

# Washington Council Fall 2025 Board Meeting Agenda

November 4 & 5, 2025

Leavenworth, WA

## ZOOM

DAY ONE - Tuesday, November 4, 2025

**12:00pm - General Board Meeting Begins – Present Heidi Youseph, Jennifer Nehus, Anne Molenda, Brian Spraggins, Melody Ferguson, Casey Melnick, Wendy Peterson, Kevin Kildun, Audrey Minton(for Kelsey Myers, ICRC), Bret Cochrun, Christine McMullin (For Jamie), Susan Mosby, Molly Brown, Meghan Gold, Jason Yi, Leigh Jewett, Shiela Steiner, Myndee Ronning, Cheyanne Robertson, Lilia Hueso, Paul Seegert, Claire Silva (zoom), Alissa Muller (zoom), Julie Garver (zoom) Sam Washington (zoom)**

**Absent: Megan Cooley, Sarah Weiss, April Tovar Villa, Maria Muto, Wade Arave, Guillermo Espinosa, Ellen Zambrowsky-Huls**

*Lunch is provided for Board members at the start of the meeting. Meeting called to order by Heidi Youseph at 12:15.*

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of Meeting Procedures
- Update on approval of minutes from last meeting via email
- Approval/Edit of Agenda (Secretary)
- Executive Secretary - Updating of roster, housekeeping, reimbursement, evening plans, minutes for this meeting. Dinner changed to Yodelin at 5:45. Meghan Gold new exec secretary person. Based in Olympia.

Motion to remove Lucretia J. Folks as a signatory from the Washington Council for High School-College Relations' account with the Washington State Employee's Credit Union (WSECU), and to add Jennifer Nehus as a signatory to the Washington Council for High School-College Relations' account with the WSECU, effective immediately.

Brain Spraggins moved, Molly Brown Seconded, a vote was taken with all members in attendance present, and the Motion passed unanimously.”

## 12:30pm - Executive Board Reports and Updates

- President, Past President – proposed commission budget/forecast form for their program for approval by the Exec team; Anne and Wendy will bring a draft to the Winter meeting for approval, President Elect, Treasurer,-\$63,000 account balance after bills paid \$40,000. Technology, Equity & Diversity

## 1:00pm - Agency/Organization Reports and Updates

- State Board of Education (SBE) - *Alissa Muller (remote)* see slides - Future Ready Class of 2031 would be first class.
- Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) - *Sam Washington (remote)* – *See slides Sam will get more updates to Heidi about CB and WA grant. Gov Exec Order - - WA completes FAFSA and Chat bot to help strengthen and align efforts.*

- State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) - *Christine McMullin – see powerpoint, Workforce PELL, low-income student housing, Running start training zoom sessions for CC staffs. College in the High School received a grant as national leaders in this area, Bridge to College going under a comprehensive program review, jtragott@sbctc.edu*
- Council of Presidents - *Julie Garver (remote) – see slides, new website information geared for students/parents.*
- Independent Colleges of Washington (ICW) - *Sheila Steiner – Independent College of WA see slides – funding cuts are dire this year- WA College grant Fall of 26, College Bound scholarship Fall of 27 affected – See Save Student Aid.org to send email support*
- Commission on Inter-College Relations (ICRC) - *Audrey Minton – Written update see handout. Restructured fees and meeting attendee structures, adjusted to dues, budget addressed. Hybrid meetings? Winter Feb Zoom, Spring April meeting at SPSCC. Fall focused in DTA changes.*

## 2:00pm - Break

## 2:15pm - Washington State College Fair Network

- Summary of Work – Form a more organized way college fairs happen in WA. Julie is helping research other states who are good models. Looking for a possible commission at the summer meeting to continue the work. More discussion to continue at subsequent meetings. Bret will check with AWSP and provide input at the next group meeting. Anne will check when CC meet next and try to connect with their input. Bandwidth of the group is in question. Interest is present.
- Motion- Leigh moved to create a new commission entitled Washington State College Fair Network whose duties and responsibilities will be defined later (By law section 3.8.1). Jennifer seconded – and added a friendly amendment suggestion to change name to replace Network with Commission, Leigh accepted the suggestion and the motion as friendly amended moved to a vote. Brian called the question. Heidi facilitated the vote. Motion was approved.

## 3:00pm - Event Reflection & Brainstorming - Small Group Commission Collaborations *If you are not part of one of the identified Commissions below, please choose one to join to participate in the collaboration!*

- *Transfer Advisor Workshop – new folks connect with reps, more engaging presentations, small adjustments.*
- *Dual Credit Programs – Purpose exploration, Hot topics pop up – how to deliver these micro information pieces. Basic program explanations and who to connect for more information. Case study examples.*

## 4:00pm - Large Group - Report Back and Continue Agency Reports if time permits.

## 4:45pm - Wrap Up & Reminders

## 5:00pm - Adjourn Meeting for the Day - Heidi adjourned day 1 at 4:10.

## 6:00pm - Evening Gathering (optional) Gustav's (changed to Yodelin's)

- Meet in the front lobby at 5:45pm to walk together if you would like.

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DAY TWO - Wednesday, November 5, 2025 Meeting resumed 8:32 Present: **Heidi Youseph, Jennifer Nehus, Anne Molenda, Brian Spraggins, Melody Ferguson, Casey Melnick, Wendy Peterson, Kevin Kildun, Audrey Minton(for Kelsey Myers, ICRC), Bret Cochrun, Christine McMullin (For Jamie), Susan Mosby, Molly Brown, Meghan Gold, Jason Yi, Leigh Jewett, Shiela Steiner, Myndee Ronning, Cheyanne Robertson, Lilia Hueso, Paul Seegert, Maria Muto (zoom), April Tovar (zoom), Claire Silva (zoom), Alissa Muller (zoom), Ellen Zambrowsky-Huls (zoom)**

**Absent: Megan Cooley, Sarah Weiss, Wade Arave, Guillermo Espinosa, Julie Garver, Sam Washington**

## **8:30am - Agency/Organization Reports and Updates Continued**

- Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) - *Maria Muto (remote) – see slides*
- Washington School Counselor Association (WSCA) - *Lilia Hueso – see slides*
- Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP) - *Bret Cochrun- See slide*
- Washington Financial Aid Association (WFAA) - *April Tovar Villa – 26-27 FAFSA rolled out already, easier to invite parent, shutdown hasn't affected processing much, new rule – undergrad loans may be prorated, WA state highest grant program in the nation 1st, WA College Grant, lower (47) in filing FAFSAs, 17<sup>th</sup> in growth. #1 predictor of going to college is filling out the FAFSA.*

## **9:15am - Commission Updates**

- Commission on College Planning Days - *Melody Ferguson – spring event - Eastern site WSU Tri-Cities, maybe EWU, Evergreen picking up St. Martin's site, Alternative site reach out didn't get responses.*
- Commission on 8th Grade College Exploration Days - *Ellen Zambrosky -Huls & Claire Silva – 4-5 schools participating this year March 24 PLU, Gonzaga 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> EWU, 30<sup>th</sup> SPSCC, Peninsula may add.*
- Commission on Equity & Diversity - *Currently on pause*
- Commission on Publications and Communications - *Paul Seegert – Higher Ed book PDF, person who creates it and maintains listserve is retiring, may look at pausing for year, reference a list of sites or one page summary-type, web-based information site – will review at Winter meeting and make a decision.*
- Commission on General Membership - *Myndee Ronning & Anne Molenda – see slides, terms expiring-Wendy, Paul, Leigh, Heidi, Ellen, Susan – submit continuation request to Myndee especially commission interest area.*

- *Commission on High School College Relations – Susan Mosby see slides – to be continued at Winter meeting, possible need to increase fees due to costs.*

### 10:00am - Old & New Business

- Equity and Diversity Discussion- do we keep the commission or repurpose Brian moved to decommission the DEI commission and keep in the by-laws, such that if we, as a Council want to reinstate it, we can do so. Anne Second, discussion followed Christine shared concern about having an exec board position and intentional thoughts in all the other commissions and work with do, call to vote, motion passed. We will review in the summer for an exec board position.
- Meetings: Winter (in person), Summer (remote), Fall in person location and date TBD.

**10:30am - Hot Topics for Discussion** – College in the high School affecting financial aid. Double dipping AP test score and CHS credits. ICRC doesn't have a designated WA Council rep to attend meetings. Listserve -for Board members only

**11:30am - Adjourn Board Meeting meeting adjourned. 10:57 by Heidi Youseph.**

### NEXT MEETING -

Winter: Feb. 11-12 Lacey, WA (in person)

Summer: June 23&24 (remote)

Fall: (remote)

### Small Group Commission Collaborations Rotation

Fall Meeting	Winter Meeting	Summer Meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer Advisor Workshop</li> <li>• Dual Credit Programs</li> <li>• Equity &amp; Diversity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Grade College Exploration Days</li> <li>• Membership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College Planning Days</li> <li>• CTC Transfer Fairs</li> <li>• Fall Counselor Workshops</li> </ul>

