

**WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 20, 2021**

**Roll Call.** Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room in the Main Building. Ms. Cecily Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the President at WSCC, took roll call. The following Trustees were present at roll call: Mr. Randy Barengo, Mr. David Vandenberg, Ms. Susan Vessels, Ms. Jodey Altier, and Mr. Bernie Anderson. Mr. Tyler Wilcox and Mr. Dan Pennock were absent.

Others in attendance included: Dr. Vicky Wood (President), Ms. Sarah Parker (VPAA), Dr. Heather Kincaid (Dean Health), Mr. Gary Barber (Dir. WFD), Mr. Brandon Herb (Dir. Facilities), Ms. Angela Lang (Interim CFO), Dr. Jona Hall (Dean Public Services & Transfer), Ms. Jean Worstell (HR Manager), Ms. Kathy Temple-Miller (Dean SS), Ms. Reba Bartrug (Dir. Financial Aid), Ms. Megan Hardway (Communications Spec.), Ms. Laura Garcia (Faculty), Mr. Christopher Schmitt (Patch Media) and Mr. Dakota Vaughn (student of the month).

**Approval of the Agenda**

Chairman Anderson asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Trustee Barengo moved to approve the agenda as presented, Vice Chairman David Vandenberg seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote.

Mr. Anderson	Yes	Mr. Pennock	Abs
Mr. Barengo	Yes	Mr. Vandenberg	Yes
Ms. Altier	Yes	Ms. Vessels	Yes
Mr. Wilcox	Abs		

The **September 20, 2021 agenda**, as presented, was approved as **Resolution R31-21**.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Chairman Anderson asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting. Trustee Vessels moved to approve the minutes with the removal of the words 'Public Notice,' Vice Chairman David Vandenberg seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote.

Mr. Anderson	Yes	Mr. Pennock	Abs
Mr. Barengo	Yes	Mr. Vandenberg	Yes
Ms. Altier	Yes	Ms. Vessels	Yes
Mr. Wilcox	Abs		

The **August 16, 2021 WSCC Board Meeting Minutes**, with the removal of the section 'Public Notice,' were approved as **Resolution R32-21**.

**Public Comment:** None

## Recognition of Guests

### Student of the Month

Dr. Wood recognized the September Student of the Month, Mr. Dakota Vaughn. Mr. Vaughn, a Diesel Truck Systems student, expressed what a great experience he has had at WSCC and he believes WSCC has a quality training program. He hopes to use his degree to secure a lifelong career at his current place of employment.

Dr. Brad Carmen was unable to attend due to unforeseen work commitments.

## Financial Report via Consent Agenda

### Then and Now Certification

Ms. Angie Lang presented one Then and Now Certification for Board approval. This purchase was for the OACC membership fees for FY22.

### Financial Report

Ms. Lang presented the financial statements through August 31, 2021 as noted in the board packet. Ms. Lang noted that the variances in revenue is largely from the state appropriations section due to the timing of when funds were available. Another notable change can be seen in the expenses portion of the report under Academic Support which has decreased by 46.44%. Ms. Lang explained that this change is from condensing IT's budgets from three to one. Two of these budgets were previously under Academic Support and have now been moved to Institutional Support. Another minor change is in the Operations and Maintenance fund where charges for JaniSource are now coming directly out of HEERF Funds. Vice Chairman Vandenberg asked how we anticipate finishing the current year. Ms. Lang responded that the current estimation shows the College coming in on budget. Trustee Altier asked for clarification on what type of funds the variance report highlights. Ms. Lang clarified that the variances are from the College's general funds only. Ms. Lang reviewed the Balance Sheet and noted that assets under 'Plant' remain the same due to the current audit taking place. These expenses, along with Deferred Outflow and Inflow expenses, will be adjusted at the end of the audit. Trustee Altier followed with a question regarding the number of special revenue funds and Ms. Lang responded that the College has several special revenue funds and that, if needed, she can provide a breakdown of these funds. Ms. Lang offered to adjust the finance reporting format, if needed.

Ms. Lang concluded the financial report by briefly discussing the College's HEERF expenses as presented in the board packet. The HEERF report highlights the reimbursements made to the College for the FY2020/21 expenses and a breakdown of each round of HEERF funds. Trustee Vessels questioned what funds have been spent to directly help students. Ms. Lang directed the trustees to the last page in the financial report that breaks down the grant monies directly spent on students. Trustee Vessels followed up by asking how long the college has to spend these funds. Dr. Wood answered that the average timeframe is two years. Ms. Reba Barturg added that the student portion has to be spent by May 2022.

Chairman Anderson asked for a motion to approve the Financial Reports via Consent Agenda. Vice Chairman Vandenberg moved to approve the Financial Reports via Consent Agenda, Trustee Barengo seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote.

Mr. Anderson	Yes	Mr. Pennock	Abs
Mr. Barengo	Yes	Mr. Vandenberg	Yes
Ms. Altier	Yes	Ms. Vessels	Yes
Mr. Wilcox	Abs		

The Financial Reports via Consent Agenda, as presented, was approved as Resolution R33-21.

## Administrative Reports via Consent Agenda

### Human Resource Report

Mr. Gary Barber presented the Human Resources report as noted in the board packet. The College is currently in the process of hiring multiple full-time and part-time positions. Mr. Barber highlighted that due to increasing enrollment the College has had to hire additional employees for multiple positions, most notably the nursing department. Mr. Barber noted that Ms. Angie Lang has accepted the position of Chief Financial Officer effective today.

### Policy Updates

Mr. Barber presented an updated version of Chapter 2 of the College's Policy and Procedure manual. **Policy 2.500 - Board Duties and Responsibilities**, was updated to include the newly passed legislation, O.R.C 3345.82, that allows board of trustee members to attend board meetings virtually providing minimum standards are met. This updated policy goes into effect September 30, 2021. Also updated within policy 2.500 is the board standing committees. This update will consolidate the four standing committees to one, the Finance Committee. Based on Board operations the past few years, the Board will form ad-hoc committees as needed. The administration will provide updates at Board meetings on a regular basis.

Chairman Anderson asked for a motion to approve the Administrative Reports via Consent Agreement. Trustee Barengo moved to approve the Administrative Reports via Consent Agreement, Trustee Vessels seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote.

Mr. Anderson	Yes	Mr. Pennock	Abs
Mr. Barengo	Yes	Mr. Vandenberg	Yes
Ms. Altier	Yes	Ms. Vessels	Yes
Mr. Wilcox	Abs		

The Administrative Reports via Consent Agenda, as presented, was approved as **Resolution R34-21**.

## Academic Report

### Academic Update

Ms. Sarah Parker updated the board on the College's ongoing transition to an 8-week delivery model. As noted in the board packet, Ms. Parker gave an overview of the timeline for this transition. Ms. Parker also gave an update on the increased enrollment numbers in multiple programs including; Health Information Technology Management (HIMT), Education Transfer, Cybersecurity, Automotive Technology, Chemical Operator Certificate, and POBA. She congratulated the departments on their work to help increase enrollment across the college.

### Health Partnerships

Dean Heather Kincaid briefed the Board on the College's health partnerships and clinical programs. As presented in the board packet, WSCC works with multiple hospitals and agencies to help students meet their required clinical hours. Multiple hospitals are utilized to help broaden the students' knowledge in all areas of practice. One of the requirements for clinical students is to show proof of vaccination for multiple viruses/diseases. Many of the college's partner health facilities are now requiring COVID-19 vaccinations. Trustee Vessels asked whether a student could still complete their programs and graduate next year if they do not get the vaccine. Dean Kincaid responded that because WSCC does not have one partner hospital that can accommodate all students, the students must rotate through multiple hospitals. This means that students would have to comply with the mandates of each hospital/agency. Trustee Vessels asked whether it was possible for a student to have a medical/religious exemption for the vaccine. Dean Kincaid said yes, all partner hospitals have exemption forms that students can complete if they so choose. Those forms are reviewed by each individual facility who makes the final decision.

## President's Report

Dr. Vicky Wood congratulated the college on the final enrollment numbers for FA21, which show an increase in both credit hours and headcount. Dr. Wood discussed the multiple grants WSCC has been awarded including the Campus Safety Grant and RAPIDS Grant. SCC received the fourth largest amount of all Ohio higher education institutions and the largest amount awarded to a community college for the Campus Safety Grant. Dr. Wood thanked Facilities, IT, and Ms. Amanda Herb for working together to submit this grant. For the Regionally Aligned Priorities in Delivery Skills (RAPIDS) Grant, WSCC was awarded \$286,896. WSCC partnered with Zane State College, Belmont College, and Eastern Gateway College. The funds received from this grant will support the College's advanced manufacturing and healthcare programs. Dr. Wood highlighted the Rural Community College Leader Series through the National Center for Inquiry and Improvement where she co-published an article discussing personal experience in advising and supporting students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the help of the VP of Organizational Effectiveness, the College is now offering multiple health and wellness activities to staff and faculty. This includes yoga, meditation, ployjam, and a walking challenge where 60 staff and faculty members are participating. Dr. Wood briefly discussed the possible partnership with Memorial Health Systems that would help bolster the College's development of the BSN program and help fill a nursing shortage in our local area. Dr. Wood ended the president's report by updating the board on the College's COVID-19 protocols, current case numbers, and examples of other community colleges who are offering incentive programs for students to get the COVID-19 vaccination.

Trustee Vessels issued the following statement:

Washington State is doing very well, we are ranked among the top community colleges in Ohio. Our academic programs are productive and well-respected, our finances are solid, and unlike many colleges across Ohio suffering declines, our enrollment is up two percent. Regrettably, we can't rest on our laurels, as there is always another challenge around the corner. A continuing challenge is COVID and how to deal with it. Because of the vaccine roll-out earlier this year, the worst of COVID was supposed to be behind us. COVID is still causing struggles, even at our small college. Last month, the trustees were asked for input regarding spending Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds to pay students and faculty to take an mRNA shot. It was proposed that these funds would also be used to set up a database of the vaccinated and the unvaccinated at the college. Both proposals were met with resistance from some individual trustees, and were abandoned. Last Monday, a COVID vaccine clinic was held at the Student OneStop. When we sponsor a shot clinic at our college, I believe we are, by default, endorsing the shot provided, Pfizer in this case, as both safe and effective. The state tells us that that is exactly what the shots are, safe and effective. Nevertheless, reasonable minds can disagree. I do not endorse this shot and I am making this statement to be on record to that effect. The shots have been available to most for about eight months. Anyone who wants it based upon their own risk assessment has had every opportunity. Local health departments and corner pharmacies offer them for free. As to our 15 students who participated in the clinic, I fear that the majority participated because they were concerned about not being able to complete their clinicals because of health system mandates outside the control of this college. This coercion situation is not a problem unique to Washington State's health programs. At some public colleges, it is affecting all students. Students at Ohio State and Ohio University, among others, are being told that they will either be disenrolled, or forced to take all classes remotely, unless they get the shot. No consideration is given to students who can prove prior COVID infection and natural immunity. This is not the Ohio I know and love. Students should not be discriminated against, or punished based upon race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or medical history including personal health decisions. I believe that college trustees and administrators have a duty to our students to participate in this discussion, even if it is uncomfortable and their opinions are contrary to current state mandates. The Food and Drug Administration's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee held a vaccine hearing last Friday, September 18th. During that hearing Dr. Steve Kirsch, director of the COVID-19 Early Treatment Fund stated: "I'm going to focus my remarks today on the elephant in the room that nobody likes to talk about: that the vaccines kill more people than they save." He continued: "Today, we focus almost exclusively on COVID death saves and vaccine efficacy because we were led to believe that vaccines

were perfectly safe. But this is simply not true. For example, there are four times as many heart attacks in the treatment group in the Pfizer six-month trial report. That wasn't bad luck. VAERS shows heart attacks happened 71 times more often following these vaccines compared to any other vaccine." \* \* \* "In all, 20 people died who got the drug, 14 died who got the placebo. Few people noticed that. If the net all-cause mortality from the vaccine is negative, vaccines, boosters, and mandates are all nonsensical." \* \* \* "Even if the vaccines had an 100% protection, it still means we killed two people to save one life." Viral immunologist and biologist Dr. Jessica Rose also testified. She said that based on the VAERS data, the vaccine risks outweigh the benefits in young people. She pointed to a thousand-fold increase in adverse reactions to the injection in 2021 compared to over the last decade. Dr. Rose also said the data suggests the COVID vaccines are driving the surge of COVID mutations like the "alpha" and "delta" variants. "The emergence of both of these variants and their subsequent clustering arose in very close temporal proximity to the rollout of the COVID products in Israel." \* \* \* "Israel is one of the most injected countries, and it appears from this data that this represents a clear failure of these products to provide protective immunity against emergent variants and to prevent transmission." After eight hours of testimony, the advisory committee voted 16-2 against a widespread COVID booster shot program. Based upon the foregoing, it is my hope that Washington State will do everything possible to assist our students so that they will not be forced to choose between taking a shot that they do not want and completing their degrees.

**Executive Session**

Vice Chairman Vandenberg made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the information to be discussed might reveal information that could be used to commit a violation of the law, Trustee Aliter seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote. The Trustees along with Dr. Wood and Mr. Barber entered the Executive Session at 5:16 p.m.

Mr. Anderson	Yes	Mr. Pennock	Abs
Mr. Barengo	Yes	Mr. Vandenberg	Yes
Ms. Altier	Yes	Ms. Vessels	Yes
Mr. Wilcox	Abs		

The Trustees moving to **Enter Executive Session** was approved as **Resolution R35-21**.

Chairman Anderson made a motion to exit Executive Session, Vice Chairman Vandenberg seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote. The Trustees exited the Executive Session at 5:56 p.m.

Mr. Anderson	Yes	Mr. Pennock	Abs
Mr. Barengo	Yes	Mr. Vandenberg	Yes
Ms. Altier	Yes	Ms. Vessels	Yes
Mr. Wilcox	Abs		

The Trustees moving to **Exit Executive Session** was approved as **Resolution R36-21**.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Barengo moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m., the motion was seconded by Trustee Vessels, and the motion passed with a roll call vote.

Mr. Anderson	Yes	Mr. Pennock	Abs
Mr. Barengo	Yes	Mr. Vandenberg	Yes
Ms. Altier	Yes	Ms. Vessels	Yes
Mr. Wilcox	Abs		

The Adjournment of the September 20, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Trustees was approved as Resolution R37-21.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on October 1, 2021, at 8 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Mr. Bernie Anderson \_\_\_\_\_ 10/1/21  
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DAVID ANDERSON  
VICE CHAIRMAN

Vicky Wood 10-1-21  
Dr. Vicky Wood Date  
Secretary