Clatsop Community College
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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2026
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting with Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Members Present: Ed Johnson, Bill Montero, Lloyd Mueller, Sheila Roley, Mitra Vazeen. Ashley Flukinger and Jody Stahancyk were absent.

The Board convened Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from their attorney, at 4:30 pm.

Executive Session was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present: Ed Johnson, Bill Montero, Lloyd Mueller, Sheila Roley, Mitra Vazeen. Ashley Flukinger and Jody Stahancyk were absent.

Others Present: Teena Toyas, Luke Roth, Jennifer Carlson, Ian Wilson, Beth Van Elswyk, Sophie Alsbury, Ezekiel Duchene, Julie Kovatch, Meyer Freeman, TJ Lackner, Shawna Bullinger, Tom Ank, Briana Smith, Ken Ross, "CM", President Jarrod Hogue and Recording Secretary Felicity Green

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Montero called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 4:50 pm. Roll was called. Jody Stahancyk and Ashley Flukinger were absent.

There was a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a motion from the executive session. *This part of the meeting was unfortunately not recorded and the Board secretary did not catch who made the motion and who seconded it.* **Ed Johnson, Bill Montero, Lloyd Mueller, Sheila Roley and Mitra Vazeen voted Aye. Ashley Flukinger and Jody Stahancyk were absent. The motion carried.**

INTRODUCTION OF ASG

Sophie Alsbury, the new ASG President, introduced herself. She is an art major from Warrenton. The Board welcomed her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Johnson moved to accept the Minutes of the September 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Sheila Roley seconded the motion. **Ed Johnson, Bill Montero, Lloyd Mueller, Sheila Roley and Mitra Vazeen voted Aye. Ashley Flukinger and Jody Stahancyk were absent. The motion carried.**

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VERBAL REPORTS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR

Bill Montero said that he enjoyed working at the Northwest Natural hot dog cookout at new student orientation and meeting the Foundation Board there. He thanked Northwest Natural for their donation. He said that he appreciates Tom Ank's emails about the IdeaLab and he is looking forward to attending the Board Chair workshop at the OCCA Conference on November 4.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jennifer Carlson gave the financial report. Revenues are down about $200,000 from the previous year but expenditures are down $130,000. Overall, the College is still looking at a large deficit even with the $150,000 that has been cut from the budget. The deficit is currently $416,000; she is monitoring it and hoping to keep it going down. A Board member asked about the reason for the large expenditure decrease and why there is a deficit. Jennifer Carlson explained that the combination of saving unspent money that had been budgeted for instructional equipment as well as several people retiring brought about the expenditure decrease. The deficit is primarily due to state appropriations coming in at half a million dollars less than the College budgeted.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Hogue said that for the next three days the College will be hosting six peers from other institutions as part of the culminating cycle of NWCCU accreditation. He thanked Teena Toyas, Tina Kotson, Julie Kovatch and Felicity Green, for the extra work they are doing, including driving and arranging logistics, and reminded the Board of the Board representative meeting with the accreditors on Wednesday at 11:15.

He is excited about progress the College has made in both understanding their data and being able to use it to report how it is doing as an institution. He also reported that he recently met with S&P Global with Jennifer Carlson. S&P have moved the College outlook from negative to stable, which is a big step and real progress. The S&P letter was included in the packet.

He said that Beth Van Elswyk did a great job organizing another Saltchuk / Alaska Tanker meeting. Saltchuk has given the College an additional match gift, so they do want to see the project move forward. He doesn't know yet at what level other Saltchuk companies will be coming in. He will be going to the marine expo in Puget Sound and plans on some meetings there. The College is still making progress, and the project has been listed by Senator Ron Wyden as a community investment project on a list for the Ways and Means Committee. He is also very excited about the $260,000 Murdoch Trust grant for a construction program at MERTS.

He has been speaking with several community partners about the vessel situation. Arrow #2 and the Seabreeze charter vessel are checking their insurance to see if there is any way they can accommodate students on board during the off season.

A Board member asked about the current status of the maritime program and the relationship with Tongue Point. Tongue Point is in good standing and will be continuing their programs. The Department

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of Labor is purchasing a vessel for them which is slated to be in Astoria around the beginning of 2027. President Hogue is hopeful that the College will be able to partner with them on that vessel. He is exploring many different options and agrees that as Oregon's Maritime College, it's important to offer sea time. There was a Board suggestion to ask the state to fund a vessel for the College. He agreed that was a great idea and will reach out to local and state government after the election.

MOTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ed Johnson **moved that the Clatsop Community Board of Education direct the President to join the Community College Collaborative Coordinating and Defense of the U.S. Department of Justice tuition lawsuit and formally engage Miller Nash, LLP, to represent the College and its Board of Education in that matter, including executing the necessary engagement and cost sharing agreement.** Sheila Roley seconded the motion. **Ed Johnson, Bill Montero, Lloyd Mueller, Sheila Roley and Mitra Vazeen voted Aye. Ashley Flukinger and Jody Stahancyk were absent. The motion carried.**

WRITTEN REPORTS

A Board member asked about dual credit allied health classes with Astoria High School that were mentioned in Tina Kotson's report. President Hogue explained that the report was talking about ensuring that counselors and students are clear on some of the dual credit classes they can take in high school to help them fast track into the nursing program. They are knocking off some of their prerequisites for admission into nursing while still in high school. The College is working with other area high schools as well. The recent grant through Providence and the Oregon Health Authority to implement medical assistant training in Seaside High School is another important program for students interested in health careers including the nursing program.

Bill Montero congratulated Beth Van Elswyk and Brianna Smith on their recent position changes.

Ed Johnson moved to accept the written reports. Mitra Vazeen seconded the motion. **Ed Johnson, Bill Montero, Lloyd Mueller, Sheila Roley and Mitra Vazeen voted Aye. Ashley Flukinger and Jody Stahancyk were absent. The motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

MARITIME CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

President Hogue said that he had touched on this but that while some fundraising progress has been made, the project is still well short. He said the College is at about $700,000. He is hoping that more maritime agencies step up but, meanwhile, he is considering the possibility of requesting that the Board release a certain amount from the reserve fund. That would ensure that the College receives the 100% state match and funds the project. That would then enable the College to continue fundraising to replace the amount borrowed from contingency. He would like the Board to be prepared to possibly have that conversation in the future.

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POLICIES FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION
Sheila Roley **moved to accept BP 3540 Sexual and Other Assaults on Campus for second reading and adoption.** Mitra Vazeen seconded the motion. **Ed Johnson, Bill Montero, Lloyd Mueller, Sheila Roley and Mitra Vazeen voted Aye. Ashley Flukinger and Jody Stahancyk were absent. The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

EIE REPORT AND REVIEW OF DATA WITH IAN WILSON
Ian Wilson spoke about the Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Report (EIE) that was submitted in September and which the accreditors will be discussing this week. He also shared the dashboard he has created for the Board. This dashboard, which updates live, has a little more information than the dashboards intended for the general public. He pointed out highlights, including the FTE and the unduplicated head count as well as the ability to select each term in order to compare data year after year. There was a question about how many full time students are currently enrolled. He said that while FTE is a good approximation, he doesn't have that exact number but will find out and send it along.

He said that there is some encouraging data visible and said that the College has been awarding more associates and career pathways certificates in the last couple years. This year, the College will begin awarding Core transfer maps. Those are new and required by the state of Oregon; they ensure that a core of classes will count towards a bachelors at any four year college or university in Oregon. They will be very helpful particularly for students who are not yet clear on their direction.

He cautioned that it's important to know the whole story, using as an example that while it looks as if the College is awarding less Associate of General Studies degrees, that is not due to less degrees overall, but because it is being phased out in favor of the Associate Arts Oregon Transfer degree. The dashboard is also tracking high school partnerships as well as how many courses are taught by full time versus part time faculty.

There was some discussion of maritime courses; the majority of maritime students are not full time or seeking a degree. They are primarily in workforce training.

He spoke about the student access and student success indicators, which are already published on the website and change in real time. This data, which can be disaggregated many different ways, has given the College valuable information. For example, students with a dual credit history are significantly more likely to successfully complete math and writing in their first year. This points to an equity gap that the College will now be able to address. This data allows the College to adjust their targets as necessary. He also spoke about the indicators that measure institutional effectiveness, noting that all the current targets have been met. For example, the percentage of local high school graduates who enroll in a degree program at the College has gone from 14% to 22% since the strategic plan has been in place. He encouraged the Board to explore these tools on the website.

There was a question about Colleague and whether any data was lost during the Anthology crossover. Ian Wilson said that Colleague was much better than before. He noted that some ethnicity data had

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been lost via Anthology, but that all registration records and degrees conferred transferred with no losses. There was a question about how far back College records go. There are digital records since 2000 and paper records since the founding of the College. Ian Wilson said that Ken Ross and Tom Ank were a big part of the success of the data migration. Tom Ank thanked both Ken Ross and Ian Wilson for how they set the College up for success.

MOTION TO APPROVE PLACING THE FORERUNNER IN SURPLUS STATUS
There was a question about what would become of the Forerunner once it was placed in surplus. President Hogue explained that once it was surplused, it could be sold. It is currently drydocked at the Port of Astoria.

Mitra Vazeen **moved that the Clatsop Community College Board of Education declare the M/V Forerunner and its associated equipment surplus property and authorize the President or the President's designee to dispose of the vessel, including sale by public auction, in accordance with College Policy 3.485, Procedure 3.485P, and applicable state and federal requirements.** Ed Johnson seconded the motion. **Ed Johnson, Bill Montero, Lloyd Mueller, Sheila Roley and Mitra Vazeen voted Aye. Ashley Flukinger and Jody Stahancyk were absent. The motion carried.**

MOTION TO APPROVE PLANNING AND FUNDRAISING FOR LIMITED ATHLETICS
Meyer Freeman spoke to the Board about his history with sports, commenting that after growing up in Knappa and now being the pickleball guy in Astoria, helping bring intercollegiate sports back to the College is a natural fit for him. He has been working on this project on a volunteer basis. He spoke with five colleges in the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) and got great feedback. The NWAC commissioner visited the College and was impressed by Patriot Hall. Meyer Freeman cited keeping students in the area, a stronger connection with the local community and bringing people, excitement and enthusiasm on campus as reasons he feels this initiative will be very worth it. Men's and women's basketball would be the first teams. Several Board members commended his efforts and agreed that it was a great idea. President Hogue commented that the College has a tremendous asset in Patriot Hall and this is an opportunity to take advantage of it. He also noted that student athletes must be full time students and this will bring at least 30 to CCC. There is still a lot of work to be done and Patriot Hall will need some upgrades, including a scoreboard and some striping.

Sheila Roley **moved that the Clatsop Community College Board of Education authorize the President to begin formal planning and fundraising for men's and women's basketball, with a goal of beginning competition during the 2028–29 academic year, and to return to the Board with a final program plan and budget before implementation.** Ed Johnson seconded the motion. **Ed Johnson, Bill Montero, Lloyd Mueller, Sheila Roley and Mitra Vazeen voted Aye. Ashley Flukinger and Jody Stahancyk were absent. The motion carried.**

UPDATE ON PART TIME FACULTY UNION NEGOTIATIONS
President Hogue informed that Board that negotiations with the Part Time Faculty Union were beginning with the first meeting scheduled for next week. He hopes that it will go smoothly; he is thinking about equity in terms of cost-of-living adjustments and wants to keep all employee groups equitable.

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BOARD FORUM

Sheila Roley said that there are a lot of great things happening and it's a nice beginning to the school year.

Lloyd Mueller said that it was really nice to see the Standard and Poor change and the letter was very encouraging.

Ed Johnson said that in the last few weeks he has been quizzing medical providers at CMH and was impressed at the percentage who attended CCC. He said they were doing a wonderful job and it was quite impressive.

Bill Montero said that it was exciting to sit down with some of the Foundation members and see that they are all pulling together to make everything work. He noted it was good to be part of a good team and said he was looking forward to meeting peers at the OCCA conference.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

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