

Cascadia College Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2026

Cascadia College
18345 Campus Way NE
Bothell, WA 98011

Tjossem Boardroom, CC2-260
4:00 PM

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, Brittany Caldwell, Shawna Pitts, Ifrah Mohamed, Dr. Eric Murray, Dr. Ellen Evans, AAG.

Shannon Bath (presentation assistant)
Susan Thomas (recorder)

AUDIENCE

Audience members 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 4:00 pm.

2. Consent Agenda

Chair Quint presented the Consent Agenda 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

Maia Wood introduced **Deepti Beriwal**, Payroll & Benefits Coordinator

5. Discussion Items

A. Mission Fulfillment: UWB Grant Efforts

This item provided Trustees with insight into Cascadia's partnership with the University of Washington (UWB). Dean Kristina Young presented the "*Stem Transfer Partnership*" slide deck.

Dean Young highlighted increased faculty and student participation, as well as the continued expansion of the partnership. Participants from both institutions represent a broad range of disciplines, and she acknowledged and thanked all who have contributed to this collaborative effect.

Survey results were also reviewed, with a strong student response rate. The findings provided valuable insight into student experiences in STEM at Cascadia, including their sense of belonging and preparation for next steps. Cascadia has recently finalized four articulation agreements with UWB, reflecting a comprehensive, multi-pronged approach to reducing barriers and supporting student success. A set of Key Features has also been developed to support oversight, establish regular review cycles, and maintain flexibility.

Eric Holdaway discussed related student activities, including:

1. A student community of practice at the state level, in collaboration with UWB peers
2. Expansion of the engineering club to include all STEM disciplines
3. Student engagement in 3D printing projects

Dean Young noted that these efforts represent examples of integrated and applied learning, encouraging students to engage in research and deeper academic exploration.

Next steps:

- Enhance data tracking
- Expand student activities
- Establish regular classroom visits

B. Cascadia College Strategic Plan, 2021-present

This item provided Trustees with an overview of how the college is responding to NWCCU recommendations while advancing its mission.

President Murray presented the *Strategic Overview* slide deck, highlighting the college's mission and its focus on three core areas: access, equity, and superior education. These priorities are integrated across strategic planning efforts to ensure initiatives align with institutional goals and accreditation requirements.

The Guided Pathways Plan was also reviewed, with its four pillars:

1. Clarify the Path
2. Enter the Path
3. Stay on the Path
4. Ensure Student Learning

A distinction was made between **initiative metrics** and **mission metrics**, with mission metrics centered on access, equity, and superior education.

To improve tracking and evaluation, the college consolidated six years of strategic plans into a single, comprehensive framework. This model uses consistent mission-based metrics and coding, allowing for clearer tracking of initiatives over time. Embedded data and standardized reporting tools provide a streamlined, "one-stop" resource, supporting continuous improvement and regular review by initiative owners.

The Guided Pathways Plan is being aligned with this same framework and evaluation rubric. Due to funding limitations, the Guided Pathways initiative is expected to continue for the next two years.

Strategic initiatives will undergo further review this summer.

Vice President Erin Blakeney and Shannon Bath also contributed to the presentation.

6. Action Items

A. Trustees Meeting Calendar

The Trustees must yearly approve their meeting calendar for the coming academic year. The calendar in the packet follows a typical format and meeting schedule for the academic year 2026-27. It is the recommendation of the College President that this calendar be adopted.

"I move to approve the Trustees meeting calendar as presented in the packet with the addition of August 19th as the summer retreat date."

MOTION: Trustee Qadri

SECOND: Trustee Hussein

OUTCOME: Approved unanimously

7. Other Reports

A. Cascadia Events & Advocacy Board (EAB)

No Report

B. Cascadia Community College Federation of Teachers (CCCFT)

Dr. Dave Shapiro was not present; his report is included 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 will attend the Northshore School District meeting on Monday.
- Trustee Hussein attended the Innovation Lab High School graduation, where her son was a member of the graduating class.
- Vice Chair Lee will attend the Lake Washington School District meeting on Monday.
- Chair Quint shared that Cascadia's commencement was a wonderful celebration and her favorite event of the year. She also attended the Riverview School District meeting and provided updates; the district was excited following Duvall Days. She noted this as a potential opportunity for Cascadia to increase its presence at future community events.

E. President's Report – Dr. Eric Murray

- At the Innovation Lab HS Graduation, Trustee Hussein delivered remarks and shared that her son was a member of the graduating class.
- The Rose Revival event was again successful. Shoutout to Brittany for her efforts, including strengthening the partnership with Northshore Rotary.
- Dr. Murray reported a great meeting with the Mayor of Redmond regarding the Redmond Center. While operating costs remain significant, the city is exploring grant opportunities to help support and sustain Cascadia's presence.
- Discussions are underway with a nonprofit organization to help establish direct bus transportation between the Redmond Center and the Cascadia campus.
- Dr. Murray also met with the president of the Bothell Mosque; the meeting was positive, and plans are underway to host an informational session with the community.

- He will be meeting with Senator Stanford this summer to discuss the upcoming state budget.
- Dr. Murray is working with the State Board regarding participation on an efficiency board and plans to stay engaged in the effort regardless of appointment outcome.

8. Other Business or Announcements

There was no other business

9. Next Meeting – Public Meeting

Date: September 16, 2026, 4:00pm

11. Moving into Executive Session

At 5:14pm, the meeting recessed for 5 minutes.

The Board entered Executive Session as permitted under RCW 42.30.110 to discuss the following issue:

To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee

12. Return to Public Meeting

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 5:58 pm.

Meeting Adjournment

Chair Quint adjourned the public meeting at 5:59 pm.

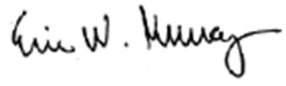
Approval of Minutes

Approved and Adopted on: September 16, 2026



Dr. Meghan Quint, Board Chair

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric W. Murray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Eric Murray, President

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Addendum A

Board of Trustees Meeting Attendance

Eric Murray, President	X
Meghan Quint	X
Colleen Ponto	X
Shahryar Quadri	X
Rania Hussein	X
Alex Lee	X
Ellen Evans, AAG	X
Brittany Caldwell	X
Shawna Pitts	X
Susan Thomas	X
Shannon Bath	X
Kristina Young	X
Erik Tingelstad	X
Teya Viola	X
Ana Nina	X
Shawna Pitts	X
Laura Heddal	X
Becky Riopel	X
Jacinth Nurse	X
Gergina Lazarova	X
Thais Lima	X
Deann Holliday	X
Ifrah Mohamed	X

Maia Wood	X
Deepti Beriwal	X
Ozge Demirci-Richardson	X
Yukari Zednick	X
Kristina	X

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