

Clark College

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

GHL 213 and Zoom

In Attendance

Denise Gideon, Chair

Marilee Scarbrough, Vice Chair

Jeanne Bennett, Trustee

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Trustee

Suzanne Donaldson, Trustee

Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President

Dr. Terry Brown, Vice President of Instruction

Dr. Cecelia Martin, Associate Vice President of Planning and Effectiveness

Vanessa Neal, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Dr. Darcy Rourk, Interim Vice President of Human Resources

Sabra Sand, Vice President of Operations

Dr. Mark Wahlers, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs

Other

Shelley Williams, Assistant Attorney General

Darci Feider, President's Office

Julie Taylor, President's Office

Brandon Johnson, IT

Call to Order/Agenda Review

Chair Gideon called the regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Action Items/Consent Agenda

1) Consent Agenda

- a) May 28, 2025 - Work Session Minutes
- b) May 28, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes
- c) June 2, 2025 - Special Session Minutes

Motion: Vice Chair Scarborough moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Donaldson seconded the motion.

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Action: The motion passed unanimously.

2) FY 2025-26 College Budget

Motion: Trustee Bennett moved to approve the 2025-26 College Budget. Trustee Canseco Juarez seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Canseco acknowledged the work of Sabra Sand, President Edwards, the Executive Cabinet, and the broader team in positioning the college to manage reduced funding without needing to make difficult cuts.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

3) FY 2025-26 Services & Activities Fee Budget

Motion: Vice Chair Scarbrough moved to approve the 2025-26 Services & Activities Fee Budget. Trustee Donaldson seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

Constituent Reports

ASCC

Gurraj Singh, ASCC President, reported on recent student activities, including the Oswald Awards, which recognized 149 students, and Spring Fest, which drew 630 participants. In May, the Penguin Pantry distributed nearly 19,000 pounds of food, supporting over 400 students and their families. Recruitment for the 2025–26 ASCC team is complete with a full leadership team.

WPEA

Courtney Braddock, WPEA Representative, congratulated the Class of 2025 and welcomed Stephanie Hall as a new steward. Updates were provided on ongoing bargaining efforts.

CCAHE

Suzanne Southerland, AHE President, submitted a written report; no oral report was given.

Student Speaker

Ann West, student speaker, shared her educational journey and reflected on how her experiences at Clark College shaped her personal and professional growth.

Reports from the Board Members

Trustee Donaldson

Trustee Donaldson reported attending the tenure receptions and meeting with Dr. Edwards one-on-one. She expressed appreciation for the support shown to faculty during the tenure process.

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Trustee Bennett

Trustee Bennett reported meeting with Dr. Edwards and congratulated graduating students. She thanked faculty, staff, and administration for their commitment to student success.

Vice Chair Scarbrough

Vice Chair Scarbrough reported attending the Juneteenth celebration and highlighted the powerful performances. She also attended the tenure reception and appreciated the newly tenured faculty.

Trustee Canseco Juarez

Trustee Canseco Juarez shared reflections on recent events impacting the local community and emphasized the importance of compassion, presence, and connection. He encouraged continued support for students as they prepare for graduation and expressed appreciation for the work of faculty, staff, and administrators.

Chair Gideon

Chair Gideon reported attending the recent Trustee Tuesday event and noted the significant work ahead in response to anticipated impacts from federal legislation. She reflected on the importance of commencement, expressed appreciation for the work of faculty, staff, ASCC, and fellow trustees, and highlighted the collaborative spirit of the Board. Chair Gideon also thanked Dr. Edwards for her support and recognized Trustee Canseco Juarez for his appointment to the Association of Community College Trustees.

Report from the President

President Edwards expressed appreciation to the Board of Trustees for their support of the college and shared highlights from recent campus and community events, including the Tenure Reception, Oswald Awards, Juneteenth celebration, a Japanese tea ceremony, a retirement celebration for Don Appert, and a Penguin Talks presentation. She recognized the leadership and dedication of ASCC President Gurraj Singh and noted his upcoming transfer to WSUV. President Edwards shared updates on Commencement, anticipating approximately 2,000 graduates and 650 participants in the ceremony. She concluded with a clarification regarding WPEA bargaining, stating that compensation decisions are not within the college's or board's authority and confirming the college has sought legal guidance on the matter.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting is the Board Retreat, scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, 2025, starting at 8:00 a.m. at Boschma Farms, Room 206.

Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g), the Board shall convene an executive session at 5:55 p.m. to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment, or to review the performance of a public employee.

The Executive Session is expected to last until 6:25 p.m. No final action will be taken during the executive session.

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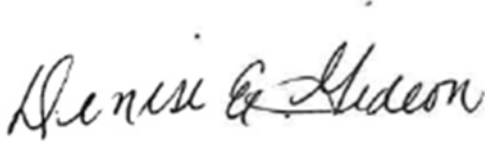
The Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 ended at 6:25 p.m. The board took no action during the Executive Session.

Motion: Trustee Canseco motion to approve the evaluation and contract to extend the appointment of President Karin Edwards on June 11, 2025, through midnight of June 30, 2026 with an annual salary of \$333,899 effective July 1, 2025, with a one-time contribution of \$12,000 for her retirement and state-approved cost of living adjustment. Vice Chair Scarbrough seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Chair Gideon adjourned the regular meeting at 6:27 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Denise Gideon".

Denise Gideon, Chair

Darci Feider, Recorder