



**Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
June 26, 2023
Albany Campus, Boardroom**

Board of Education members in attendance

Kristin Adams (Chair), Dr. Jeannie Davis (Vice Chair – joined meeting at 6:09pm), Dick Running, Dr. John Sarna, Sherlyn Dahl, Stacie Wyss-Schoenborn, and Jeff Davis

Staff and Representatives in attendance

Lisa Avery, Sheldon Flom (via Zoom), Jason Dorsette, Claire Burke (Faculty via Zoom), Edene Ehlers (Classified), Susan Morre' (PTFA), Linnea Everts (Advancement), Rachel Biscoe (SLC), and Elizabeth Droscher

Guests in attendance

Jess Jacobs, Director - Accounting & Budget; Heather Mercer, Executive Director, Human Resources Development and Support; Mark Urista, Faculty; Paul Hibbard, Faculty; and Cheyenne Ryder, Student

MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON APPROVED BUDGET

The meeting for public comment on approved budget was called to order at 6:01pm

There was no public comment.

Adjourned at 6:02pm

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:03pm

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – Chair Adams noted no changes to the agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – The following citizens addressed the Board of Education through letters and personal testimony.

Benjamin Caughman

Jane Sandberg

Oregon Library Association's EDI & Anti-Racism Committee

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS – President Avery introduced Linnea Everts, Gov. Relations, Development and Stewardship Institutional Advancement

BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS - Chair Adams called for nominations for Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2023-2024 year. Voting will be held at the July 19, 2023 meeting.

Nominations for Board Chair:

- Ms. Adams, nominated by Mr. Running, seconded by Mr. Davis

Nominations for Vice Chair:

- Ms. Wyss-Schoenborn, nominated by Mr. Running, seconded by Ms. Dahl

GENERATIVE ACTIVITY

Mark Urista, Faculty; Paul Hibbard, Faculty; and Cheyenne Ryder, Student presented on the Cornerstone Project. The Cornerstone Project at LBCC is thanks to a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and The Teagle Foundation. Cornerstone aims to revitalize the Humanities in Higher Ed through the incorporation of transformative texts into core classes. Mr. Urista shared information about the Cornerstone Team, Faculty members, and class achievements of the project. Ms. Ryder expressed a student perspective of Cornerstone and shared other student testimonials. Ms. Ryder reported that 86% of students surveyed reported that their Cornerstone class increased their confidence with engaging and challenges texts. Ms. Ryder shared information on the recipient of the Liberal Arts Focus Award. Mr. Hibbard shared a report on the footprint of Cornerstone on the LBCC campus. There are currently 603 students who have completed a Cornerstone Class. Mr. Hibbard reported on improved retention rates for those students involved with Cornerstone. Mr. Hibbard shared the NACE Job Outlook for 2023. Mr. Hibbard reported on the future demand of hard skills and soft skills in the marketplace with a high demand for soft skills. The Cornerstone Team answered questions from the Board to satisfaction. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY

1) Board Representative Reports:

- a. **OCCA** – Chair Adams shared that OCCA did phenomenal work in helping to get the State budget passed. Chair Adams shared that the 2023 OCCA Annual Conference in early November 2023 in Sunriver, OR. Lastly, there is Community College Board Member Training on September 9, 2023 in Salem, OR. If Board Members are interested in attending trainings, please contact Elizabeth Droscher who will assist with registration.
- b. **ACCT** – Dr. Sarna did not have anything to report.
- c. **Foundation** – Dr. Davis shared that she will continue to serve on the Foundation Board and there is a meeting this week.

2) Campus Representative Reports:

- a. **Classified** – Ms. Ehlers did not have anything to add to her report. Dr. Sarna shared he appreciated the report specifically information on a break-in and resolution to that issue.
- b. **Faculty** – Ms. Burke shared Faculty feedback on budget cuts and staffing reductions. Additionally, Ms. Burke shared that Faculty reported on personal and student accomplishments over the past year.
- c. **PTFA** – Ms. Morre' shared that this is her final meeting as PTFA President and thanked the Board for the work they've done for LBCC. At their Spring luncheon, Mr. Bill Whitley was elected as the incoming President and will begin his term in July. Also, Sean Daniels was elected VP for Professional Relations, replacing Mr. Whitley in that position. Ms. Morre' shared feedback from Part-Time Faculty with concern to program cuts and staffing reductions.
- d. **SLC** – Miss Biscoe shared the success of the 2023 Graduation. Miss Biscoe also shared a reminder that keeping tuition low is important to students and student retention. Dr. Davis appreciated the student activities included in the report. Mr. Running commented on the Waverly Lake project. Dr. Sarna inquired on the music being played in the courtyard. Miss Biscoe shared that there hasn't been a lot of feedback to report on regarding the music yet.

- 3) Presidential Equity Report – Mr. Dorsette did not have anything to add to his report. Mr. Running inquired on the Albany Pride event. Ms. Dahl thanked Mr. Dorsette for all of his work in the community and the various events he attends. Mr. Davis shared that there were several LBCC booths at the Albany Pride Event. Dr. Sarna inquired about the Latinx population of almost 20% of the LBCC service district that was noted in a citizen comment letter. Mr. Dorsette shared that he would need additional time to review the data in order to accurately answer the question.

FIDUCIARY ACTIVITY

- 1) Consent Agenda – **Ms. Wyss-Schoenborn moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Davis seconded. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously. (7,0)**
- 2) RES 41-23 – Adopting the budget and making appropriations FY2023-24. Mr. Flom and Mr. Jacobs shared that the LBCC Budget Committee approved the budget as presented. The budget now comes to the LBCC Board for adoption consideration. Mr. Flom shared an update on the recent passage of the State budget. **Motion: Dr. Davis moved to approve RES 41-23 to adopt the budget and making appropriations for FY2023-24, Mr. Running seconded. Motion to approve RES 41-23, Adopting the budget and making appropriations for FY 2023-24 was approved unanimously. (7,0)**
- 3) **RES 45-23 Proposed Tuition Rate for Academic Year 2023-24 – As a result of the recent State budget approval, the Board reviewed the proposed tuition for the 2023-24 academic year. Mr. Flom and Mr. Jacobs shared a fiscal presentation followed by thorough Board discussion. Motion: Mr. Davis moved to approve RES 45-23 That the Board of Education of Linn-Benton Community College rescind Resolution 27-23 and instead establish tuition rates of \$138.50 (In-State), \$321.92 (Out-of-State), and \$392.85 (International) effective Summer Term, 2023. Dr. Davis seconded. Motion to approve RES 45-23 was approved unanimously. (7,0)**
- 4) RES 42-23 - Property, Liability, and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal. Mr. Running shared this was reviewed by the Audit and Professional Services Committee. There were two separate proposals at two different price points and coverage levels. The recommendation to the Board is noted in RES 42-23. **Motion: Mr. Running moved to approve RES 42-23 Property, Liability, and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal, as presented, Ms. Wyss-Schoenborn seconded. Motion to approve RES 42-23 Property, Liability, and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal was approved unanimously. (7,0)**
- 5) Second Read of 1000 Board Policies – Ms. Mercer reviewed the recommended changes with the Board and answered questions to satisfaction. An additional edit was noted to BP1035. **Motion: Ms. Wyss-Schoenborn moved to approve BP 1020 - Government Ethics and Conflicts of Interest, BP 1025 - Prevention of Workplace Violence, BP 1030 - Timely Warnings Alerting the Campus to Threats to Safety, BP 1035 - Children on LBCC Properties (with additional edit), Reporting Suspected Child Abuse, BP 1045 - Standards of Employee Conduct, BP 1050 - Equal Opportunity Statement, and BP 1055 - Freedom of Expression, Ms. Dahl seconded. Motion to approve BP 1020 - Government Ethics and Conflicts of Interest, BP 1025 - Prevention of Workplace Violence, BP 1030 - Timely Warnings Alerting the Campus to Threats to Safety, BP 1035 - Children on LBCC Properties (with additional edit), Reporting Suspected Child Abuse, BP 1045 - Standards of Employee Conduct, BP 1050 - Equal Opportunity Statement, and BP 1055 - Freedom of Expression was approved. (6,1) Dr. Sarna voted nay.**

6) Administrative Reports

- a. **President's Report** – President Avery thanked the Board for their action this evening on tuition. President Avery reported on her recent attendance as a new Commissioner for the NWCCU and shared an update on accreditation, specifically the scheduled accreditation for LBCC this fall. President Avery shared an update on recent LBCC events and thanked Board members for attending. Lastly, Governor Kotek has asked President Avery to represent Oregon Community Colleges at the Unlocking Pathways Regional Summit this July in Seattle.
- b. **Academic & Student Affairs** – No additional report.
- c. **Institutional Advancement** – Ms. Everts shared an update on the success of the Night at the Knights game.
- d. **Finance and Operations** – Mr. Flom added an appreciation for all of the departments and individuals who made the 2023 Graduation a great event.

Adjourned to Executive Session 7:58pm

Returned to Regular Session 8:29pm

RES 43-23 President's Evaluation Summary – Chair Adams read the summary into public record. **Motion: Mr. Running moved to approve RES 43-23 President's Evaluation Summary. Dr. Davis seconded Motion to approve RES 43-23 President's Evaluation Summary was approved unanimously. (7,0)**

RES 44-23 President's Contract Extension **Motion: Mr. Running moved to approve RES 44-23 President's Contract Extension. Ms. Dahl seconded. Motion to approve RES 44-23 President's Contract Extension was approved unanimously. (7,0)**

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

The Board thanked Dr. Davis for her time on the Board and for all of her work during her term of service. Mr. Davis echoed the appreciation for the many community events that LBCC is involved with. Ms. Dahl shared that she was pleased that the tuition was able to be reduced. Dr. Davis shared her experience at the LBCC Graduation and expressed her appreciation for her time serving on the Board.

Adjourned Regular Session at 8:40pm

Board Chair

Clerk of the Board