

**South Puget Sound Community College  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

**South Puget Sound Community College  
2011 Mottman Road, S.W.  
Olympia, WA 98512-6292**

The meeting took place in a virtual space by video and phone conferencing to comply with government restrictions on public gathering due to COVID-19 health risks.

**CALL TO ORDER**

On behalf of Board Chair Jeff Davis, Vice Chair Rozanne Garman called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Attending by Zoom conferencing: Trustee Doug Mah, Trustee Steven Drew, Trustee Judy Hartmann, and Trustee Rozanne Garman were present. Trustee Jeff Davis was absent. Elizabeth McAmis, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Education Division, was present.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Garman announced that due to various scheduling conflicts, the ACT LAC retreat has been re-scheduled as noted below.

It was moved by Trustee Drew, seconded by Trustee Mah, and carried **THAT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BE APPROVED:**

**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- October 12, 2021 regular board meeting

**B. MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES**

- ACT Legislative Action Committee Retreat (virtual), ~~November 18, 2021~~ **December 21, 2021, 8:00-10:00 a.m.**
- ACT Fall Conference (virtual), November 19, 2021

**C. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**D. DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Regular Meeting  
December 14, 2021  
2:30-4:30 p.m.

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**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- Due to the changing information related to COVID-19 and the board meeting being a virtual meeting, public comments by email were solicited in advance of the Board meeting. The Board Vice Chair noted that there were no public comments received by email. There were no comments from the audience as well.

**BOARD SPECIAL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

- ACT Legislative Action Committee (LAC): Steven Drew, Jeff Davis
  - Trustee Drew reported that the trustees have received the final drafts of the Operating and Capital Budget Requests and there is nothing more specific at this time. He is waiting for the interpretation of the first infrastructure plan and is hopeful that that interpretation leads to a conclusion that the role we play in our community is much needed and that there is funding for it.
  - Dr. Stokes added that the WACTC met with Office of Financial Management Director David Schumacher to get a sense of what the budgets would look like going in to the short session. Schumacher's advice is go for the Operating money and be conservative on Capital requests, so that is what our system has done. There is not a good chance of getting the additional building at Lake Washington, but there is potential that we can get the minor works money that was removed from the budget during the long session, which would be close to \$250,000 for us.
- Board Finance Committee: Rozanne Garman
  - No report from Trustee Garman, but she noted that the Board Finance Committee will meet later in November and will have an update at the December meeting.
- Foundation Board: Judy Hartmann
  - Trustee Judy Hartmann reported that they are working on some lists of friends of the college for donations to the Student Success Campaign, and that is going well. Recently they met with Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck to talk with him about what is going on at the College and the Foundation. In the first part of the new year, they are going to be moving to the larger community campaign. She will give trustees a call to see if there are individuals that they have a connection with that could be approached with regard to the Student Success Campaign.

**REPORT FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT**

Dr. Stokes reported the following:

- The NWCCU mid-cycle visit was on October 28-29, and he noted that the evaluators had great compliments for the Board. Trustee Garman represented the Board very well in the meeting with the evaluators. He thanked Dr. Michelle Andreas, Jennifer Tuia, and Kia Davis for an outstanding job organizing the mid-cycle report.
- He has shared with the trustees the final drafts of the system Capital and

**Operating Budget Requests.**

- For the fourth consecutive time, the Aspen Institute has named SPSCC one of the top 150 community colleges in the country, making us eligible to apply for the prestigious Aspen Prize. Normally, it has been Dr. Andreas and Dr. Pelkey who have written the application, but due to their work with the ctcLink project, Public Relations will work on the application this time.
- At the December board meeting they will provide an update on housing conversations they have had with College Housing Northwest and developers on a potential proposal and ask the Board to set aside \$1M of the college's reserve just in a holding account for future projects around housing.
- He noted the President's Outreach & Advocacy List highlighting professional development activities and Personnel Update report that were provided to the trustees.

**POLICY** No Report.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** No Report.

**BUDGET & FINANCE** No Report.

**STUDY SESSION****Mathematics**

The Board had a Study Session to review the Mathematics Re-Design at SPSCC.

Mathematics Professor Maia Langenberg and Bryan Powell, Dean of Natural & Applied Sciences, presented the following:

- A Paradigm Shift: Math is a gateway, not a gatekeeper.
- Streamlining: shorter pre-college math sequences to college-level math
- Results of Re-Design:
  - Technical Degrees: Students enter directly from basic skills; Their course sequence is now one quarter (down from three)
  - AA Degrees: Students enter accelerated course directly from Math 092; Their course sequence is now two quarters (down from four)
  - Business DTA: Students start in an accelerated pre-college course and then move directly to Math 147; Their course sequence is now two quarters (down from five)
  - AS Degrees: Students start in an accelerated pre-college course and then move directly to AMath 141; Their course sequence is now two quarters (down from five)
- Corequisites and Accelerated Courses: "Just In Time" prerequisite concept and instruction; the right math for the right pathway. Students are successful when they can aim high for college math right away.
- Contextualization: Alignment with Basic Skills. ABE 065 and Math 092 are fully aligned.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 3:18 p.m. Trustee Garman announced that the Board was going into executive session to discuss with legal counsel agency enforcement actions or litigation or potential litigation. The executive session would take approximately 15 minutes and no action would be taken by the Board during the executive session.

The executive session concluded at 3:33 p.m. with no Board action.

**RECONVENE**

The regular meeting reconvened at 3:33 p.m.

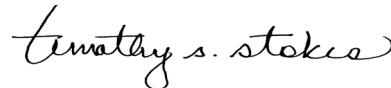
**ACTION ITEM FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** 3:33 p.m.



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BOARD VICE CHAIR ROZANNE GARMAN FOR  
JEFF DAVIS, BOARD CHAIR  
SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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TIMOTHY STOKES, SECRETARY  
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