

June 17, 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 Lisa Jameson

President's Update

Dr. Crawford's provided information on the federal landscape and the direct impact on students. She shared the budget proposes the elimination of funding for several vital programs, including: FSEOG, all seven TRIO Programs including Upward Bound, Student Support Services, and Veterans UB, which offer crucial support services. Others that are proposed to be eliminated include: GEAR UP, SIP, FIPSE, CCAMPIS, and Adult Basic Education. Proposed funding reductions are proposed for Maximum Pell Awards, eliminating subsidized federal student loans, and the federal workforce study program. She stated these cuts will impact our community and our college students and PELL alone could possibly impact 200 students at EvCC who won't be able to afford college. It's important to keep an eye on the federal landscape and state funding.

Dr. Crawford said that on a more positive and celebratory note, EvCC's commencement was a huge success. There were 3,329 guests, 450 graduates participated, 1,900 people watched the livestream, 65 faculty and staff participated, there were 37 faculty/staff who volunteered as event workers, as well as 15 student leaders. There were 1,792 credentials awarded. She thanked Jenn Rhodes, Brandon Dyer, and the rest of the commencement team for another well-planned event

Dr. Crawford recognized the baseball and softball teams for their outstanding record and success this year. Many of the players attended the meeting in person. And she honored EvCC's Athletic Director, Garett Studer. Garett was recently honored as the recipient of the 2025 NWAC Dutch Triebwasser Award. It is a highly prestigious award established in 1990 by the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC), which recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding leadership and meticulous attention to detail in their work with athletics and higher education. It is a testament to his significant accomplishments and leadership at EvCC and also throughout the Northwest Athletic Conference Region.

Garett Studer then shared with the board the amazing accomplishments of this year's baseball and softball teams. Baseball and softball both won North Region championships by finishing the regular season at the top of the North Region standings. For softball, it was the 3rd championship in five years and for baseball it was the 7th championship in the past 10 years. Both teams advanced to the NWAC Championship tournament. They not only excel in their sports, but also academically. The softball team was awarded the Athletic Team of the Year at the Hall of Fame Banquet.

E. Reports from the Board

Trustee Joe M. Davis II said it is great to hear about students. This was his first year at EvCC's graduation and it was great to see everyone cross the stage and to hear families congratulating students. He had the opportunity to go to the ACT Conference to learn about the state of Washington Trustees and is happy to be

on the board. Dr. Betty Cobbs also attended the conference with Trustee Davis and Dr. Crawford. She said it's exciting to see trustees from all across the state. She said that every year the best event she gets to go to is graduation. It is such a joyous occasion and thanked everyone who made it great-supporting the success of our students and recognizing all that students do to keep going and succeed.

Public Comment:

Public Comments regarding the ELC were given by the following: Stephanie Henifin, Samantha Sommerman, and Rich Ryan

Executive Session

At 5:34 Chair Jerry Martin stated that the Board would convene into Executive Session for 60 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee RCW 42.30.110. No action would be taken.

The Board would also spend time in Executive Session to plan or adopt strategy or position to be taken during collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or to review proposals made in on-going negotiations or proceedings. No action would be taken.

And also, to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency-RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). No action would be taken.

At 6:34 Chair Jerry Martin reconvened the regular meeting.

Consent Agenda - Minutes:

Trustee Bob Bolerjack moved to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2025, Regular Meeting, Kelly Shepherd seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Cathy Leaker, Vice President, Instruction, presented the First Year Tenure-Track Faculty Contract Renewals. Dr. Betty Cobbs moved to renew contracts for Cindy Allen-English, Jenna Peterson-Early Childhood Education, and Christina Sampson-Anthropology. Joe M. Davis II seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cathy Leaker, Vice President, Instruction, presented the Second Year Tenure-Track Faculty Contract Renewals. Bob Bolerjack moved to renew the contract for Kaitlyn Mallory-Advising. Kelly Shepherd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cathy Leaker, Vice President, Instruction, presented the Second Year Tenure-Track Faculty Tenure Awards.

Kelly Shepherd moved to grant tenure to Sergio Brito Solorzano-Advising, Betty Cobbs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joe M. Davis II moved to grant tenure to Beatriz Rodriguez-Advising. Bob Bolerjack seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Betty Cobbs moved to grant tenure to Ariana Stafford-Advising. Joe M. Davis II seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cathy Leaker, Vice President, Instruction, presented the Third Year Tenure-Track Faculty Tenure Awards.

Bob Bolerjack moved to grant tenure to Ayad Al-Missouri-Art. Betty Cobbs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kelly Shepherd moved to grant tenure to Lisa Fryett-Counseling. Joe M. Davis II seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joe M. Davis II moved to grant tenure to Ruth Schemmel-Transitional Studies. Bob Bolerjack seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Josh Ernst , Vice President of Human Resources and Compliance, presented the AFT Exempt 2025-2027 CBA. Kelly Shepherd moved to approve the AFT Exempt 2025-2027 CBA Bob Bolerjack seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Josh Ernst, Vice President of Human Resources and Compliance, presented the AFT Faculty 2022-2025 CBA Extension. Joe M. Davis II moved to approve the AFT Faculty 2022-2025 CBA Extension. Betty Cobbs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Shelby Burke, Vice President of Finance, presented the 2025-26 General Fund Operating Budget. Bob Bolerjack said the presentation shows how complicated budgeting is and that the college is being a good steward of the budget. The fact that we are not asking for reserves is great and lets us serve students. Joe M. Davis II said it was presented clearly and precisely and was impressed.

Bob Bolerjack moved to approve the 2025-26 General Operating Budget. Betty Cobbs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Martin, Board Chair, presented the action item of renewal of Board Chair and Vice Chair for a term of one year. Kelly Shepherd moved to approve, Joe M. Davis II seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Martin, Board Chair presented the Resolution Authorizing Indemnification. Kelly Shepherd moved to approve and Joe. M. Davis II seconded and the motion passed unanimously.


REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Chair Jerry Martin thanked everyone for including their reports to the board in the board packet. He stated the board appreciates this process, because it gives the trustees time to review the information before the meeting and still gives them an opportunity to ask clarifying questions if needed at the meeting. The report documents are included in the packet as well as the minutes. Chair Martin asked if any of the Trustees had any questions regarding the reports that were included in the packet. They had no questions. He asked if anyone wanted to report in person. Zoey Rhodes was not present. Sumita Singh congratulated the probationers. Stephanie Doyle was not present. DeLon read the report included in the packet. Nina Benedetti congratulated the probationers and graduates.

Zoey Rhodes	ASB Student Representative
Sumita Singh	Faculty Senate Representative
Stephanie Doyle	Classified Union Representative
DeLon Lewis	Staff Senate Representative
Nina Benedetti	Faculty Union Representative
Vacant Position	Exempt Union Representative

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Chair Jerry Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:58.


[Jerry Martin \(Jul 19, 2025 10:17 PDT\)](#)
Jerry Martin,
Chair Board of Trustees


Dr. Chemene Crawford
Secretary Board of Trustees