

South Puget Sound Community College
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
MINUTES
Monday, July 29, 2019; 10:00-11:00 A.M.
Building 25-Boardroom
2011 Mottman Road, S.W.
Olympia, Washington 98512-6292

SPECIAL MEETING

Under RCW 42.30.080, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of South Puget Sound Community College, was held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 29, 2019 in Building 25-Boardroom of South Puget Sound Community College, 2011 Mottman Road, S.W., Olympia, Washington 98512-6292. As provided by Board Policy 105, trustees unable to physically attend a meeting may attend through the use of technology such as telephone. Two trustees participated by telephone.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Doug Mah, called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:03 a.m. in the Boardroom, Building # 25.

ROLL CALL

Present in the Boardroom: Trustee Doug Mah and Trustee Steven Drew. Participated by telephone: Trustee Leonor Fuller and Trustee Jeff Davis. Trustee Hartmann was absent. Jean Wilkinson, Senior Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, was absent.

Board of Trustees Resolution 19-03 Temporary Waiver of High School Graduation Requirement

Vice President for Instruction Dr. Michelle Andreas and Associate Dean of Transition Studies Jennifer Barber presented an overview.

South Puget Sound Community College grants high school diplomas through its dual credit program and also through its Adult High School Completion program.

In 2014 a Washington Administrative Code (WAC) was implemented for a 24-credit graduation requirement beginning with the Class of 2019. Due to the significant change in requirement, the WAC also allows for school districts to apply for a temporary waiver from this high school graduation requirement.

The temporary waiver delays the implementation of the 24-credit requirement and allows a public school, private school, or community college, to grant diplomas to the Classes of 2019 and 2020 based on the lower 20-credit graduation requirement.

Olympia, Tumwater, North Thurston, and Yelm School Districts in SPSCC's service area have adopted temporary waivers and are using the lower graduation requirement. Although SPSCC is currently able to fully implement the 24-credit requirement, the College is requesting the waiver in order to remain aligned with its partner districts.

The Washington State Board of Education requires the waiver application be accompanied by a Board-approved Resolution.

Board Chair Mah read Resolution 19-03 for Board consideration:

*WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is dedicated to serving students in the high school completion programs; and
WHEREAS, RCW 28A.230.090(1)(d)(ii) authorizes community colleges to apply to the Washington State Board of Education (SBE) for a temporary waiver from the career and college ready graduation requirements; and
WHEREAS, the SBE has adopted rules to implement the temporary waiver provision as WAC 180-51-068(11); and
WHEREAS, these rules include an application accompanied by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees; and
WHEREAS, the adoption of the resolution and submission of the application will result in students with the graduating classes of 2019 and 2020 needing to complete 20 credits instead of 24 credits to earn their diploma; and
WHEREAS, the Olympia, Tumwater, North Thurston, and Yelm School Districts have already adopted this waiver;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, in accordance with Chapter 217, Laws of 2014 (E2SSB 6652), hereby approves the request for a temporary waiver from the high school graduation requirements for the graduating classes of 2019 and 2020.
Presented this 29th day of July 2019.*

It was moved by Trustee Drew and seconded by Trustee Fuller **THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION 19-03 APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY WAIVER FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT OF 24 CREDITS FOR THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2019 AND 2020. THE MOTION CARRIES.**

ADJOURNMENT 10:23 a.m.



DOUG MAH, BOARD CHAIR
SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE



TIMOTHY STOKES, SECRETARY
SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE