

The Board of Trustees of Everett Community College held a regular meeting in the Jackson Conference Center and virtually through Zoom on June 21, 2022.

Board Chair Toraya Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **Briefing by the President**

Dr. Cain welcomed everyone to the meeting. He gave an update on the college's graduation and acknowledged the 2021-22 retirees:

Jeri Pourchot  
Marie Connelly  
Christopher Shawn Dahl  
Omar Mustafa  
Julie Mickelberry  
Gloria McPherson  
Fred Sherman  
Debbie Newbury  
Cath Fullerton  
Dale Galloway  
Rose Larsen  
Ricahrd Waldron  
Cindi Turner  
Lori Wisdom-Whitley

### **Roll call**

Present for the meeting were Trustees, Toraya Miller, Bob Bolerjack, Jerry Martin, Dr. Betty Cobbs and Kelly Shepherd. Also present were President Dr. Darrell Cain, Senior Executive Assistant to the President Rita Belvill, Assistant Attorney General Leanne Foster, faculty, staff, students, and administrators.

### **Reports from the Board**

Board Chair Toraya Miller said graduation was a beautiful moment celebrating everyone. It was a pleasure to shake graduates' hands and to be there.

Jerry Martin gave a heartfelt thanks for everyone who helped with commencement. It was a great accomplishment.

Betty Cobbs said graduation was a family event and it was great to see diversity and everyone excited for our graduates. She shared that she attended the ACT conference and it was a great one. There were opportunities to interact, share, and to hear about progress across the state. She was elected as member at large for ACT and thanked everyone for their support.

Bob Bolerjack said commencement was a most inspirational event and said thanks to everyone who showed up to celebrate and thanks to faculty and staff who got them there.

Kelly Shepherd echoed the sentiments shared by the other trustees and said thank you to the technical pieces and support such as tutoring that helped get students there.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **MOTION 01-06-2022**

Trustee Kelly Shepherd moved for approval of the minutes from the May 17, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting as presented. Trustee Betty Cobbs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Action Items**

#### **A. Review and take action on AFT contract.**

#### **MOTION 02-06-2022**

Trustee Bob Bolerjack moved that the Board of Trustees approve the AFT contract. Jerry Martin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **B. Review and take action on development of the 2022-2023 General Operating Budget.**

Shelby Burke presented the 2022-2023 General Operating Budget.

Trustee Bob Bolerjack said Kudos for the great work. Projections are hard to make and for future needs we need to build up our reserves.

#### **MOTION 03-06-2022**

Trustee Jerry Martin moved that the Board of Trustees, approve the 2022-2023 General Operating Budget. Bob Bolerjack seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **C. Review and take action on AY 2022-2023 Faculty Professional Leave (Sabbatical) request**

Dr. Cathy Leaker, Vice President of Instruction, presented **AY 2022-2023 Faculty Professional Leave (Sabbatical) request**

#### **MOTION 04-06-2022**

Trustee Bob Bolerjack moved that the Board of Trustees approve one quarter for Kristine Washburn, Diane Brown, and Greg Crowther. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **D. Review and take action on the Paraeducation Certificate**

Cathy Leaker presented the Paraeducation Certificate.

#### **MOTION 05-06-2022**

Trustee Betty Cobbs moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Paraeducation Certificate. Kelly Shepherd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **E. Review and take action on AG to represent in litigation**

## **MOTION 06-06-2022**

Trustee Bob Bolerjack moved that the Board of Trustees approve AG to represent in litigation. Betty Cobbs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **General Public Comments**

There were no general public comments. There were two questions which were answered.

### **Reports to the Board**

#### **Exempt Union Representative**

Kelsey Lindstrom was not present.

#### **Faculty Representative**

Nina Benedetti stated that graduation was fantastic. Faculty were happy with the Livestream and were able to hear graduation. She gave a shout out to the negotiations team, faculty and staff. She thanked Mike Nevins and was happy to see Anne Brackett as the new rep. She said that sabbaticals are not paid at 100% for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters. She let everyone know she had been working with the schools in Darrington and Everett on the U3 program and talked about U3 and Open Doors.

#### **Faculty Senate Representative**

Mike Nevins shared that he is stepping down and the new representative would be Anne Brackett. He is excited about the new leadership and recognized the senate members. Rickie Dooley came back with data and conversation about classes being face to face. Mike said we believe that there is importance in face to face teaching and being on campus. It helps foster community with staff and students. We believe it's a safe haven to be on campus.

He stated that there needs to be help for the administration and staff with ctclink. The changes in administration shows importance of Deans and there maybe needs to be a Dean's Day.

#### **Classified Union Representative**

Stephanie Doyle said it was positive that the ELC is open thought 2023 and working on long term option. She said it's too bad it wasn't an option in the fall. Hope to have conversation before actions are taken. She said thanks again for the organization charts and adding names, it shows valuing employees. She shared that they are working on a staff union so that EvCC staff will have a voice. They college needs to hire more staff, and look at why staff are leaving, there is low morale. Starting July 21<sup>st</sup> the college is starting the outdoor lunches again for summer. She invited the Board to come.

#### **Student Senate Representative**

Baydaa Alshatee introduced next year's ASB President Katherine Ross and Baydaa will work with the senate. She shared that the spring fling was very successful and had a huge turnout. Graduation was great and student life is open for the summer.

### **Informational**

Cathy Leaker presented the Student Achievement Initiative (SAI).

The board thanked Cathy.

Phyllis Esposito presented the Diversity and Equity update.

Jerry Martin said thank you and that she has big shoes to fill.

Betty Cobbs said she always looks forward to her reports and each time they go further and further. She thanked her for her dedication and doing the work that is important for a college. Bob Bolerjack said sustainability and accountability are words you hear and thanks for bringing foundation to the strategic plan. Kelly Shepherd said thanks for building a legacy and artifacts for the work. Toraya Miller added that we appreciate your work.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Toraya Miller at 7:02 p.m.

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Toraya Miller, Chair  
Board of Trustees

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Darrell L. Cain, Secretary  
Board of Trustees