



District No. 15
Wenatchee, Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

April 20, 2022 – 3:00 P.M.

Lucy Covington Government Center, Nespelem, WA

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Present:

Tamra Jackson, Chair
Steve Zimmerman, Vice Chair
Wilma Cartagena
Phylicia Hancock Lewis

Also Present:

Cabinet Members
Faculty Members
Students

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 16, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

Wilma Cartagena moved that the minutes of the March 16, 2022, regular meeting, and the March 31 special meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Steve Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2391

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Livia Millard will retire at the end of this academic year. She has been a faculty member at Wenatchee Valley College at Omak for 28 years.

Livia was raised in Omak and grew up on the Colville Indian Reservation. She is a descendant from the Wenatchi and Entiat bands of the Colville Tribe and Umatilla Tribe. As a first-generation college student, she understands the importance of higher education and how to help students on their educational journeys.

In addition to her role as faculty, she also served as multicultural coordinator, student government advisor and academic advisor. Her work has helped bring diversity, equity and inclusion to the forefront of WVC at Omak and within the local community.

Today, we would like to honor her years of service by looking back at “*some*” of her many contributions and accomplishments.

Teaching

Livia taught many classes at WVC at Omak including:

- Effective Leadership
- Critical Thinking

- Career and Life Planning
- Study Skills
- Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

Events

Livia has helped coordinate countless educational and cultural events that bring together students and the community. She helped develop, publicize and supervise speaker events, music events such as Jammin' Against Hunger, the former Omak Film Festival, Cinco de Mayo events, Native American Heritage Month events, Black History Month events, Women's History Month events, Pride Month events and the spring graduation.

Additional events include:

- Co-Coordinator of the yearly Omak United Pow Wow and Omak Stand Against Racism events.
- Co-Coordinator of the region's Mourning Dove Symposium about one of the first American Indian novelists and Colville tribal member Christine Quintasket.
- Co-Coordinator of the Washington state Indian Education Summer Teaching Institute held in Omak, Washington. Attendees from all over the Pacific Northwest participated in this one-of-a-kind event.
- Co-Speaker at Hate or Heritage: A Discussion about the Confederate Flag and Confederate Memorial to both Omak and Wenatchee campuses.
- Coordination the film events United by Water, The 5th Wave and Older than the Crown by Indigenous film director and producer Derrick LaMere.
- Coordination for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women event in collaboration with the Colville Tribe's Diabetes Program.
- Coordination for the Human Trafficking in Indian Country community event on the Omak campus.
- Presenter at two Equity in Education Summits for the larger region.

Student Leadership

Livia developed leadership models to work with student government and build upon their leadership skills.

Some of her notable activities include:

- Club advisor for the WVC at Omak Red Road Association
- Student leadership opportunities such as yearly fall leadership institutes, state capitol trips, Students of Color Conferences and student government retreats.
- Coordinator of Civic Engagement Week including many visits by former Washington State Secretary of State Sam Reed.
- Helped establish the Native Plant Garden with the 2004-05 student body including a memorial bench and metal art.

Community

Livia works closely within Omak and greater community serving on various boards including:

- WVC at Omak Foundation board (chairperson)
- Omak PAC Foundation (past president)
- Innovation Human Trafficking Collaborative (secretary)
- Methow Arts Alliance boards (vice president)
- American Indian Indigenous Studies (AIIS) Advisory board member
- Wenatchee Valley College-Confederated Colville Tribes (WVC-CCT) Advisory board member

Spirit of WVC Award

In 2017, Livia received the Anna Pieratt Spirit of WVC Award from President Jim Richardson. President Richardson stated the award honored her enthusiasm and positive influence on those around her at the college and in the greater community. The award acknowledged her positive influence on the many students and community members she has impacted.

In conclusion, the Wenatchee Valley College Board of Trustees is incredibly thankful for Livia's years of service to students, the Colville Confederated Tribes, and the greater community, and her work to elevate diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education.

SPECIAL REPORTS

2. **Mason Renslow, ASWVC Wenatchee President**
Mason Renslow was not present to provide an update.
3. **Abigail Steinshouer, ASWVC Omak President**
Abigail Steinshouer provided the board with an update on the upcoming events in Omak including Stand Against Racism, Earth Day, Washington State Poet Laureate, the Fun Run, and graduation scheduled for June 19. ASWVCO is also working on a partnership with the campus pantry to improve its services.
4. **Wendy Glenn, Chief Steward WPEA**
Wendy Glenn was not present to provide a verbal report.
5. **Patrick Tracy, AHE President**
Patrick Tracy was not present to provide a verbal report.
6. **Livia Millard, WVC Omak Foundation President**
Livia did not add to the written report.

STAFF REPORTS

7. **Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services**
Mr. Riley did not add to his written report.
8. **Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction**
Dr. Treat was not present to provide an update.
9. **Dr. Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services**
In addition to the written report, Dr. Flores recognized Isaac Jones for being named the Baden Men's Basketball Player of the Year.
10. **Dr. Jim Richardson, President**
President Richardson did not add to his written report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT – 3:17 P.M.

Secretary

Chair