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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

100 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Lynden WA

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

8:30 a.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Teresa Taylor officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Jeff Fairchild, John Pedlow, and Wendy Bohlke, and Rebecca Johnson constituting a quorum. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Steven Thomas, Interim Vice President for Instruction; Kerri Holferty, Interim Vice President for Student Services; Julianna deHaan Rice, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Executive Director for the Office of the President.

Chair Taylor began with a land acknowledgement to recognize and pay respect to the Coast Salish Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.

## ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- Trustee Johnson moved to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Trustee Bohlke and the motion was approved.
- Chair Taylor announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Taylor called for public comment. There was no public comment.
- Mid-year Budget Update – Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services

A PowerPoint presentation was shared with a mid-year budget update. Langstraat provided a review of fiscal indicators of 23-24 operating budget which included actual vs budget; budget savings strategies; and long-term planning.

➤ College Work plan 2023-2025

Cabinet members shared a PowerPoint presentation with an update on workplan development. They highlighted strategies and key performance indicators under each goal.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

➤ At 12:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed session of the Board for approximately 120 minutes as provided in RCW 42.31.110, to discuss collective bargaining and a Executive Session immediately after the closed session... to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee...; and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency...

Chair Taylor announced that action was not anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Vice President Nate Langstraat, Interim Vice President Steven Thomas; Executive Director Rafeeka Kloke; and Assistant Attorney General Juliana deHaan Rice.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 2:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

➤ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

3/13/2024

Chair of the Board

Date

3/13/2024

President and Secretary of the Board

Date