

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

November 7, 2018

9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Introductions

Approval of Agenda
Approval of September 20 Meeting Minutes
Introductions of Council and Audience Members
Maud Daudon, Chair

9:15 a.m. WSAC Executive Director Report

Michael Meotti, Executive Director

9:30 a.m. Key Challenge: Support for Returning Adult Students

Dr. Craig Parks, Washington State University
Dr. Trish Henley, Seattle University
Kristin Economo, Seattle Community College District

10:30 a.m. 2019-21 Strategic Action Plan and Legislative Agendas

Dr. Rachelle Sharpe, Deputy Executive Director

Paul Francis, Council of Presidents
Dr. Michaela Miller, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Dr. Terri Standish-Kuon, Independent Colleges of Washington
John Boesenberg, State Board for Community Technical Colleges
Nova Gattman, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board
Marc Casale, Career Connect Washington
Jesse Gilliam, Washington STEM
Juliette Schindler-Kelly, College Success Foundation
Guillermo Rogel Jr, Washington Student Association

12:00 p.m. Public Comment

12:15 p.m. Adjourn

The next Council meeting will be in Seattle on January 30, 2019.

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2018

Northwest African American Museum - Seattle

Members attending:

Maud Daudon, Karen Lee, Paul Francis, Jan Yoshiwara, Jeff Charbonneau, Michaela Miller, Susan Reyes, Terri Standish-Kuon, and Yazmin Aguilar.

Staff attending:

Michael Meotti, Rachele Sharpe, Aaron Wyatt, Amelia Moore Ami Magisos, Becky Thompson, Crystal Hall, Isaac Kwakye, Marc Webster, Weiya Liang, and Kristin Ritter.

Chair Maud Daudon called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

LaNesha DeBardelaben, Executive Director of the Northwest African American Museum, welcomed the Council and guests to the museum. The mission of the museum is to open minds and change lives through the exploration and celebration of African American history, culture, and art. The goal of their work is to enhance diversity, foster unity, and improve the quality of life for all.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda, including minutes from both August 23 and September 7, as presented.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

Washington Roundtable: The Path to 70% report

Brian Jeffries, Policy Director, Washington Roundtable/Partnership for Learning

In 2015, the Washington Roundtable aligned their goal to complement the state's educational goals. They determined measurable milestones which, if increased, would lead to their goal by 2023.

1. High school graduation rate must increase to 95 percent
2. Postsecondary enrollment of those graduates must increase to 95 percent
3. Of those who enrolled, their postsecondary graduation rates must increase to 70 percent
4. Re-engagement of those who fell out of the system must increase by 7 percent.

Among other topics, Members discussed the challenge of students overestimating the cost of education, increasing graduation rates, and the need to eliminate equity gaps. Members also discussed strengthening supports for transfer students and creating multiple pathways to the workforce.

Mayor Jenny Durkan

The Mayor provided an overview of Seattle's education levy and the goal to leverage education to address the city's social and economic challenges. Members expressed their shared commitment to expanding and enhancing promising programs and initiatives, and recognized Seattle's Youth Opportunity Initiative as an excellent example of a holistic approach to educational attainment.

United Way of King County

Lauren McGowan, Director of Family Stability
Opportunity pathways programs
Social service supports for college students

United Way of King County (UWKC) is providing help for students to complete their education through the Benefits Hub. The Benefits Hub is currently a coordinated one-stop shop for services at seven colleges in King County.

Members discussed leveraging services for undocumented students, food pantries on campuses, and 2-1-1, a national program that can connect people to a myriad of services.

Perspectives from Different Populations

Cordelia Revells, Refugee Resettlement Programs Manager, Jewish Family Services
Dawn Rains, Chief Policy & Strategy Officer, Treehouse
Michael Murphy, Director of Client & Community Services, Pioneer Human Services

Each of the presenters gave the Council an overview of their respective organizations and the services they provide. The presenters illustrated the barriers each of their unique populations face in pursuing education.

Member discussion centered on the long-term sustainability of current efforts, next steps, state funding, and other needed supports to ensure the continued operation of these vital services.

Setting the Stage for our Future Policy Work

Isaac Kwakye, Director of Research
Marc Webster, Director of External Affairs
Gray Sterling, Assistant Director of Policy and Planning

WSAC staff connected today's discussions to the current and future work of the Council. Members discussed the need for greater services and support for older students who are currently enrolled or who would benefit in returning to school to finish their education.

Members also had an opportunity to welcome two new WSAC staff members to the policy team, Ami Magisos and Amelia Moore.

Public Comment

Jeff Charbonneau offered reflection on today's conversation and hopes people are inspired to action.

Chair Maud Daudon adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.