

Minutes
October 28, 2025
STUDY SESSION

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Jerry Martin called the study session to order at 5:00pm. Five Board members were present: Jerry Martin, Kelly Shepherd, Dr. Betty Cobbs, Bob Bolerjack, and Joe M. Davis II.

Jose Martinez Gomez, Associate Director of Technology Services-Desktop Management, read the Land and Labor Acknowledgements.

President Dr. Chemene Crawford gave her update and announced that the Aspen Institute had named Everett Community College as a top 200 U.S. Community College and that the college was eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's premier recognition of high achievement and performance among two-year colleges. Dr. Crawford also let the board know that the college was happy for Shelby Burke and her future role with the city of Arlington, but very sad that she would be leaving the college. The Trustees said Shelby is so organized and that she has met many challenges at the college. They said they have much appreciation for all she has done and congratulated her said they have immense gratitude for how she kept the focus and that we are in much better shape due to all she did for the college.

For reports from the board, Trustee Joe M. Davis II shared that as a new trustee, he takes opportunities to learn about his role. He went to the National ACCT conference in New Orleans, and it was a great opportunity to get to talk to trustees from other areas across the US. Dr. Betty Cobbs shared that she always enjoys professional development opportunities. At this ACCT conference, there were 1900 attendees, and 1600 of them were trustees, and Washington State was well represented. It was a source of great information and the Trustees would divide and go to different sessions because there were so many great sessions to choose from.

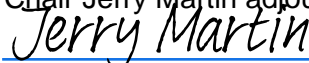
At 5:17, Chair Jerry Martin announced that the board would convene into Executive Session for 45 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. And to plan or adopt the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of collective bargaining, and to review the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress. No action would be taken during the Executive Session.

At 6:17, Chair Jerry Martin announced that the board was convening back into the study session.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Cathy Leaker, Vice President of Instruction, gave a presentation on the Student Achievement Indicators. Betty Cobbs said thank you and that it was a good report. She said she would like to hear more about the actual supports available for the students. We don't know the needs of the students if we don't ask them. Joe M. Davis II asked about ACPL and Kelly Shepherd asked how the mode of instruction affected it and Dr. Leaker shared the mode didn't seem to make much of a difference in the data.

Chair Jerry Martin adjourned the meeting at 6:32.



Jerry Martin (Nov 20, 2025 15:18:02 PST)
Jerry Martin,
Chair Board of Trustees



Dr. Chemene Crawford
Secretary Board of Trustees