**District No. 15**

**Wenatchee, Washington**

**WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Special Meeting**

January 21, 2025

Wenatchee Campus - Zoom

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Trustees Present (virtual):

Paula Arno Martinez, Chair

Steve Zimmerman, Vice Chair

Wilma Cartagena

Phylicia Hancock Lewis

Tamra Jackson

Also Present:

Cabinet Members

DES Members

**CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 P.M.**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

**CTEI Building Update & Funding Scenarios**

The CTEI project has gone out to bid twice. In both instances the bids exceeded available funding provided by the legislature. In each instance, the primary cost differential was primarily due to the mechanical/electrical work on the projects.

In an effort to remain under the previous energy code and mitigate continued expenses in redesign costs, the college is proposing to work with the architect and DES to identify project efficiencies that mitigate project costs. However, this work cannot move forward without executing the construction contract. As part of the solution, WVC must seek a Certificate of Participation (COP) for the Washington State Treasurer's Office to accept the lowest bid proposal. Administrative Services has provided supporting documentation that illustrates proposed cost-saving initiatives, rationale and extended history of the bid process from the architect, as well as COP scenarios from the Treasurer’s Office.

**Discussion:** Trustee Zimmerman expressed concern over the optics of borrowing money when sabbatical requests have been tabled. Trustee Hancock Lewis shared that the perception of the college is everything and the state is financially unstable and does not feel comfortable supporting the request. Trustee Cartagena endorses the need to invest in the college.

**ACTION**

Trustee Cartagena moved to approve Resolution No. 25-01 Seeking approval for temporary local capital expenditure authority not to exceed $3,300,000 related to the construction for the Center for Technical Education and Innovation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Arno Martinez. The vote was 2 yay and 3 nays. The motion does not pass.

**ADJOURNMENT – 1:41 P.M.**

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Secretary Chair