EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 16, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Call to Order

Chair Jerry Martin called the regular meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. All Board members were present.

Land and Labor Acknowledgements were read by Jose Martinez Gomez.

The President gave her update and indicated this was the return to campus and welcome week for faculty and staff, and thanked the trustees who were at the opening day breakfast. She let the board know that there had been much work done on the allocation model, the presidents said 6-8 years to implement, and the state board came back and said do it in 4 years, and that's good for EvCC.

Trustee Joe M. Davis II reported that he is serving on the ACT Education Committee and that it's a good opportunity, and that there are such good things from EvCC. Dr. Cobbs stated what a pleasure it was to be part of the welcome week breakfast and that she also sits on the ACT Education Committee and also on the Legislative Advocacy Committee. Chair Martin shared that the energy in the room at the breakfast was great and it was an honor to be in the same room as educators and staff.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

At 5:17, Chair Jerry Martin stated the Board would convene into Executive Session for 30 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. No action will be taken.

At 5:47, Chair Jerry Martin reconvened the regular meeting.

Consent Agenda - Minutes:

Trustee Kelly Shepherd moved to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2025, Regular Meeting, Betty Cobbs seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Cathy Leaker, Vice President of Instruction, presented the self-support fees. Bob Bolerjack moved to approve, Joe M. Davis II seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Josh Ernst, Vice President of Human Resources and Compliance, presented the Update: EvCC3020: Disability Accommodation Policy and EvCC3020P: Disability Accommodation Procedure. Joe M. Davis II moved to approve, Betty Cobbs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Josh Ernst, Vice President of Human Resources and Compliance, presented the update: EvCC5075: Animals on Campus Policy. Betty Cobbs moved to approve, Kelly Shepherd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Josh Ernst, Vice President of Human Resources and Compliance, presented the Update: EvCC1050 Mandatory Reporting Policy and Procedure. Kelly Shepherd moved to approve, Bob Bolerjack seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Martin, Board Chair, presented the President's Contract Addendum. He shared that the Board would like to extend her contract an additional year for the 3-year rolling time period. He shared that every year the Board receives a report on what the President has done for the year and its evident that we hired the best person for the job. Betty Cobbs moved to approve, Joe M. Davis II seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD			
Ivonne Salazar	ASB Student Representative		
Sumita Singh	Faculty Senate Representative		
Vacant Position	Classified Union Representative		
DeLon Lewis	Staff Senate Representative		
Nina Benedetti	Faculty Union Representative		
Vacant Position	Exempt Union Representative		

Ivonne Salazar introduced the council members to the Trustees. She had an update on the Parks Student Union Refresh, Welcome Days, and Kick-Off as part of her report, which was included in the packet.

DeLon Lewis was present to address the trustees and give an update.

Nina Benedetti was present and shared that she was excited that the new quarter is starting and that there are new tenure-track faculty starting. They had a union lunch and good conversation. She said there was a lot of fear about federal changes, and faculty are worried about the effects on their students.

Sumita Singh had shared that she would have updated information for the Board at the next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Brandon Dyer, Vice President of Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success, gave an enrollment update. Dr. Cobbs said it was exciting to hear about the strategies in place.

Shelby Burke, Vice President of Finance, gave the monthly budget update. The trustees thanked Shelby for the great update.

Josh Ernst, Vice President of Human Resources and Compliance, gave an HR update.

Chair Jerry Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm

Jerry Martin (Nov 20, 2025 15:12:58 PST)

Jerry Martin,

Chair Board of Trustees

Dr. Chemene Crawford

Secretary Board of Trustees



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Date Submitted	Presenter	Position
09/16/2025	Ivonne Salazar	ASB President
Meeting Date	Торіс	
09/16/2025	Report	to the Board

- Introducing the new Executive Council
 - O Abdikadir Battal ASB VP of Administration
 - Kangna Sood ASB VP of Budget
 - o Jesus Palma Guillen ASB VP of Clubs and Student Organizations
 - o Angelica Gomez (Absent) ASB VP of Student engagement
- Parks Student Union Refresh
 - Old furniture has been removed
 - o Painting started late last week
 - New Furniture and art work will be there in the next coming months

Welcomes days

Student Life will be hosting fall Welcome on September 18th and 19th. There will be a resource fair, workshops, campus tours and Student Government will be starting off the year with the new Superman movie!

Kick off

 This year the student life kick off will be on October 2nd, we will be hosting lots of awesome things like a petting zoo, caricature artist, and pizza. This event is free for all EVCC students!