Board of Trustees

District No. 28

Meeting Notice

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Bates Technical College, Downtown Campus
1101 S Yakima Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405

Mission Statement

Bates Technical College enriches our diverse communities by inspiring student learning, challenging greater achievement, and educating for employment.

Bates Technical College
Board of Trustees

Downtown Campus Board Meeting Room
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

AGENDA – STUDY SESSION

Bates Technical College | Downtown Campus Board Meeting Room

	2:00PM	**I.**	**Budget Review**	Christine Winskill
	2:30PM	**II.**	**Student Stories**	Dr. Johnny Hu
		III.	**Executive Session** The Board may hold an executive session for purposes allowed under the Open Public Meetings Act. Legal purposes include, to consider acquisition or sale of real estate; to review negotiations of publicly bid contracts; to receive and evaluate complains or charges brought against a public officer or employee; to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment; to review the performance of a public employee; and to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation, or potential litigation. Before convening in executive session, the Board Chair will publicly announce the purpose for executive session and the time when the executive session is expected to conclude.	

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING

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Action	3:00PM	**I.**	**Call to Order/Determination of a Quorum** ___ Chair, Tom George ___ Vice Chair, Heather Moss ___ Trustee, Florence Chang ___ Trustee, Thaddeus Jackson ___ Trustee, Christina Blocker ___ Assistant Attorney General, Matthew Barber	
	3:02PM	**II.**	**General Matters**	Chair George
Action			A. Approval of May 27, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda	
Action			B. Approval of April 28, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes	

C. Citizen Remarks

	3:05PM	**III.**	**Faculty Union AFT Local 4184 Updates**	Amy Mackey
	3:10PM	**IV.**	**PTE Union updates**	Angie Henderson
	3:35PM	**V.**	**ASG updates**	Martin Fimbres
	3:40PM	**VI.**	**Tenure Introduction** **A. Robert Runn**	TROC Chair Landon Johnson
Action	3:45PM	**VII.**	**Program Fee Approval**	Christine Winskill
Action	3:50PM	**VIII.**	**Extension for Tenure**	Dr. Johnny Hu
	3:50PM	**IX.**	**President's Report** A. Instruction Updates B. Student Services Updates C. General Discussion	Dr. Lin Zhou Dr. Johnny Hu Steve Ashpole Trustees
	4:40PM	**X.**	**Board Committee Reports/Remarks** A. Legislative Action Committee (ACT) B. College Council (Policy Review) C. Pierce County Coordinating Council (PCCC)	 Trustees Chair George Chair George
	4:50PM	**XI.**	**Executive Session** The Board may hold an executive session for purposes allowed under the Open Public Meetings Act. Legal purposes include, to consider acquisition or sale of real estate; to review negotiations of publicly bid contracts; to receive and evaluate complains or charges brought against a public officer or employee; to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment; to review the performance of a public employee; and to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation, or potential litigation. Before convening in executive session, the Board Chair will publicly announce the purpose for executive session and the time when the executive session is expected to conclude.	

5:00PM **XII. Adjournment**

Next Board of Trustees Meeting date and location:
June 30, 2025, Downtown Campus Board Meeting Room, Bates Technical College
Time listed are approximations. Agenda items may be addressed earlier or later than indicated.

Previous meeting minutes
AGENDA – STUDY SESSION

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2:00 PM **I. 85th Anniversary Updates** Chelsea Lindquist
JD Elquist

Director of Marketing and Communications, Chelsea Lindquist provided updates on the College's upcoming 85th anniversary events. Chelsea also spoke briefly on the Fire Service Training Center groundbreaking event scheduled on May 28 at the South Campus. Foundation Board member, JD Elquist provided information about the upcoming 85th Foundation Gala scheduled for October.

2:10 PM **II. Student Stories** Dr. Johnny Hu

Diesel Instructor, Rudy Hernandez introduced Diesel student Domonic Ables. Domonic spoke of his past experiences, sharing with the Board how he came to Bates and his excitement for walking at the upcoming Commencement.

III. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING

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Action 3:00PM **I. Call to Order/Determination of a Quorum**
_x_ Chair, Tom George
_x_ Vice Chair, Heather Moss
_x_ Trustee, Florence Chang
_x_ Trustee, Layne Bladow
_x_ Trustee, Christina Blocker
_x_ Assistant Attorney General, Matthew Barber

3:02PM **II. General Matters**

Action D. Approval of April 28, 2025, Board Meeting Agenda — Chair George

Trustee Chang motioned to approve the April 28, 2025, Board Meeting Agenda. Trustee Blocker seconded. Motion passed and the April 28, 2025, Board Meeting Agenda was approved.

Action E. Approval of March 31, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Trustee Bladow motioned to approve the March 31, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes. Trustee Blocker seconded. Motion passed and the March 31, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

F. Citizen Remarks

There were no citizen remarks.

3:02PM **III. Faculty Union AFT Local 4184 Updates** Amy Mackey

No Faculty Union updates.

3:02PM **IV. PTE Union updates** Angie Henderson

No PTE Union updates.

3:02PM **V. ASG updates** Martin Fimbres

No ASG updates.

3:03PM **VI. President's Report** Dr. Lin Zhou

Dr. Zhou reported on the Scholarship Luncheon and President's/Dean's List events. She shared that both were well attended and successful.

D. Instruction Updates Dr. Johnny Hu

Dr. Hu reported on the recent virtual accreditation meetings with the NWCCU. He shared that the accreditors recognized the efforts in building the strategic plan and with improvements on the previous recommendations.

E. Student Services Updates Steve Ashpole

VP Ashpole shared that spring enrollment is up 8% from last year. He shared that with the four new programs we should see a further increase in our enrollment.

F. General Discussion Trustees

Trustee Blocker shared her enthusiasm for the recent College achievements.

3:30PM **VII. Board Committee Reports/Remarks**

D. Legislative Action Committee (ACT) Layne Bladow

No updates at this time.

E. College Council (Policy Review) Chair George

No updates at this time.

F. Pierce County Coordinating Council (PCCC) Chair George

No updates at this time.

3:31PM **VIII. Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

3:33PM **IX. Adjournment**

Trustee Bladow motioned to adjourn. Vice Chair Moss seconded. Motion passed and the Board meeting was adjourned at 3:33PM.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting date and location:
May 27, 2025, Downtown Campus Board Meeting Room, Bates Technical College

Delivering Teaching and Learning
Board of Trustees Report

Program Updates

May 6 kicked off Nurse Appreciation Week. Thank you to the practical nursing program for helping students achieve their goals! The program sent four students to the Nursing Students of WA (NSWA) conference on May 3, where they were able to network and learn about educational possibilities after Bates.

The college received a $97,000 SBCTC Workforce Development Fund grant for updating the carpentry program. The carpentry program has seen a 100% increase in FTE's over the past academic year and these funds will be essential in helping the program keep pace with its growth by providing new equipment and tools.

On May 9, the dental laboratory technology program collaborated with TruAbutment to promote its oral health programs. TruAbutment, renowned for its precision in dental technology, filmed interviews with Bates students, staff, and faculty to create an informational and promotional video highlighting the college's dental laboratory technology program.

Pierce Transit Partnership

Last month, the college entered an agreement with Pierce Transit in an effort to share resources to enhance the educational experience for Bates students interested in fields of diesel mechanics, autobody repair, and facilities maintenance programs. As part of the agreement, Pierce Transit will provide tours, job shadowing opportunities, and participate in job and resource fairs. Additionally, Pierce Transit will donate surplus spare parts and components to the college for teaching and training tools. Pierce Transit highlighted two of our student's stories recently on their Instagram and LinkedIn social media sites.

Open House

On Tuesday, May 13, Bates held the *Seeing is Believing* Open House at south campus. Faculty and staff from various programs set up booths to introduce their programs to prospective students, provide guided tours, showcase live demos, and hold information sessions on the steps to enrollment process.

Welcome New Dean

On May 16, south campus welcomed new dean of instruction, Dr. Teri Harris. Teri previously served as the Career and Technical Education (CTE) director and program manager for Puyallup School District, as well as the CTE assistant director for Tacoma Public Schools. With a Doctor of Philosophy in Workforce and Organizational Development and Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, CTE, Teri brings a wealth of knowledge to her new role as dean of instruction. Teri will oversee diesel/heavy equipment, electrical construction, facilities maintenance engineer, fire services/public safety/EMT, HVAC/R, sheet metal, welding, CTE teacher prep, and apprenticeships.

Student Services
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Registration

Staffing: An alum, work study, and ESL Program Assessment Proctor, Siuzanna Shkolnaia will be joining the Registration Team as a Student Records Clerk. She is committed to serving students and will be a welcome addition to the team.

Advising and Retention

Summer Open House: Hosted at the South Campus on May 13, 2025 from 9:30am to Noon, attendees will be able to view hands-on labs as well as meet faculty and students. We hope to inspire the audience to explore how their own future could be positively impacted by considering a program Bates.

Wellness Wednesdays in May: You may be aware that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Bates Advising and Retention Team members are sponsoring a series of three presentations regarding this topic, slated for May 7, May 14th and May 21st. Our counselor, Diane Shepard will speak to attendees about self-care and managing stressful life moments with strategies to better address and resolve mental health challenges and obstacles.

Campus Safety and Conduct Event: On April 8, 2025, Nesreen Almuzayen and LeMont Lucas sponsored an educational presentation for new and continuing students covering our student handbook, expectations and consequences related to student conduct and safety matters. Held at the South Campus, students really enjoyed the presentation with over 250 attendees, engaging through interactive opportunities sprinkled into the presentation. Since the presentation, incidents involving student conduct have been greatly reduced.

Campus Life and Activities

Celebrations: ASG presented a celebration of Cinco De Mayo with the group Tlalokan, May 5, 2025, from 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM in the South Auditorium. The goal of the event was to bring awareness of the immense dimensions of Latin culture. Food was catered by Moctezuma's. Over 80 students participated in this celebration and celebration of this rich culture.

New Campus Life ASG Assistant: We are proud to announce that former alum and ASG Records and Finance Officer, Jade Vetter is returning to Bates as the Campus Life and

ASG Assistant. She will begin in her new post on May 16, 2025. Welcome back to Bates, Jade!

Blizzard Bobcat: Bates mascot Brutus Bobcat has recently taken on a new and updated persona. Renamed "Blizzard" and with a new look, our mascot will continue to inspire our students with friendly engagement full of Bobcat spirit.

Financial Aid and Workforce Education Services (WES)

New Director of Financial Aid: Please help us welcome Shelly Tucker into her role as Director of Financial Aid. Shelly comes to us from Arkansas State University where she served as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid. She will join our Financial Aid Department, on June 16, 2025, after relocating from Arkansas.

Huge thanks to our Financial Aid Department: We would like to pass on our sincere appreciation for the effort by all staff for stepping up to help address staffing shortages in the financial aid department. Their hard work and devotion to helping students address their financial needs is vital to the success of our students.

Enrollment

As we reach the end of the 2024-25 enrollment cycle, we wanted to highlight a couple areas of note:

- This year we have seen the highest technical college enrollment in the history of Bates.
- This year we will be over 81% of our state allocation. This is the highest percentage of our allocation since 2018-19 and in the top 10 in the state.
- We continue to see growth in our transitional studies department. This spring we have hit 240 FTE, the largest number in the past six years.

KBTC PBS

KBTC – Board of Trustees Report

May 2025

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Administration:

- KBTC received a grant from the Moccasin Lake Foundation in support of The Ability Awareness Project in partnership with Federal Way Public Schools Special Education and Employment Transition Program.

Production:

- In April, *Northwest Now* programs featured the state's new tuition guarantee program, an exploration of the Vanishing Seattle filmmaking and social media cooperative's documentation of the loss of cultural third places in Seattle, an in depth interview with the new director of the Seattle Art Museum Scott Stulen, and a program getting reaction to the trade war from two local Congresspeople.
- Associate producer Chris Anderson produced *Northwest Now* Digital Shorts about online tax security, an interpretive program exploring some of Seattle's historical mysteries, distracted driving prevention, the impact of military service on children, a plan to expand bike trails and concerns about cuts to local food banks.
- Northwest Now's robust coverage of the state legislative session continues on the program's Facebook page with daily reports coming out of Olympia.

KBTC Kids:

- KBTC participated in the Sumner Cultural Event where the Learning Neighborhood afterschool program showcased a Mayan Civilization diorama and other cultural artifacts. The program lead, Alma, also received an award for her impact on the Daffodil elementary school families. This program is part of our Learning Neighborhood, our family and afterschool program in East Pierce County in partnership with PSESD.
- KBTC, in partnership with PSESD, held Spring Break Art Camps for the Learning Neighborhood families. Students were separated by age, and the younger ones participated in a variety of STEAM activities (including learning about 3-D printing and indigenous cultures) while the older ones worked with a film producer each of the 4 camp days.
- KBTC, in partnership with the Bates Child Studies Department, hosted the first *Daniel Tiger* night for co-op families. These Daniel Nights will focus on Social/Emotional learning with family activities, songs, and parent resources.
- In April, KBTC continued to grow our afterschool STEM program at two THA sites. The afterschool STEM program is part of KBTC's commitment to serving the children and families in the Tacoma community.

KBTC Events:

- KBTC Hosted a screening of *We Want The Funk!*, an *Independent Lens* documentary by filmmaker Stanley Nelson followed by a dance party at the Edison Square in Tacoma. The event was well attended and enjoyed by the participants.

BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Foundation Report
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May 2025

Student Success

- Summer Quarter 2024 Scholarships
  The Foundation received 128 applications for Sumer quarter 2025. In Summer 2024, the Foundation received 111 applications.

- Connell Family Scholarship Reception
  The Foundation hosted a lunch reception to honor the Connell Family and recipients of the Connell Family Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. To date, the Connell Family has supported 125 students with over $200,000 in scholarships. The Foundation would like recognize and thank the Connell Family for their incredible generosity and unwavering commitment to supporting Technical education at Bates Technical college!

Scholarship Recipient Thank you note

Dear Connell Family

I am honored and deeply grateful to be selected as a recipient of the Connell Family Scholarship for Spring 2025. Your generous support is not only easing the financial burden of my nursing education but also reinforcing my commitment to becoming a compassionate and skilled healthcare provider.

As a nursing student at Bates Technical College, I am dedicated to excelling in my studies and providing holistic, culturally competent care to my future patients. This scholarship brings me one step closer to my goal of becoming an oncology nurse, a passion rooted in personal experiences of losing loved ones to cancer. Your generosity inspires me to work even harder and, one day, give back to others in the way you have given to me.

Thank you for your kindness, support, and belief in my potential. I will carry this opportunity with gratitude and strive to honor the legacy of the Connell Family Scholarship through my dedication to patient care and advocacy.