

TREASURE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

650 College Blvd., Ontario, OR 97914

Laura Moore Cunningham Science Center, Hanigan Board Room (115A)

Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Board of Education members in attendance (quorum present):

Chair Ken Hart, Vice Chair Dr. Lindsay Norman, Stephen Crow, Dirk DeBoer, Roger Findley, Torie Ramirez, and Betty Carter

Staff, representatives, and guests in attendance via Zoom or in person:

President Dr. Dana Young, Vice President Travis McFetridge, Vice President Darin Bell, Vice President Sandy Porter (Zoom), Bernie Weldon, Eddie Alves, Dr. Nino Kalatozi, Greg Jones (zoom), Dr. Abby Lee (OCCA), Hope Spaugh, Emily Christopherson, Suzanne Bolyard, Vera May, and Anne Marie Kelso

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ken Hart and began with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the College's mission and vision statements.

2. AGENDA REVIEW/CHANGES

There were no changes to the agenda.

Motion: Stephen Crow moved to approve the agenda and the motion was seconded by Torie Ramirez. The roll call vote showed ayes from Dirk DeBoer, Betty Carter, Stephen Crow, Roger Findley, Dr. Lindsay Norman, Torie Ramirez, and Ken Hart. The motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The budget hearing was called to order by Chair Ken Hart.

Vice President Bell reviewed questions previously submitted by board members and provided a PowerPoint presentation with an explanation to the Board. Key discussion points included:

- The differences between overload and adjunct pay rates were explained, including how each is applied and calculated.
- An overview was provided on the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) and the Work-Study Program, including eligibility requirements. The term "needy student" was further defined for the purposes of federal aid eligibility.
- It was explained that bad debt amounts vary over time and are subject to change based on collection efforts and accounting adjustments.
- Contracts falling under the SBITA (State Board of Information Technology Agreements) umbrella were reviewed, and it was clarified that the associated costs shown are annual payments, not one-time expenses.
- Health insurance spending caps for each employee group were explained, outlining the limits established by the College.
- PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) contributions were detailed, noting \$1 million from the general fund and \$1.7 million from other funding sources, with a portion allocated to the PERS reserve. It was also noted that the College's PERS bonding will conclude in 2027, leading to some financial uncertainty in the future.
- A detailed breakdown was provided of the items categorized under miscellaneous revenue.
- The new Community College Support Fund (CCSF) funding model was described, including a \$50 million allocation in the 2025–2027 biennium to support an outcome-

based student success initiative. This initiative targets underrepresented student groups, such as non-traditional students, CTE participants, students of color, and those from low-income backgrounds.

- The College explained the criteria for tuition waivers, which are awarded based on factors such as athletic participation, student recruitment efforts, and demonstrated financial need.
- Civil Rights Audit: The audit reviewed compliance; recommendations were issued. Accessibility issues (e.g., doorknobs) are being addressed this year.

There was no public comment and the budget hearing was closed.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) Update

OCCA Executive Director Abby Lee presented an overview via PowerPoint. She began by introducing the OCCA staff and outlining their mission and services. Lee noted that OCCA advocates for community colleges statewide and promotes local control. OCCA provides legislative advocacy, training, publications, and policy support. They also partner with HECC for fund distribution. OCCA supports best practices through the Student Success Center (e.g., co-requisite models). OCCA also engages in federal advocacy (e.g., Pell Grant minimum credit requirements).

Lee discussed the major Oregon legislation, including SB 478, which could have altered college governance and the CCSF funding amount. She also discussed the goal to increase matching dollars for capital construction and the new provision for unemployment during labor strikes. Board Member Findley and Chair Hart commended Board Member Crow's advocacy and hard work as an OCCA board member.

President Young and board member Stephen Crow acknowledged the importance of advocacy. Lee noted that OCCA includes 17 colleges, their presidents, and board reps.

b. Correctional Education Update

Executive Director of Corrections Eddie Alves stated that he has spent the last few years hiring support staff and teachers for the new institutions being serviced by TVCC. He has also been working to bring college courses to the correctional facilities.

Snake River Correctional Institution was approved for what was previously called Second Chance Pell and now called the Prison Education Program (PEP), which allowed TVCC to offer college classes at Snake River Correctional Institution starting 5 years ago.

Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution has also been approved for PEP. In the next few months, Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution will begin running PEP college courses. Alves stated that he also finished up the PEP proposals for Two Rivers Correctional Institution, Powder River Correctional Facility and Warner Creek Correctional Facility. The goal is to be able to run college classes in all 5 correctional institutions in Eastern Oregon.

Executive Director Alves reported that current enrollment is 35 students at SRCI, with the anticipation of increasing the number to 55 students soon. It is estimated there will be 250 students across all sites within two years.

As this is Alves' last meeting before his retirement, the College presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his 18 years of service.

c. New Employee Introduction

Vera May was introduced as the new Enrollment and Communications Specialist. She shared her professional journey from admissions to financial aid and back to admissions.

d. Board Member Recognition

President Young and the Board presented Dirk DeBoer with a plaque of appreciation for his four years of service on the Board. He was recognized for his service as well as his advocacy for Career and Technical Education.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

A public comment was made by student Samantha Moore regarding institutional failures she experienced as a student and the personal challenges she experienced. Her complaints included her medical hardships and the College's failure to comply with ADA, specifically accommodations. Moore emphasized the need for stronger student protection policies, improved ADA compliance, and expanded concussion protocols for all students—not just athletes. Board Chair Hart noted she had received 5 minutes instead of 3 and thanked her for her comments.

6. COLLEGE BUSINESS

- a. 2025-26 Budget Resolution: Adopt Resolution No. 24-005, Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, and Imposing and Categorizing Taxes (action)

Motion: Stephen Crow moved to adopt Resolution 24-005 and the motion was seconded by Betty Carter. The roll call vote showed ayes from Dirk DeBoer, Betty Carter, Stephen Crow, Roger Findley, Dr. Lindsay Norman, Torie Ramirez, and Ken Hart. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Stephen Crow moved to adopt the Budget, Make Appropriations, and Impose and Categorize Taxes and the motion was seconded by Dirk DeBoer. The roll call vote showed ayes from Dirk DeBoer, Betty Carter, Stephen Crow, Roger Findley, Dr. Lindsay Norman, Torie Ramirez, and Ken Hart. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Evelyn S. Dame Nursing & Allied Health Professions Center Update

Vice President Bell stated that construction is 8% complete and 9% of the budget has been spent. Substantial completion is expected March of 2026 and occupancy in April 2026. A center tour for the Board is planned for September 2025.

- c. Review Annual Board Self Evaluation and President's Evaluation Tools

The Board discussed revising the Board and President's evaluation tools as agreed upon by the Board and President. Subcommittees were formed as follows: President's Evaluation: Board Member Ramirez, Board Member Crow, and Board Member Norman; Board Self-Evaluation: Board Member Crow, Board Member Norman, and Board Member Carter.

- d. 2025-26 President's Goals

President Young reviewed seven draft goals.

1. Increase RFTE enrollment by growth in specific areas.
2. Enhance campus facilities and infrastructure.
3. Expand academic program offerings.
4. Engage in systematic planning.
5. Strengthen connections with K-12, businesses, and industry.

6. Attract non-traditional students through enhanced support services.
7. Increase in metrics of focus.

The President's goals will be added to the July board meeting agenda for adoption.

- e. Resolution 24-006 – BAS in Elementary and Early Childhood Education
Vice President of Academic Affairs Sandy Porter introduced the resolution. Faculty member Suzanne Bolyard described the progress made thus far. On June 6, the first advisory meeting was held, which is necessary for NWCCU approval. To date there are five colleges who have joined. This is an opportunity to create a new pathway to become a teacher; noting there is an extreme need for teachers especially in rural areas.

Vice President Porter stated she just learned yesterday that the Governor's budget did not include the grow your own program on which rural schools rely.

Board member Ramirez stated it was very exciting to be able to offer this bachelor's degree. Board member Findley asked if the College is partnering with EOU. Vice President Porter stated that there are some students that will want a more traditional program, and we will be happy to direct them to EOU but be prepared for some pushback. Porter noted, however, the BSN programs – nursing and education – suit our community and community needs.

President Young stated that local leaders are looking for a new path to hire educators and do not feel completely served with what is available.

Motion: Torie Ramirez moved to approve Resolution 24-006 and the motion was seconded by Betty Carter. The roll call vote showed ayes from Dirk DeBoer, Betty Carter, Stephen Crow, Roger Findley, Dr. Lindsay Norman, Torie Ramirez, and Ken Hart. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Stephen Crow moved to approve the consent agenda and the motion was seconded by Torie Ramirez. The roll call vote showed ayes from Dirk DeBoer, Betty Carter, Stephen Crow, Roger Findley, Dr. Lindsay Norman, Torie Ramirez, and Ken Hart. The motion passed unanimously.

8. COLLEGE REPORTS & STATEMENTS

- a. Statements from ASG/Student Programs

Student Programs Director Hope Spaugh reported on recent and upcoming events which included a blood drive, movie night, casino night, and foam dance. Additionally, she introduced new incoming ASG President for 2025-26 Emily Christopherson.

- b. Statements from the Foundation

A written report was provided to the Board by Executive Director of the Foundation and Chief Development Officer Cathy Yasuda.

- c. Statements from Faculty

There were no statements from the faculty.

- d. OCCA Board Representative Report

There was no report from the OCCA Board Representative because of the report shared by OCCA Executive Director Abby Lee.

e. President's Reports

i. Academic Affairs

Vice President Porter said that while launching new programs can be a big lift, she is excited about the new offerings and what they'll bring.

ii. Student Services

Vice President of Student Services Travis McFetridge presented multiple Quarter to Quarter reports. Spring FTE improved as dual credit remains variable. Summer enrollment is peaking higher than last year due to the Start College for Free initiative. In addition, fall enrollment indicators are positive. McFetridge stated there are 130 new degree-seeking students registered for fall.

Vice President McFetridge showed a time-lapse video of graduation setup/teardown and all the work that goes into the graduation ceremony.

iii. Administrative Services

The budget to actuals showed pending adjustments on the financial report. Vice President Bell noted the College is diversifying revenue via new programs and populations.

iv. President

Dr. Dana Young reported that Dr. Tim Cook, Clackamas Community College President, began his 1,500-mile running journey from TVCC on June 16 to raise money for Oregon Community College basic needs program.

Additionally, Vice President McFetridge and his staff were acknowledged by Dr. Young for their success with this year's graduation ceremony.

CTE Dean Bernie Weldon thanked the Board for coming to the career and technical education center to practice on the simulators. He also discussed the importance of simulated environments noting that they are a vital recruitment tool, cost effective, and offer a safer alternative.

During the meeting board member Dirk DeBoer announced \$20,000 in donations from Poverty to Prosperity (P2P). Additionally, he presented a personal contribution of \$20,000 to be used toward the cost of the simulators.

9. STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board members shared how important it is to keep up with changes in workforce training through the use of CTE simulators. One member highlighted the GED graduation and suggested board donations to help students with basic needs. Lastly, the Board took a moment to thank Dirk DeBoer for his service.

There were no further statements made by the board members. Chair Hart declared the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Ken Hart, Board Chairman

Dr. Dana M. Young, President