

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2026 | 4:30-6 PM

**Attendees:** Sherri Anderson, Brian Donaldson, Doug Fair, Nicole Galipeau, Jeff King, Linda Krese, Libby Lewis, Abraham Mathew, Steve Pennington, John Pribble, Bob Terwilliger, Oliver Whitehead, Megan Wood

**Absent:** Steve Carter, Nick Davenport, Shashank Kalokhe, Jennifer Myers

**Staff:** Lillian Sherman, Ryan Davis, Ciela Valle-Olguin, Monique Wiesmuller-Kaneyasu, Karen Magarelli, Katie McKenna

**Guests:** Dr. Amit B Singh, Tiffany Mphepo, Wil Johnson, Christine Frizzell, Ashley Pickard

### Minutes

**4:32 pm Meeting called to order**

**4:33 pm Approval of Feb 12 minutes**

Libby Lewis moved to approve. Bob Terwilliger second. Approved with none opposed and no abstentions.

**4:35 pm Welcome and Introductions**

Brian Donaldson reminded the board of the importance of continued recruiting for the Board. Two guests introduced themselves: Wil Johnson and Christine Frizzell.

**4:40 pm Mission Moment**

Ashley Pickard attended to give a brief overview of the Archaeology Department.

**4:57 pm President's Report**

Spring Quarter began on April 6. Enrollment is up 8-10% overall.

The State has approved a supplemental budget as of last week. The budget is "flat" but that means there are no increases for COLA raises. Tuition covers the direct cost of faculty but does not cover other costs such as advising and other staff (approximately 60% of operating costs).

We have several partnerships with international schools.

Bob Terwilliger asked what the difference between what the Colleges needed vs what they got: \$1.6M for Edmonds.

**5:03 pm Executive Director's Report**

We have the opportunity for Board members to order branded swag!

There are two spots open for Monroe CC commencement ceremony. College commencement is at Angel of the Winds Arena on June 18. Lillian is taking RSVP's for either opportunity.

We had 41 Kickstarter grant applications. Anyone who is interested in scoring Kickstarter grants should contact Monique immediately to get started. They will be graded by the end of April.

Anyone who is interested in scoring scholarships and is able to “pinch hit” near the end of April in case of people who are not able to finish can email Ciela.

### **5:09 pm Finance Director’s Report**

The report from Dec. 31 was offered. Our financials reflect that we are on target to achieve our fundraising goals and are currently under budget on operating expenses.

A new budget building process for FY 26-27 has started and is outlined in the budget process and timeline document.

### **5:21 pm SAFE Harbor Campaign Proposal**

Brian Donaldson reminded everyone what areas of focus came up at the retreat. One was workforce readiness, the other was emergency services. Lillian shared how this campaign came about and offered why this is a good opportunity for the board’s participation.

Katie McKenna introduced the SAFE Harbor Campaign, which is in part a capital campaign to help renovate Olympic Hall where the Student Resource Hub is housed, and partly to increase funding to emergency services.

The slide deck for review is in the board packet for further review. Please send your feedback to Lillian or Katie.

### **5:57 pm INSPIRE**

The gala is in 18 days. The room is nicely filled and the program and auction are shaping up well. A donor has agreed to match the \$1,000 gifts in Raise the Paddle up to \$10,000 and the SAFE Harbor Campaign will be launched at the end of the event.

Board members are encouraged to pass along information about the Alaska Airlines tickets to be raffled, the online auction and opportunities to give to all non-attendees.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm**