

Cascadia College Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2026

Cascadia College, 18345 Campus Way NE, Bothell, WA 98011, Tjossem Boardroom CC2-260
4:00pm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Present: Dr. Meghan Quint, Chair; Alex Lee, Vice Chair; Dr. Colleen Ponto, Shahryar Quadri, Dr. Rania Hussein

EXECUTIVE STAFF

Chari Davenport, Erin Blakeney, Sean Poellnitz, Brittany Caldwell, Dr. Eric Murray, Dr. Ellen Evans, AAG.

Susan Thomas (recorder)

Shannon Bath (presentation assistant)

AUDIENCE

Audience members via Zoom included: See Addendum A

1. Public Meeting Call to Order

Chair Dr. Meghan Quint officially called the regular meeting of the Cascadia College Board of Trustees to order at 4:01 pm.

2. Consent Agenda

Chair Quint presented the Consent Agendas for approval. No modifications were proposed.

MOTION: Trustee Hussein

SECOND: Trustee Ponto

OUTCOME: Approved unanimously

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments submitted or made during the meeting.

4. New Employees / Promotions

There were no new employees or promotions to announce.

5. Information Item

A. President's Work Plan

Each year in December-January, the Trustees review the President's performance and yearly goals. In February, the President presents the agreed upon goals, or "work plan", in final form to the Trustees.

President Murray presented his 2026 Work Plan summary which will be reviewed at the June Board Meeting.

B. Accreditation Standard 2 Report

The final version of the Standard 2 report is included in the packet.

The Board expressed appreciation to Shannon Bath and the other contributors for their significant work on this extensive project.

6. Discussion & Presentation Items

A. Mission Fulfillment Moment: Assessment and Program Review (Part 1)

One of the college's three recommendations from the NWCCU mid-cycle review was to develop an effective system of assessment and program review.

The three recommendations by NWCCU:

- Improving Institutional Effectiveness
- Student Learning
- Student Achievement

Kristina Young presented the *Road to Accreditation* slide deck, covering:

- Accreditation 2020 Findings
- The Challenge
- Mid-Cycle
- Assessment Committee
- Collegewide Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)
- Assessment College-wide Student Learning Outcomes Framework
- SLO Assessment Framework
- Example results from last fall's Learn Actively outcomes ratings
- Next Steps
- Preview of Coming Attractions – the rating will happen in May

Faculty workload concerns were acknowledged. While assessment practices are required and beneficial, the college continues to explore adjustments to support faculty in meeting these requirements.

B. 10th Day Enrollment Report

Each quarter, the Board reviews 10th day (post-census) enrollment to monitor trends and budget implications.

VP Erin Blakeney summarized the report included in the packet, noting:

- Overall enrollment is up over last quarter.
- Running Start participation continues to trend upward.
- International enrollment is up compared to last winter.
- Increased engagement efforts are underway to support student retention.
- Fall quarter enrollment and recruitment activities—both local and international—are ramping up.

C. Monthly Finance Report

VP Sean Poellnitz presented the Finance slide deck included the packet, highlighting:

- Estimated Projections for the current fiscal year based on enrollment.
- FY27 Budget Timeline
- Budget methodology: a conservative budgeting approach

Cascadia's reserves total \$17.3 million. Ongoing conversations focus on maintaining and stewarding these funds wisely.

7. Other Reports

A. Cascadia Events & Advocacy Board (EAB)

Muskaan Grewal referenced her report in the board packet and highlighted recent events and advocacy initiatives:

Events:

- Swipe Right on Clubs Tabling (134 students)
- Casino Night in the ARC Overlook (400 students, 111 CC)
- Disco Party Dance on February 13th (53 students)
- Lunar New Year celebration will be on February 26th
- Traveled to Olympia with Dr. Murray and Trustee Hussein and enjoyed meeting with the legislators.

Advocacy:

- Continuing to work on reusable water bottle campaign
- Continuing to Advocate for cameras in parking garages due to complaints
- Checking in with students about how they feel in today's world

B. Cascadia Community College Federation of Teachers (CCCFT)

Dr. Dave Shapiro was not in attendance and had no additions to his report in the packet.

C. Cascadia Classified Union (WPEA)

Ryan Higgins was not present; no report submitted.

D. Reports from Board Chair and Trustees

- Trustee Ponto attended the Northshore School District Board meeting. She shared how much she enjoys attending.
- Trustee Hussein reported on meetings in Olympia with Dr. Murray and Muskaan Grewal. She noted productive discussions and expressed hope that legislators consider the college's priorities. She also reiterated her strong support for Running Start.
- Vice Chair Lee will attend the upcoming Lake Washington School District Board meeting.
- Chair Quint will attend the Riverview School District meeting in February.

E. President's Report – Dr. Eric Murray

- Two Lake Washington School District Board Members toured our campus recently. It was a positive opportunity for collaboration.
 - Congratulations to Muskaan Grewal, named Woodinville Chamber *Student of the Month*. She will be honored at their luncheon tomorrow.
 - The Foundation's Pay it Forward event is one week from today, and we are excited and hope to see you all there.
 - CC5 Building – Funding status continues to fluctuate. Shawna Pitt and the facilities team are working with architects to avoid reapplying for permits. The college still awaits confirmation regarding state funding. Dr. Murray expressed appreciation for the team's efforts.
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8. Other Business or Announcements

There was no other business

9. Next Meeting – Public Meeting

Date: March 18, 2026, 4:00pm

Meeting Adjournment

Chair Quint adjourned the meeting at 4:55 PM.

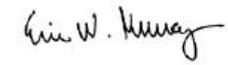
Approval of Minutes

Approved and Adopted on: March 18, 2026



Meghan Quint, Board Chair

Attest:



Dr. Eric Murray, President

Addendum A

Board of Trustees Meeting Attendance

Eric Murray, President	X
Meghan Quint	X
Alex Lee	X
Colleen Ponto	X
Shahryar Quadri	X
Rania Hussein	X
Ellen Evans, AAG	X
Erin Blakeney	X
Sean Poellnitz	X
Brittany Caldwell	X
Muskaan Grewal	X
Susan Thomas	X
Shannon Bath	X
Kristina Young	X
Erik Tingelstad	X
Teya Viola	X
Ana Nina	X
Michael Horn	X
Shawna Pitts	X
Laura Heddal	X
Antonio Shimono	X
Becky Riopel	X
Jacynth Nurse	X
Gergina Lazarova	X