

Clark College

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 24, 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

Sudha Frederick, Vice President of Information Technology

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

Darci Feider, President's Office

Brandon Johnson, IT

Julie Taylor, President's Office

Shelley Williams, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order/Agenda Review

Chair Gideon called the regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Public Comment

Bellamy Holt

Robert Weston

Action Items/Consent Agenda

- i. June 11, 2025 - Work Session Meeting Minutes
- ii. June 11, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes
- iii. July 23, 2025 - Retreat Meeting Minutes
- iv. 2024-25 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule
- v. Board of Trustees Goals

MOTION: Trustee Bennett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Canseco Juarez seconded the motion. During the discussion, it was noted that the board meeting schedule listed the incorrect academic year and would be updated. The motion carried.

Tenure Vote – Chair Gideon

Motion: Chair Gideon moved that the Board of Trustees, after having given reasonable consideration to the recommendations of the Tenure Review Committee, grant tenure to Kevin Edwards. Trustee Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Motion: Chair Gideon moved that the Board of Trustees, after having given reasonable consideration to the recommendations of the Tenure Review Committee, grant tenure to Tina Jenkins. Vice Chair Scarbrough seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Board of Trustees Officer and Committees – Chair Gideon

FY 2025-26 Board of Trustees Officers and Committees

- a. Board of Trustees Officers
 - i. Chair – Marilee Scarbrough
 - ii. Vice Chair – Suzanne Donaldson
- b. Clark College Foundation Committee Board
 - i. Marilee Scarbrough
- c. Clark College Foundation Executive Committee
 - i. Marilee Scarbrough
- d. Legislative Committee
 - i. Jeanne Bennett
 - ii. Denise Gideon
- e. Trustee Recruitment
 - i. Jeanne Bennett
 - ii. Denise Gideon
- f. Social Equity Advisory Council
 - i. Sunset
- g. Board Budget Commitment
 - i. Cristhian Canseco Juarez
 - ii. Suzanne Donaldson
- h. Washington Association of College Trustees (ACT)
 - i. Cristhian Canseco Juarez
 - ii. Denise Gideon (alternate)
- i. Legislative Action Committee
 - i. Jeanne Bennett
- j. Bylaws Committee (National)
 - i. Denise Gideon
- k. Education Committee
 - i. Marilee Scarbrough
- l. Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)
Washington State Regional Coordinator
 - i. Marilee Scarbrough

Motion: Trustee Canseco Juarez moved to approve the 2025-26 Officer and Committee assignments. Trustee Donaldson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Constituent Reports

Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC)

Alijah Machida, ASCC President, presented the annual priorities: collaborating with student leaders to promote involvement, proposing an open forum with the Executive Cabinet, partnering with the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion to advocate for systemically non-dominant students, and enhancing opportunities for student voice. He also reported on a project producing instructional videos to support student club development and highlighted continued advocacy for student services, regional collaboration, and civic engagement.

Washington Public Employees Association (WPEA)

Jenny Shadley, WPEA Representative, reported that the Higher Education contract was ratified by members and awaits legislative approval. Patricia (Trish) Fitzsimons and Manda Levie were recognized as this year's Exceptional Classified Staff award recipients.

Clark College Association of Higher Education (CCAHE)

Suzanne Southerland, CCAHE President, expressed appreciation to staff and faculty for their work during Orientation Week and the start of fall quarter. She reported that a mediator has been assigned to faculty bargaining, sought clarification regarding accreditation visit materials, announced changes in union senate leadership, congratulated Tina Jenkins and Kevin Edwards on earning tenure, and recognized the faculty excellence award winners.

Stem Summer Camp

Engineering professors Tina Barsotti and Carol Hsu, Chef Melanie Hendry, and MESA Student Representative Alijah Machida reported on the "STEMlicious" summer camp for high school students. The camp combined STEM and culinary activities that engaged systemically non-dominant students, and it was supported by volunteers, MESA ambassadors, and community partners.

Reports from the Board Members

Vice Chair Donaldson

Vice Chair Donaldson noted attendance at graduation, the Board retreat, and the Trustee Affinity Group meeting. She also attended the summer Arts and Music Festival and the Medical Assisting Pinning Ceremony.

Trustee Gideon

Trustee Gideon highlighted involvement in the Board retreat, Opening Day session, and a planning meeting with Chair Scarbrough and Dr. Edwards.

Trustee Bennett

Trustee Bennett reported on participation in the Board retreat and Opening Day session, and congratulated new ASCC leaders, newly tenured faculty Kevin Edwards and Tina Jenkins, and Chair Scarbrough on her appointment as Washington State Regional Coordinator for the Association of Community College Trustees. She noted her assignments on Trustee Recruitment and the Legislative Action Committee, highlighting the importance of trustee engagement with legislators and elected officials on behalf of Clark College.

Trustee Canseco Juarez

Trustee Canseco Juarez noted participation in the Board retreat and Opening Day, acknowledged newly tenured faculty and Board leadership, and announced his reappointment by Governor Bob Ferguson to a second five-year term. He recognized the leadership of Dr. Edwards and her team over the past five years and committed to continuing to elevate students, faculty, and the community in Board decision-making. He also highlighted the Give More 24 campaign.

Chair Scarbrough

Chair Scarbrough noted Dr. Tia McNair's Opening Day presentation, commented on her remarks on the public good of higher education, and reported attending the Clark College Foundation annual retreat as an ex officio member. She highlighted discussions on artificial intelligence and funding alignment with college priorities and reminded trustees of the upcoming Trustee Tuesday session on October 14 with Aileen Miller, Education Division Chief, Office of the Attorney General.

Report from the President

Dr. Edwards reported that fall quarter enrollment is just under 9,100 credit students, with an additional 750 enrolled in Continuing and Community Education. Classes began at Boschma Farms with 8 credit and 14 non-credit courses. She noted the Weekend of Welcome event drew approximately 600 participants and that Executive Cabinet met with ASCC leaders. Preparations continue for the seven-year accreditation visit scheduled for October 20–22. She highlighted recent recognition, including the HEED Award from Insight into Diversity and being named one of Clark County's Best by The Columbian. She referenced ongoing discussions among presidents regarding the potential federal government shutdown and implications for grants. She congratulated newly tenured faculty Kevin Edwards and Tina Jenkins. She expressed appreciation to outgoing Chair Gideon for her leadership and to incoming Chair Scarbrough for her election as Board Chair and Regional Coordinator for ACCT.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Trustees work session and regular meeting are scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, starting at 3:30 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Scarbrough adjourned the regular meeting at 6:12 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marilee Scarbrough". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" at the beginning.

Marilee Scarbrough, Chair

Darci Feider, Recorder