

MINUTES WHATCOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE JOINT BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING Giuseppe's Al Porto Ristorante Italiano 21 Bellwether Way, Suite 112, Bellingham WA Thursday, May 9, 2019 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chair John Pedlow and Debbie Ahl, Bellingham Technical College Board Chair, officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Whatcom Community College Trustees Present

John Pedlow, Steve Adelstein, Wendy Bohlke, Rebecca Johnson and Teresa Taylor.

Whatcom Community College Staff Present

Kathi Hiyane-Brown, President; and, Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General.

Bellingham Technical College Trustees Present Debbie Ahl, Lisa Woo and Bradley Smith.

Bellingham Technical College Staff Present

Kimberly Perry, President; Ronda Laughlin, Executive Assistant to the President; and, Gurjot Narwal, Assistant Attorney General.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Legislative Advocacy; Trustee participation in state and national organizations; and, opportunities for collaboration.

Trustees shared ideas on ways to effectively communicate with local and state legislators regarding college and system needs; how to support student success when students face barriers in attending college; how the *Washington College Grant* (*State Need Grant*) will help disadvantaged students succeed; and, enrollment trends and current outreach activities.

ADJOURNMENT

✤ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned A5 5:45 p.m.

Chair of the Board

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President and Secretary of the Board

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