

# Rotunda, Building 3

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# Tuesday, October 9, 2024

Study Session: Cancelled Regular Meeting: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

# **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order, Land and Labor Acknowledgement, Introductions: Trustee Villegas Rivera called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for Clover Park Technical College (CPTC) to order on October 9, 2024, at 4:05 p.m. followed by the land acknowledgement and labor acknowledgement.

#### **Board of Trustees Present:**

Jesus Villegas Rivera, Chair Eli Taylor, Vice Chair Carol Mitchell Tong Zhu Alice Phillips

College President: Dr. Joyce Loveday

Assistant Attorney General (AAG): Justin Kjolseth – via Zoom

#### **Excused Absences:**

None

#### **Executive Team:**

Dr. Tom Broxson, VP for Instruction Amelia Grayson, VP for Finance and Administration Dean Kelly, VP for Student Success James Neblett, Associate VP for Human Resources and Culture Samantha Dana, Associate VP for Institutional Effectiveness Iesha Valencia, Associate VP for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

# Adoption of the Agenda MOTION:

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented, was made by Trustee Taylor and seconded by Trustee Mitchell. The motion was approved unanimously.

# **Approval of the Minutes** (Tab 1) **MOTION:**

Motion to adopt the minutes of the August 14, 2024 Board meeting as presented, was made by Trustee Taylor and seconded by Trustee Phillips. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Public Comments**

None

#### President's Report

Dr. Loveday Thanked Trustee Mitchell for continuing for a few months until we have a new trustee.

Dr. Loveday introduced Emily English, our new Grants Director, and Tolu Taiwo our new Assistant Director for the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

Dr. Loveday Introduced Sheli Sledge, and Todd Donley to provide a presentation on Holiday House (Tab 2). After the presentation, Dr. Loveday invited trustees to come on the day of the culminating event in the McGavick Center (December 4, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. this year) to experience it. The Foundation web page (<a href="https://www.cptc.edu/foundation/holiday-house">https://www.cptc.edu/foundation/holiday-house</a>) has a donate button with an option to direct donations to Holiday House.

Dr. Loveday announced that the first quarter has started, which has required and spurred much activity. Financial aid, the welcome center, faculty, and deans have all been busy welcoming new students. The college's enrollment is up 15% from last year for state funded students, and 28% when all students are included. These figures will decline a bit after students are dropped for non-payment.

Opening day was held September 27 this year. This is one of two days each year when all employees come together. The day's activities revolved around a review of the strategic plan, and collection of thoughts and ideas regarding priorities to work on to support the plan.

The college recently hosted an accreditation site visit form the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). This was a mid-term visit conducted in person by three peer evaluators. The purpose of the visit was to prepare the college for the seven-year visit in 2028. The accreditors recognized good work we are accomplishing at CPTC and noted that we have made good progress from previous reviews. Early in 2025 we will receive a formal report from NWCCU regarding findings of the visit.

We are currently engaged in a Financial Audit by the Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO). This audit will encompass both fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023. It is expected to continue into January. Trustees will be invited to the final report.

October 2 we had a grand opening of the Male Engagement Center (MEC). Dr. Loveday thanked to Trustee Villegas Rivera for attending. 114 individuals signed in to the event including many community leaders. It was moving to hear individuals speak from the heart about the impact that the MEC has had on their lives. It is very inspiring to see such a great example of what we want to achieve as an institution.

Dr. Loveday acknowledged Lisa Beach's retirement after 31.5 years. She has had a great impact and Dr. Loveday offered many thanks.

Finally, Dr. Loveday noted that Chair Villegas Rivera would be signing a revised Student Email Policy. There are only minor clarifications so a formal review is not necessary.

# College Reports or Highlights

Fiscal Year 2024 Final Report (Tab 3)

Amelia Grayson presented a report on CPTC's fiscal year 2024 financials,

She noted that the deficit was reduced from 2.6 million dollars to \$385,000 primarily due to our own fund adjustments and adjustments from state that were not available at the time of the last presentation to the Board.

She also provided two charts detailing cash flow and investment trends. The first chart showed cash on hand through fiscal year 2024. Per Board policy, the college must have 90 days cash on hand, and the chart demonstrated we have consistently stayed well above that level.

The second chart showed the reserve funding CPTC maintains in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) where it can draw interest.

# Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (Tab 4)

Amelia Grayson presented a budget for fiscal year 2025 (July 2024-June 2025). She started with the budget on the 7<sup>th</sup> page of Tab 4. She pointed out that with operating fund revenue at 44 million, and operating fund expenses at 48 million, state allocation and tuition fall short of covering projected expenses by approximately four million dollars. However, other sources of income from college operations bring the total deficit down to 1.7 million dollars. This is the amount that will be covered by reserves as needed during the year.

Trustee Taylor asked about Invista (145 corporate education). Ms. Grayson noted that the budget shows the same amount in revenues as in expenditures, but this is a very conservative projection. In fiscal year 2024 corporate education made a profit. The budget is purposely conservative because corporate education is still new and we are not sure what investments may be needed to encourage its success.

Trustee Taylor asked when will be able to identify true expenses and revenue of corporate education. Ms. Grayson replied that those figures should be available in the next two quarters. Dr. Loveday noted that this year we were still finalizing the transfer of Invista to CPTC corporate education. Pierce College (the former financial agent) is doing a final audit now.

Trustee Mitchell asked about the deficit philosophy of the college. Ms. Grayson stated that the philosophy is that we should strive to break even for operating funds. In other funds, we may be looking for net income to support programs.

Ms. Grayson brought the trustee's attention to an updated version of the eighth page of the budget report (attached as Appendix A). On the updated page, the changes are highlighted. The dedicated local support line is updated to reflect a better understanding of this category. The fund balance is corrected to parallel the 1.7-million-dollar deficit reflected on the budget (7<sup>th</sup>) page.

She noted that the update represents a change of philosophy encompassing a conservative approach while including a broader perspective on operating expenses, reflecting our diverse funding sources. She believes this is a more realistic view for financial planning.

Finally, Ms. Grayson reviewed the budgeted college reserves. She noted that some funds are dedicated to specific purposes (e.g. student funds), and that the Hayes Childcare Center is no longer represented on this page as it ran in the black this year. She also noted that the approved airplane expenses will not show up until a later year.

Trustee Taylor asked to see the full airplane payment schedule.

### Eastside Proposal (Tab 5)

Dr. Loveday presented a report about program development activities in the 98404 zip code and a proposal to seek legislative authority to purchase a building on the eastside of Tacoma.

This initiative grew out of a review of which members of our community were not being well served by CPTC or other educational entities, as well where there is greatest potential for impacting economic mobility.

The college recently won a grant from the city of Tacoma for \$350,000 to be applied through end of the calendar year. It is possible that this funding may be extended. For this project, the college is working with Palmer Pathways, who provides the training program as well as exceptional student supports such as stipends, meals, certifications, and work clothing.

Appropriate Space for such a program in 98404 is limited to a single site – The old Founder's Choice cabinetry site. The college will be leasing 15,000 sq ft of the building through July 2025 and expanding to greater use in the future. There is collective interest within the community for creating an eastside training center which would include a partnership of many organizations. CPTC would provide the facility and offer training programs, allowing the college to be a catalyst for community development.

In order to acquire the building, CPTC will need to put in a legislative request for approval to spend from a Certificate of Participation (COP) or other sources. The proposed resolution would create a ceiling of spending authority, but does not commit the college at this time. Any further action related to real estate acquisition would come before the board for approval before funding is committed, and partnerships will be formalized with an interlocal agreement.

If approved by the Trustees, the request for spending authority will go next to the State Board for approval, and then to the legislature for authorization.

Trustee Phillips ask if the building purchase will include Palmer Scholars as a partners. Dr. Loveday replied that although Palmer Scholars will likely provide some of the education offered at the site, the college would be the sole operator of the building, which would be owned by the state. It will be available for many purposes such as pre-apprenticeships, construction, plumbing, HVAC, etc. One of the funding options being pursued by a community partner is an EPA grant that would require a focus on green jobs. Dr. Loveday also noted this building would create more physical space for our existing trades programs.

Trustee Phillips expressed that this type of investment is what our communities need -- we need more hands-on training programs. There is a shortage of labor in the trades. Specifically, our area is an apprenticeship desert. This initiative is very important and she is very excited about the prospect.

Trustee Mitchell noted that Tacoma's east side is a historically black community. She wondered if there is thought about ensuring that a substantial portion of students are drawn from 98404 not imported from other areas. She sees this as a great opportunity and noted that the Puyallup tribe should also be involved.

Trustee Villegas Rivera expressed enthusiasm for working with diverse programs for this project.

Trustee Zhu noted the need to assure commitment from partners through an interlocal agreement.

# Chair's Report

Chair Villegas Rivera stated that it was wonderful to be at the MEC grand opening. He commented that it is important to have a space where people feel they belong.

# **Board Reports and/or Remarks**

Trustee Mitchell noted the passing of Maxine Mimms, one of the founders of Evergreen State College's Tacoma campus. She looks forward to events commemorating Mimm's contributions.

#### **New Business**

# Approval of FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget (Tab 4)

Motion to approve the operating budget as presented by Amelia Grayson was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Taylor. The motion was approved unanimously.

## Approval of Resolution 24-10-111 (Tab 6)

Motion to approve the resolution regarding a certificate of participation for a building in the 98404 zip code as presented by Dr. Loveday was made by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Taylor. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Executive Session**

None

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 was made by Trustee Taylor and seconded by Trustee Phillips. The motion was approved unanimously

Dr. Joyce Loveday

**President** 

**College District Twenty-Nine** 

Jesus Villegas Rivera

Chair, Board of Trustees College District Twenty-Nine Clover Park Technical College Board of Trustees Meeting October 10, 2024

Appendix A
Correction to Tab 4

# CLOVER PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2024-2025 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY BY SOURCE

