



**MINUTES**  
**WHATCOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Via Zoom**  
**August 12, 2020**  
**8:30 a.m.**

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Rebecca Johnson officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Wendy Bohlke, Steve Adelstein, John Pedlow, and Teresa Taylor, constituting a quorum. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Ed Harri, Vice President of Instruction; Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services; Kerena Higgins, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Special Assistant to the President.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The purpose of the meeting was review the Proposed Title IX Emergency Rules.

**ACTION ITEM**

- Proposed Title IX Emergency Rules (First reading, possible action)  
Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services provided an overview of the proposal rules. The United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights released final regulations under the Title IX Education Amendments of 1972 on May 6, 2020 to go into effect on August 14, 2020. Numerous states, including Washington State, joined together to request a preliminary injunction. There was an argument on the motion for preliminary injunction on July 24, 2020. The Washington State Office of the Attorney General anticipates the court will issue a decision between August 4 and August 14. If the court rule against the injunction, the College is required to implement these emergency rules by August 14, 2020 in order to remain in compliance with federal regulations.  
  
These emergency once adopted will remain in effect for 120 days which will allow time for a full review and updates of current College policies 615 and 620 with input and feedback from employees, students, union leadership, community stakeholder groups, and the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Pedlow moved to approve the proposed Title IX Emergency Rules. It was seconded by Trustee Bohlke and the motion was approved unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT

➤ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.



September 23, 2020

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Chair of the Board

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Date



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President and Secretary of the Board

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Date