

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD  
FOR  
COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**September 26, 2005**

**State Board Members**

**Jim Garrison (Chair), Mt. Vernon  
Jim Bricker, Coupeville  
Reuven Carlyle, Seattle  
Sharon Fairchild, Spokane  
Tom Koenninger, Vancouver  
Al Link, Silverdale  
Erin Munding, Omak  
Jane Nishita, Seattle  
Lyle Quasim, Puyallup**

**Statutory Authority: Laws of 1967, Chapter 28B.50 Revised Code of Washington**

**State of Washington**  
**STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES**  
**Olympia**

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State Board Member Participants: Jim Garrison (Chair), Jim Bricker, Reuven Carlyle, Sharon Fairchild, Tom Koeninger, Al Link, Erin Mundinger, Jane Nishita, Lyle Quasim

System Representative Participants: Charlie Earl, WACTC president; Larry Brown, TACTC president; Jim Robinson, TACTC president-elect

State Board Staff Participants: Earl Hale, Chris Reykdal, Mary Alice Grobins, Cindy Hough, Suzy Ames, DelRae Oderman

**CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

The Board held a special meeting via telephone conference call on September 26, 2005. Chairman Jim Garrison called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and established that a quorum of the Board was present to participate in the call.

**TUITION WAIVERS FOR STUDENTS DISLOCATED BY HURRICANE KATRINA  
(Resolution 05-09-21)**

Earl Hale provided a brief overview of the topic and referenced background information included in the special meeting agenda packet. Chris Reykdal then presented for the Board's consideration a resolution that would authorize local community college boards of trustees to establish an operating fee waiver for Gulf Coast evacuees displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The resolution allows colleges to waive all or a portion of operating fees for a period not to exceed one year from the date of adoption. Local boards of trustees must take formal action to adopt a local waiver for this purpose before a grant of the waiver may be provided to entering students.

The request comes to the Board as the result of inquiries from the Governor's Office and, in particular, the community college presidents. Additional authority from the State Board is required, because the colleges do not have an adequate tuition waiver authority at this time for this specific purpose. To provide community colleges with the authority to waive all tuition for this specific group of people, the State Board must adopt a separate operating fee waiver under authority of RCW 28B.15.915.

***MOTION: Moved by Jane Nishita and seconded by Lyle Quasim that the State Board adopt Resolution 05-09-21 (Attachment #1) authorizing local community college boards of trustees to establish an operating fee waiver for citizens from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida who are displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina.***

***MOTION CARRIED.***

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Staff will send the resolution to the colleges immediately and will advise the Governor's office regarding the State Board's action. Information will also be posted on the State Board's website. Staff will report back to the Board with enrollment numbers when they become available.

**ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business, the State Board adjourned its special meeting of September 26, 2005, at 4:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held October 17-18, 2005 at Skagit Valley College.

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Jim Garrison, Chair

ATTEST:

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Earl Hale, Executive Director

STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

RESOLUTION 05-09-21

A resolution (effective immediately) authorizing local college boards of trustees to establish an operating fee waiver for citizens from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

**WHEREAS** Hurricane Katrina has created substantial devastation to colleges and universities throughout the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida; and

**WHEREAS** thousands of students have been displaced from their communities and have been unable to engage in their higher education goals as a result of the hurricane; and

**WHEREAS** the Governor of the State of Washington, Christine O. Gregoire, has declared a State of Emergency in Washington and has mobilized public agencies to respond to displaced citizens from the gulf region; and

**WHEREAS** the State Board has the authority to authorize tuition waivers in accordance with RCW 28B.15.915;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes local college boards of trustees to establish a tuition waiver to be utilized only by students from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida who were displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina and who seek entrance into a Washington Community College:

1. Colleges may waive all or a portion of operating fees for a period not to exceed one year from the date of adoption.
2. Local boards of trustees must take formal action to adopt a local waiver for this purpose before a grant of the waiver may be provided to entering students.
3. Any college that chooses to adopt a waiver for this purpose shall use a uniform code (fee pay status) established by the Center for Information Services in consultation with the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.
4. Waivers granted for this purpose will not be included in the statutory waiver limit established by RCW 28B.15.910 for the community colleges as a whole.
5. Each college shall establish their own policies for documenting a displaced student from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, or Florida.
6. Colleges are encouraged to work with the Governor's Office, The Military Department of the State of Washington, other state and local agencies, and local non-profit organizations, to coordinate response efforts and benefits to displaced students.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges grants to local boards of trustees the flexibility to implement this waiver authority by all means necessary to address issues not explicitly identified in this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges delegates to the executive director the authority to expand the scope of this temporary waiver to address emergent needs as declared or instructed from the Office of the Governor of the State of Washington.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on September 26, 2005.

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Jim Garrison, Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Earl Hale, Secretary