COLUMBIA BASIN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 8, 2025
Beers Board Room & Virtual
4:30 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Changes*

Approval of Minutes*

Exhibit A: November 10, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting

Linkage with Community

Battelle

Evangelina Galvan Shreeve, Acting Deputy Director Human Resources
Karen Kniep Blanton, Acting Director STEM Education and Workforce Development

Celebrating Excellence

Stephanie Fuentes, Undocumented Student Advocacy Specialist

Remarks

By Administration

President Rebekah Woods, Exhibit B: CBC in the News – Nov 2025 Foundation Executive Director & CEO Erin Fishburn

By ASCBC Student Representative

By Faculty Senate Chair Kiera Squires

By AHE Representative Rik Smith

By Board Members

Public Comments

- Anyone who would like to share public comment, for the record, please give your name and
 whether you are a student, employee or a member of the community. If you are participating
 through zoom, please raise your hand and we will promote you to a panelist so you may speak.
- Please limit your comments to 3 minutes.
- During public comment, the Board will focus on listening and treat all comments with equal attention and respect. We ask the same of all attendees.

Reports

Exhibit C: Cash Reserve Report

Exhibit D: Operating Funds Variance Report

Discussion/Action*

Exhibit E: Resolution 25-06, In-State Tuition and Fee Policy for Apprenticeship Programs Exhibit F: First Reading – Board Policies Executive Limitations EL-6, EL-7, EL-8, EL-9, EL-10

Adjournment

*(Requires motion/approval)

If you are a person with a disability and require an accommodation while attending the meeting, please contact the President's Office at 542-4802 as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to provide accommodations.

Exhibit A



A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 19 was held on Monday, November 10, 2025. Ofelia Rivas de Bredt, chair, presided. This meeting was held in the Beers Board Room, Building A, CBC Pasco Campus at 2600 N. 20th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301 and remotely via Zoom.

MINUTES

Chair Rivas de Bredt called the business meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Board was present.

Board Present: Chair Ofelia Rivas de Bredt, Trustee Kedrich Jackson (virtual), Trustee Edison Valerio and Trustee Michelle Smith

Board Secretaries Present: Rebekah Woods – President & Secretary to the Board, Ronda Rodgers – Recording Secretary

Administration & Staff Present: Eduardo Rodriguez, Corey Osborn, Cheryl Holden, Michael Lee, Elizabeth Burtner, Erin Fishburn, Dan Quock, Matt Green, Luz Garza

Guests Present: Jesus Mota, Billy Getty, Samuel Whitecotton, Brandon Duran, Chiarra Lohr, Debbie Wolf, Tony Sako, Cindy Walker, Maeve Bolling (ASCBC)

Virtual Attendees: Sarah McCalmant, Daphne Larios, Hoewoon Kim

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Rivas de Bredt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Trustee Valerio moved and Trustee Smith seconded a motion to approve the November 10, 2025 agenda as written. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Valerio seconded a motion to approve the October 13, 2025 Board meeting minutes as written. Approved unanimously.

<u>MOTION</u>: Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Valerio seconded a motion to approve the October 13, 2025 Special meeting of the Board – Strategic Plan Listening Session meeting minutes as written. Approved unanimously.



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

The Board welcomed the CBC Automotive professors and staff to congratulate them on achieving the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Accreditation for the CBC program. The ASE process is rigorous, a process taking CBC six years to complete. This accreditation aims to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service through the testing and certification of repair and service professionals.

The Board also welcomed the team who worked to implement and receive accreditation from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) for the Bachelor of Computer Science program at CBC – our 11th bachelor program. Professors Wolf, Sako, and Ahmad, along with Cindy Walker, Assistant Dean for Instruction, and Melissa McBurney, Dean for Accreditation & Assessment, worked over a three-year period with a focus on equity to consider the necessary courses and bringing CBC's curriculum into alignment with other community and technical colleges in the state.

REMARKS

By Administration, President

Rebekah Woods, CBC President, provided the following updates to the Board.

Teaching & Learning Day

Today was CBC's fall teaching and learning day – an opportunity for employees to engage in professional development. Our guest speaker was Galen Emanuele.

Artificial Intelligence Workgroup

Cabinet received the AI Workgroup Report; 45 pages of research and great recommendations. This workgroup has been charged with developing a draft charter for the ongoing AI Advisory Committee.

Collaborative Effort to Help Students

Thank you to the employees and student workers in the Workforce Education Center, ASCBC and Foundation who worked together to make available \$100K in Winco grocery cards to SNAP eligible students. This effort has helped 256 students to date.

By CEO, Foundation

Erin Fishburn, Foundation Executive Director & CEO, provided the Foundation report. Fall scholarship applications closed at the end of September with 300 scholarships awarded this round. A scholarship celebration is planned for December 2. Scholarships will open again in January for the second round of awards. Power of Connection, the annual Foundation scholarship fund raiser, raised \$200K for student scholarships – thank you to those who attended the event and donated. STCU donated \$7,500 to the CBC Food Pantry. The Foundation received a \$25K endowed scholarship from Saul Martinez and La Hermandad de OMT.



By ASCBC

Maeve Bolling, ASCBC representative, provided updates of current ASCBC sponsored events. October included Spooky Bingo, craft hour, Hawk-o-ween (300+ in attendance), pumpkin carving, volleyball spirit night, pizza with the President, Fall Festival and PTK (honor society) held an event demonstrating drunk and distracted driving. ASCBC is currently raising funds for the winter service project to be held the first week in December for current students.

By Faculty Senate Chair

Kiera Squires, Faculty Senate Chair, gave an update on Faculty Senate. The fourth meeting of the year was November 7. Senate gave feedback on draft charters for existing committees and draft charges for new workgroups (a Graduate Analysis workgroup and a Special Events Policy and Process workgroup). The AI Workgroup provided Senate with an update on what they presented to Cabinet last week, so we expect a charter for an AI Advisory Committee to be coming soon. Senate also appointed two interim Senators and an alternate so that we have a full 12 voting members on Faculty Senate. Today was Teaching and Learning day, and faculty had time to work on assessment projects and review the final drafts of our new Institutional Learn Outcomes and Program Learning Outcomes for the AA/DTA degree. Lastly, we've heard concerns from students about the price of textbooks, so Senate will encourage faculty to use open educational resources, as long as they adhere to ADA guidelines.

By AHE Representative

No AHE representative was present.

By Board Members

Trustee Edison Valerio attended the ACCT Leadership Congress with Dr. Woods in New Orleans during October, the Boys & Girls Club dinner and fundraising event, and the CBC Power of Connection.

Trustee Kedrich Jackson attended the Energy Solutions Summit (AWB) that brings together industry leaders, representatives and academia.

Trustee Michelle Smith has had Running Start students at Chiawana High School ask her where they should go for academic assistance at CBC. Students don't know who to talk to or how to handle academic situations or problems. Trustee Smith suggested CBC develop a 1-pager for school counselors (FAQ sheet) to help Running Start students.

Chair Ofelia Rivas de Bredt thanked administration for providing the Board with a Strategic Plan Listening Session and an opportunity to provide feedback on key areas of success and opportunity. Trustee Rivas de Bredt attended the Big Band Night at CBC and the Foundation's Power of Connection event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.



REPORTS

The Cash Reserve Report and Operating Funds Variance Report were provided by Eduardo Rodriguez, Vice President for Administrative Services.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Resolution 25-05: Community STEM Learning Center was presented to the Board. The resolution recognizes a generous gift of \$3.25M from Battelle to CBC in order to develop a community STEM center. The resolution provides naming rights to Battelle for twenty years. The Board authorizes the naming of the new Center as the "Battelle Community STEM Learning Center."

MOTION: Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Valerio seconded a motion to approve Resolution 25-05: Community STEM Learning Center as written. Approved unanimously. Resolution was signed by Chair Rivas de Bredt on behalf of the CBC Board of Trustees.

Board Policies Executive Limitations EL-1, EL-2, EL-3, EL-4, EL-5

MOTION: Trustee Jackson moved and Trustee Valerio seconded a motion to accept Board Policies Executive Limitations EL-1, EL-2, EL-3, EL-4, and EL-5 as written. Approved unanimously.

February 9, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting – discuss possible change in date or time The Board discussed changing the date of the February 9, 2026 meeting due to trustee attendance at the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. on this date. It was determined the Board would meet on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 4:30pm instead of February 9. Chair Rivas de Bredt will contact each trustee to determine their availability for a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Trustees Bylaws Articles VI - X

MOTION: Trustee Valerio moved and Trustee Smith seconded a motion to approve Board of Trustees Bylaws Articles VI - X as written. Approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The CBC Board of Trustees business meetin	g adjourned at 5:50 p.m. by Chair Rivas de Bredt.
CHAIR:	ATTEST:
Ofelia Rivas de Bredt	Ronda Rodgers
Chair, Board of Trustees	Recording Secretary, Board of Trustees
Community College District 19	Community College District 19

Exhibit B

Columbia Basin College: In the News - November 2025

11/25/2025

KEPR:

Columbia Basin College is spreading awareness about distracted driving

KNDU-TV:

Columbia Basin College students tackle distracted driving

Columbia Basin College brings awareness to impaired driving

CBC Women's Soccer Aiming for Second NWAC Title in Three Seasons

CBC Men's Soccer Gearing Up for NWAC Title Run

Building Blocks: Senior Family Night set for Nov. 14

Apple Valley News:

CBC hosts transfer fair to connect students with four-year universities

Tri-City Herald:

Kamiakin volleyball still in running for WA state tourney despite 1st loss

Election: Trump appointee has chance to take back his Pasco council seat

Author of national bestseller featuring a NW octopus to speak in Tri-Cities

Upscale deli opens new chapter in Tri-Cities dining near CBC

What's being built there? \$71M convention center + Student housing + Town homes

Journal of Business:

Programs aim to bolster nuclear tech pipeline for next generation

Peninsula Daily News:

COLLEGE SOCCER: Peninsula women move on to final four

Moscow-Pullman Daily News:

Amazon is bringing one of the nation's 1st new reactors to WA

The Bellingham Herald:

'Mission-driven' Tri-Cities educator named WA state Superintendent of the Year

Exhibit C

Columbia Basin College

Cash Reserve Report

FY2026 - October

Assets			
Cash			
In Bank	1000070	\$	24,716,895
Petty Cash	1000020	\$	5,504
Total Cash		\$	24,722,399
Investments			
Short Term (0-365 days)	1000040-1000050		
	1020000-1020030	•	5,171,386
Long Term (>365 days)	1110003-1110060	\$	17,307,025
Total Investments		\$	22,478,411
Accounts Receivable			
Current	1010100 + 1010030	\$	1,277,229
Unbilled	1010050	\$	420,358
AR - Other	1010240 + 1010060	\$	316,356
Allowance for AR	1010110 + 1010130	\$	(18,497
Total AR		\$	1,995,446
Inter/Intra Gov Receivables			
Due from Fed	1010150	\$	1,742,515
Due from Other Gov	1010160	\$	1,911,735
Due from Other Agency	1010180	\$	110,596
Total Inter/Intra Gov Receivables		\$	3,764,846
Total Assets		\$	52,961,101
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	2000010	1	277,836
Due to Other Agency	2012050		122,061
Accrued Salaries Payable	2011010	'	-
Sales/Use Tax	2010070	•	30,355
Accrued Liabilities	2001070	\$	-
COP Current Year P&I Due	2050010	\$	1,528,000
Total Current Liabilities	\$	1,958,252	
Total Liabilities		\$	1,958,252

Cash Balar	ice		
(ASSETS less LIABILITIES)		\$	51,002,849
Dedicated Balances	Account		
Student Supported Capital	1000070	\$	1,419,821
3.5% - Institutional Financial Aid	1010190	\$	1,343,041
Students S&A	1000070	\$	3,445,407
Bookstore Operating Reserves	1000070	\$	2,819,478
Technology Fee	1010190	\$	2,117,599
Parking Fees	1010190	\$	1,138,592
Basic Food Employment and Training	1000070	\$	404,680
Total		\$	12,688,618
Reserves Policy - BOT Policies on Reserves			
Unplanned Capital Repair and Replacement		\$	2,000,000
Capital Facilities Projects			20,739,639
Operating Reserve		¢	12,065,500
Emergencies		\$ \$ \$	2,000,000
Total		\$	36,805,139
Operating Reserves Balance			
Existing Reserve balance less Dedicated Reserves and Emergency Reserves			1,509,093

^{*}Note: Due to ongoing reconciliation efforts dating back to conversion, some amounts may differ from actuals. As account reconciliations progress, these discrepancies will be corrected.

Exhibit D

Fiscal Year 2526 Operating Funds Variance

As of Fiscal Month End: October

					EXP/BDGT	EXP/REV	REV/BDGT
State Alloc	001, 24J, 08A	EXP BDGT EXP REV (Alloc)	\$ \$	43,314,596 13,066,449 39,906,362	30.17%	32.74%	92.13%
Local Fees 148	EXP BDGT	\$	4,193,380				
	148	EXP	\$	1,492,770	35.60%	97.80%	36.40%
		REV	\$	1,526,292			
Local Tuition 149	EXP BDGT	\$ \$	25,053,726 6,151,886	24.55%	78.06%	31.45%	
	113	REV	\$	7,880,528			
Contracts 146	EXP BDGT	\$	2,364,842				
	146	EXP	\$	545,998	23.09%	48.27%	47.83%
		REV	\$	1,131,024			
YTD Total *Includes Interfur	EXP BDGT	\$	74,060,763				
		EXP	\$	21,257,103	28.70%	42.14%	68.11%
		REV	\$	50,444,206			
Approved Budge	t Total	BDGT	\$	72,440,166 Key:	Spend rate less than 5% below FY %	Spend rate with in + or - 5% of FY%	Spend rate more than 5% above FY%
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YTD Target Rate 33.33%

						Notes:
	Account		BDGT	EXP	EXP/BDGT	State Allocation Schedule #4
Salaries and Wages	5000003	\$	44,789,321 \$	12,807,696	28.60%	
Benefits	5010003	\$	15,835,171 \$	4,619,401	29.17%	
Contracted Services	5050003	\$	3,070,842 \$	803,281	26.16%	
Goods & Routine Services	5030003	\$	3,066,167 \$	870,351	28.39%	
Other Expenses	5081004	\$	2,650,039 \$	1,298,597	49.00%	
Utilities	5060003	\$	1,851,100 \$	334,168	18.05%	
Travel	5080004	\$	779,824 \$	128,513	16.48%	
Capital Expenses	5040003	\$	134,674 \$	3,961	2.94%	
Grants, Scl. ships, Fellowships	5020003	\$	1,052,881 \$	391,135	37.15%	
Debt Expenditures	5110003	\$	1,696,525 \$	-	0.00%	
Interfund Transfers/ Salary Savings Adj		\$	(865,781) \$	-	0.00%	
VTD Total	-	ς .	74 060 763 \$	21 257 103		Print Date: 11/25/2025

Exhibit E



Columbia Basin College Resolution No. 25-06

In-State Tuition and Fee Policy for Apprenticeship Programs

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 19, Columbia Basin College ("College"), recognizes the College's vital role in providing high-quality educational programs and workforce training throughout Benton and Franklin counties and the broader region; AND

WHEREAS, Columbia Basin College partners with multiple Washington State Registered Joint Apprenticeship Training Committees and other apprenticeship program sponsors to deliver related supplemental instruction to registered apprentices under formal contractual agreements; AND

WHEREAS, it has been the longstanding practice of the College to charge in-state tuition rates for all apprentices enrolled through these programs, regardless of state residency, thereby ensuring equitable tuition treatment, maintaining contract consistency, and supporting regional workforce development; AND

WHEREAS, with the implementation of ctcLink, residency requirements may result in out-of-state apprentices being charged non-resident tuition rates, creating administrative burdens, contractual inconsistencies, and inequities among apprentices within the same program; AND

WHEREAS, the College further recognizes that apprentices typically do not utilize on-campus resources associated with mandatory student fees, and it has been a long-standing practice of the College not to assess such fees to apprentices; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Columbia Basin College hereby authorizes and adopts a policy establishing that:

- 1. All registered apprentices enrolled through a recognized apprenticeship program partner shall be classified as eligible for in-state tuition rates, regardless of their state of residence; and
- 2. Apprentices enrolled in apprenticeship programs shall not be assessed mandatory student fees, including but not limited to the Comprehensive Fee, Instructional Support Fee, Technology Fee, and other student activity or facility fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action affirms the College's continued commitment to equitable access, workforce development, and sustained partnerships with apprenticeship program sponsors throughout Washington State.

Done in open meeting by the Board of Trustees of Columbia Basin College this 8th day of December, 2025, at which a quorum was present.

BO	OARD OF TRUSTEES
Со	lumbia Basin College
By	:
	Ofelia Rivas de Bredt, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Exhibit F



POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS EL-6 **POLICY TITLE: FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Fiscal planning shall not deviate materially with the Board's Ends policies nor risk fiscal jeopardy. Accordingly, the President shall not cause or allow financial planning which:

- 1. Plans the expenditure in any fiscal year for more funds than are conservatively projected to be received in that period, plus accumulated reserve.
- 2. Contains insufficient and unnecessary information that limits or restricts credible projection of revenues and expenses, separation of capital and operational items, cash flow and disclosure of planning assumptions.
- 3. Limits or restricts sufficient funds for Board prerogatives during the year as set forth in the Board's annual activity and travel plans.

Adopted: 07/01/1997 Revised: 01/10/2022

Last Reviewed: 01/13/2025



POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS EL-7

POLICY TITLE: FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY / FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ACTIVITY

With respect to the Board's actual and continuous fiduciary responsibility, and the College's financial health, the President shall not fail to promote fiscal integrity and shall avoid material deviation from Board-approved priorities.

Accordingly, the President shall not:

- 1. Expend more funds than have been approved by the Board (via policy decisions) in the fiscal year, unless there has been Board approval to do otherwise.
- 2. Expend more funds than have been received in the fiscal year to date, plus the accumulated Reserve, unless the Board-approved debt guideline is met.
- 3. Incur debt in an amount greater than which can be repaid by certain and otherwise unencumbered revenues within the current year, nor can be repaid from account specifically established for such purpose.
- 4. Jeopardize fiscal integrity by expending College funds in a manner that will result in a zero nor negative fund balance at the close of the fiscal year.
- 5. Fail to settle payroll and debts in a timely manner.
- 6. Allow tax payments or other government-ordered payments or filings to be overdue and inaccurately filed.
- 7. Acquire, encumber nor dispose of real property without Board approval.
- 8. Fail to aggressively pursue receivables after a reasonable grace period.
- 9. Fail to provide to the Board, at their designated frequency, reports on the College's current financial condition that will continually enhance the Board's ability to meet its fiduciary responsibility.
- 10. Accept gifts or grants that are not in the best interest of the College, and not obligate the College to make future expenditures using funds other than those created by the gift or grant without Board approval.



- 11. Fail to maintain an Operating Reserve to a level approved by the Board, to provide for such items as, but not limited to:
 - a. Current Operations

Reserve of 2 months operating expenditures consisting of the general operating budget funds

- i. 001 State General (appropriation),
- ii. Running Start portion of 145 Grants and Contracts,
- iii. 148 Dedicated Local (fees),
- iv. 149 Local General (tuition)
- b. Emergencies

Reserve to provide for unforeseen natural or manmade disasters to support business continuity and recovery actions.

- c. Unplanned Capital Repair & Replacement
 - Reserve to cover the largest system or component failure that might occur in or outside the biennial, legislatively funded, capital repair and minor improvement funding. Examples include roofs, HVAC, and electric, water, and sewer systems.
- d. Real Estate Debt

Reserve to provide funding for real estate acquisition and debt service needs not provided for by State resources.

- e. Planned Future Operations
 - Reserve for future new program offerings, which have been recognized by the campus as appropriate and within the educational mission of the College. The Reserve will recognize each specific project and provide an allocated amount for each.
- f. Capital Facilities Projects
 - Reserve to provide for capital facility projects not covered by or to supplement State resources.

The President shall not fail to annually recommend to the Board an amount to be set aside to maintain this fund, which is subject to approval by the Board.

Adopted: 07/01/1997 Revised: 12/11/2023 Last Reviewed: 01/13/2025



POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS EL-8 POLICY TITLE: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD

The President, with sufficient and relevant support and assistance from the College Leadership team (Vice-Presidents and Deans), shall not fail to proactively communicate, provide information and counsel to the Board in a timely manner.

Accordingly, the President shall not:

- 1. Fail to submit Monitoring and Performance data reports required by the Board in a timely, accurate and understandable format that directly addresses provisions of the Board policies being monitored.
- 2. Let the Board be unaware of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, material external and internal changes, and particularly changes in assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established.
- 3. Fail to advise the Board if, in the President's opinion, the Board is not in compliance with its own policies, particularly in the case of Board behavior which is detrimental to the work relationship between the Board and President.
- 4. Deprive the Board of as many staff and external points of view, issues and options as needed for fully-informed Board choices and decisions.
- 5. Present information in unnecessarily complex or lengthy format such that it fails to clearly differentiate between monitoring, Board decision preparation and other designated subject matter.
- 6. Withhold from the Board the support needed for its official functioning and communications.
- 7. Favor any Board Member or Members above the Board as a whole, except when fulfilling individual Board member requests for information.
- 8. Fail to report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated non-compliance with any Board policy.
- 9. Neglect to supply topics and/or issues that may need to be processed in the Board's "required approval agenda." Such topics and issues are those delegated to the President, yet required by law or contract to be Board-approved, along with monitoring assurance pertaining thereto.

Adopted: 07/01/1997 Revised: 02/14/2022

Last Reviewed: 01/13/2025



Board of Trustees

POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS EL-9 POLICY TITLE: EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE SUCCESSION

To protect the Board from sudden loss of Chief Executive services, the President shall not have fewer than two other executives familiar with Board and Chief Executive issues and processes.

Adopted: 07/01/1997 Revised: [mm/dd/yyyy] Last Reviewed: 01/13/2025



Board of Trustees

POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS EL-10 POLICY TITLE: TENURE

The Board of Trustees reserves the authority for tenure as referenced in GP-3, Board Job Description.

Accordingly, the President shall not:

- 1. Fail to submit recommendations to the Board to grant or deny tenure to faculty.
- 2. Fail to submit notice of sufficient cause for tenured faculty member dismissal through dismissal review proceedings for Board consideration and decision.
- 3. Fail to submit recommendations to the Board for the renewal or non-renewal of contracts for probationary faculty.
- 4. Fail to submit recommendations to the Board to issue the final order to dismiss probationary faculty.

Adopted: 07/01/1997

Revised: 02/14/2022 & 02/09/2024

Last Reviewed: 01/13/2025