



COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.10

Green River College  
Auburn, Washington

February 20, 2025 / 4:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Green River College District No. 10 held a regular meeting at 4:30 p.m. on February 20, 2025 in the ZC Boardroom and virtually via Zoom, ID #: 862 3989 7920. Board Vice Chair Navas presided.

TRUSTEES

Vice Chair Sharonne Navas  
Elaine Chu  
Arlene Pierini  
Jennifer Ramirez Robson

STUDENTS/STAFF/GUESTS

Marwa Almusawi  
Kit Alston  
Burl Battersby  
Scott Beals  
Whitney Boswell  
Miebeth Bustillo-Booth  
Jean Carlson  
Chanda Castillo  
Laurie Centauri  
Amanda Chin  
Bradley Chinn  
Miriam Chitiga  
Andee Church  
John Clark  
dani crivello-chang  
Katie Cunnion  
Meg Davies  
Phil Denman  
Anne Dolan  
Neil Duldulao  
Yoav Duman  
Sarah Edwards  
Dameon Ellis  
Rolita Flores Ezeonu  
Enumclaw Campus  
Richard Falk

STUDENTS/STAFF/GUESTS

Dan Fergusson  
Jamie Fitzgerald  
Lionel Candido Flores  
Tsega Gaim  
Yesenia Escoto Garcia  
Ruthy Fenchak  
Georgina Garretson  
Sara Gordon  
Joanne Garrott  
Sarah Dillon Gilmartin  
Christie Gilliland  
Michelle Haigh  
Kirsten Higgins  
Stephanie Hoffman  
Lonnie Hunter  
Erica Ihrig  
Jay Jaramillo  
Suzanne Johnson  
Paul Kern  
Leslie Kessler  
Nancy Kremer  
David Larsen  
Aaron Leavitt  
Celina Quintana Marquez  
Suzanne McCudden  
Tawnya McLavey  
Lindsey Morris  
Ajay Narayanan  
David Nelson  
Dave Norberg  
Carrie O'Brien  
Jenna Park

STUDENTS/STAFF/GUEST

Shawn Percell  
Joel Perdue  
Lina Pittser  
Purnima Pun  
Cherish Rai  
Jay Rawson  
Leilani Salu  
Rhonda Sample  
Amanda Schaefer  
Scott Schreiber  
William Sciacca  
Jody Segal  
Gwendlyn Shafer  
Lea Ann Simpson  
Marcie Sims  
Anthony Smith  
Chitra Solomonson  
Janee Sommerfeld  
Leslie Soule  
Wendy Stewart  
Vaishnavi Thaker  
Marlyn Thomas  
Michele Wallace  
Isiah (Zai) Watson  
Jenny Wheeler  
Staci Whitehouse  
Ariadne Wilber  
Betsy Williams  
Michael Wilson  
Nora Yahia  
Others who chose not to sign-in

ROLL CALL

The meeting opened at 4:30 p.m. with Vice Chair Navas, Trustee Pierini, Trustee Ramirez Robson, and Trustee Chu, present. Chair Boschok was absent and excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ajay Narayanan provided public comment requesting action on the call for a forensic audit, as well as a request for a change in the approach to the college budget that includes a line for equipment.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

*Student Success Opportunities at Green River College – Open Doors*

Interim Dean of College & Career Pathways, Health Sciences, Education & Wellness, Lionel Candido Flores introduced the Open Doors team: Interim Program Manager, Carrie O'Brien; Program Coordinator, Ruthy Fenchak; Case Manager, Jenna Park; Case Manager, Celina Quintana Marquez; Case Manager, Yesenia Escoto; and Open Doors Case Manager/GED Program, Dameon Ellis. Together, the Open Doors team provided an overview of the positive work occurring in support of students. A copy of the presentation is attached from TAB Celebrating Success.

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Ramirez Robson and seconded by Trustee Pierini, that the Board of Trustees of College District No. 10 approve the meeting minutes of January 16, 2025, as distributed. Motion passes.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Vice Chair Navas adjusted the order of reports under this section.

*Professional Leave Recommendations*

David Nelson provided an overview of the 2025/2026 Professional Leave recommendations for Anthony Warnke and Marcie Sims, for a total of \$70,495 requested. This action will come forward at the March 20, 2025 Board Meeting. A copy of the presentation is attached under TAB B.

*Budget*

Senior Director of Financial Services, Janee Sommerfeld, provided two reports: 2023/2024 Year End Report for the year ending June 30, 2024, and 2024/2025 First and Second Quarter for the period ending December 31, 2024. Trustees took a 10-minute break in-between the reports. A copy of the two reports is attached under TAB A.

STANDING REPORTS

*Student Report*

ASGRC President, Isiah (Zai) Watson provided a verbal student report, with a formal ask for the Board of Trustees to add a Student Trustee as a 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees member. A copy of the report is attached under TAB C.

*Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Report*

No Report

*College Council Report*

No Report

*Faculty Report*

United Faculty President, Dave Norberg provided the Faculty Report and Instructional Council Chair, Amanda Schaefer also presented a Joint Letter from IC and UF. Vice Chair Navas requested the March report include five items the United Faculty would like to see in future budget reports. A copy of both the report and the letter are attached under TAB E.

*Classified Staff Report*

WFSE Union Steward, Richard Falk, provided the Classified Report. A copy of the report is attached under TAB F.

*President's Report*

President Johnson provided a President's Report. A copy of the report is attached under TAB G.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

BOARD ACTION

It was moved by Trustee Pierini, seconded by Trustee Ramirez Robson, that the Board of Trustees of College District No. 10 accept the grant of U.S. Department of Labor funding sub-awarded to Green River College from Spokane Community College, as described. The total value of this subaward is anticipated to be \$746,043 over the approximately four-year grant period of February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2029. Motion passes.

It was moved by Trustee Ramirez Robson, seconded by Trustee Chu, that the Board of Trustees of College District No. 10 approve the addition of a student trustee to the Green River College Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2025. Motion passes.

TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Trustee Ramirez Robson and Trustee Chu attended the ACCT Conference in February. Trustee Ramirez Robson reported that there is great engagement by the federal delegation from Washington State in Washington DC. Trustee Ramirez Robson shared that if you have concerns, please take the time to call, email or visit the offices of your elected officials, in both federal and state. Trustees Ramirez Robson and Chu also shared that the PELL Grant was a focus of many conversations.

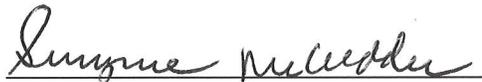
OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

- Gwendlyn Shafer provided public comment regarding lack of lab space and staff shortages.
- Cherish Rai provided public comment regarding class enrollment issues causing impact on timely graduation. Cherish would like to see student success emphasized.
- Purnima Pun provided public comment regarding hiring priorities of the college, class waitlists due to demand and effective budget management.
- Stephanie Hoffman provided public comment regarding barriers in place that impact students: waitlists, limited lab tech hours, un-approved faculty positions and unrecognized prerequisites.

A list of upcoming activity dates was provided and is attached under other business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Ramirez Robson, seconded by Trustee Pierini, that the Board of Trustees of College District No. 10 adjourn its meeting of February 20, 2025 at 7:23 p.m. Motion passes.



Suzanne McCudden  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

  
Jackie Boschok, Chair  
GRC Board of Trustees