES/ACT

Trustees Doerner, Perez-Lucatero and Jackson attended the Hill Climb in January and gave a report on their legislative visit, noting it was a successful trip and that legislators were supportive of Skagit Valley College and its priorities. They shared that discussions around Running Start funding were helpful in showing legislators how proposed changes would impact the college. While the outlook for capital funding is uncertain, trustees noted that strong relationships with legislators remain important. Trustees also highlighted the value of the college's strategic priorities and workforce outcomes, noting that legislators appreciated the data shared and expressed interest in staying connected with the college and visiting our campuses.

Trustee Perez-Lucatero shared she will be attending the upcoming SVC Foundation Board of Governors meeting which will highlight the Culinary Arts Department.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2026, 4:30 p.m., Whidbey Island Campus, Oak Hall – A306. Study Session at 3:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Doerner announced that the board would convene into executive session to discuss matters pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee, and to evaluate qualifications of an applicant for public employment; and (1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency potential litigation. She stated that she anticipated the

executive session would take 60 minutes and that the board may take action when they return to open session. Convened into Executive Session at 5:28 p.m.

At 6:29 p.m., Chair Doerner extended the executive session by 25 minutes.

OPEN SESSION

The Chair reconvened the meeting into open session at 6:54 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Recommendation to approve addendum #1 of the contract amendment for Dr. Mike Cogan regarding his duties as the lead administrator of Skagit Valley College effective January 17, 2026, through February 28, 2026, or until such time that the interim president is appointed, unless otherwise extended by mutual agreement. This includes his compensation for accepting the appointment pursuant to the addendum.

It was moved by Ozell Jackson and seconded by Flora Perez-Lucatero to approve addendum #1 of the contract amendment for Dr. Mike Cogan regarding his duties as the lead administrator of Skagit Valley College effective January 17, 2026, through February 28, 2026, or until such time that the interim president is appointed, unless otherwise extended by mutual agreement. This includes his compensation for accepting the appointment pursuant to the addendum as presented.

The Chair requested a roll call vote: Ozell Jackson – aye, Carl Bruner – aye, Flora Perez-Lucatero – aye, Vhari Rust-Clark – aye and Mariko Doerner – aye.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Recommendation to appoint Dr. Thomas Keegan as the interim president of Skagit Valley College to be effective upon the acceptance of the appointment.

It was moved by Flora Perez-Lucatero and seconded by Vhari Rust-Clark to appoint Dr. Thomas Keegan as the interim president of Skagit Valley College as presented.

The Chair requested a roll call vote: Ozell Jackson – aye, Carl Bruner – aye, Flora Perez-Lucatero – aye, Vhari Rust-Clark – aye and Mariko Doerner – aye.

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3. Recommendation to authorize the board chair to negotiate the compensation, duties and responsibilities of the interim president subject to a vote of the board.

It was moved by Vhari Rust-Clark and seconded by Flora Perez-Lucatero authorize the board chair to negotiate the compensation, duties and responsibilities of the interim president subject to a vote of the board as presented.

The Chair requested a roll call vote: Ozell Jackson – aye, Carl Bruner – aye, Flora Perez-Lucatero – aye, Vhari Rust-Clark – aye and Mariko Doerner – aye.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Doerner adjourned the Board of Trustees meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Mariko Doerner, Chair

Dr. Mike Cogan, Lead Administrator
Executive Secretary to the Board