

WEIAOB Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Attending:

Chris Bailey, Collin Bannister, Jane Broom, Ruben Flores, Barbara Hult, Charles Knutson, Mollie Kuwahara, William (Bill) Lyne, Eleni Papadakis, Dr. Terri Standish-Kuon, and Jeff Vincent.

Staff attending:

Joel Anderson, Kimberly Hetrick, Isaac Kwakye, Grace Nelson, and Shannon Peterson.

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Action: Approving the Meeting Agenda for July 17, 2025

Motion made to approve the Board's meeting agenda for July 17, 2025.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

Action: Approving Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2025

Motion made to approve the Board's meeting minutes for May 8, 2025.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

Presentation and Discussion: Board Governance Workgroup

Presenters: Joel Anderson, Jane Broom

Materials: [2025 Governance Workgroup Summary](#)

- The workgroup met three times to develop draft bylaws for the Board to approve. Until now, the Board has never had formal bylaws.
- Joel reviewed each section of the draft bylaws for Board members. Key sections include:
 - Section 4: Board Co-chairs. While both Co-chairs will hold their positions for one-year terms, it is the intent of the Board that Co-chairs will serve at least two consecutive one-year terms.
 - Section 7: Ad Hoc Advisory Committees. The Board will create a legislative advisory committee each year to prepare recommendations for the ensuing legislative session and remain active through the end of that session.
 - Section 10: Voting Procedures. All Board members, including legislators, have voting rights.
- Board members provided feedback on the draft bylaws for future consideration.

- It may be beneficial to select Co-chairs a year in advance of their terms so that they have additional time to transition into their roles.
 - WSAC's Assistant Attorney General confirmed that the draft bylaws may not conflict with the Board's statute, [RCW 28B.77.310](#).
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Action: Approving the Board's Draft Bylaws

Motion made to approve the Board's draft bylaws as prepared by the Governance workgroup.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

Action: Election of Co-chairs for 2025-26

Presenters: Joel Anderson, Jane Broom

- Jane Broom (business representative) and Rep. Dave Paul (legislator) were elected as Board Co-chairs for 2025-26.
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Presentation and Discussion: 2026 Legislative Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Presenters: Joel Anderson, Jane Broom

Materials: [2026 Legislative Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Proposal](#)

- The legislative advisory committee (LAC) will review current WEIA expenditures and develop draft recommendations for the 2026 legislative session.
 - The LAC will remain active through the end of the 2026 legislative session to help the Board respond to new budget- and legislation-related developments, as needed.
 - LAC members will be determined on an annual basis.
 - Recommendations from the LAC will not need to be approved by WSAC's Council (like agency decision packages and request legislation).
 - Interested Board members may volunteer to serve on the LAC by emailing Joel before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 24.
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Comments & Questions:

- Board members expressed support for forming the LAC and facilitating more continuous engagement with both Gov. Ferguson's office and the Legislature during the 2026 legislative session.
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Action: Creating a 2026 Legislative Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Motion made to create a 2026 legislative advisory committee for the Board.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

Presentation: WSIPP Study on Guided Pathways

Presenters: Julia Cramer

Materials: [Meeting Slides](#)

- Julia provided an overview of the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP)'s ongoing evaluation of Guided Pathways (GP), a whole-college reform framework designed to help students in community and technical colleges (CTCs) choose academic paths and earn credentials or transfer on time.
- In 2021 the Legislature passed [SB 5194](#), directing WSIPP to conduct an evaluation of the implementation of GP in Washington, identify evidence of its effectiveness, and examine student outcomes.
- WSIPP asked all 34 CTCs to respond to a survey about GP implementation that included questions framed around four legislative requirement areas: mapping educational pathways, advising and career counseling, data analysis, and student support services.
 - 33 CTCs responded. All of them were implementing GP to some extent.
- GP has increased collaboration between CTC staff, faculty, and advisors; improved equity; and contributed to positive culture changes on CTC campuses.
- Challenge areas for GP have included COVID-19-related implementation problems; staff capacity and turnover; CTC-wide changes to their data system, ctLink; and program buy-in.
- Between 2012 and 2019 (prior to the COVID-19 pandemic):
 - Rates of first-year retention increased similarly at both GP and non-GP CTCs.
 - Rates of first-year course completion (English and Math) increased similarly at both GP and non-GP CTCs.
 - Rates of first-year credit accumulation increased similarly at both GP and non-GP CTCs.
 - Average GPAs increased similarly at both GP and non-GP CTCs.
- WSIPP's final report on GP is due to the Legislature in December 2029.
- Questions about WSIPP's GP evaluation may be directed to Julia Cramer at Julia.Cramer@wsipp.wa.gov.

Public Comment

No meeting attendees provided public comments.

Closing

Presenters: Jane Broom

- The next Board meeting is October 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., on Zoom.

See Appendix

Meeting Adjourned: 11:56 a.m.

Appendix A

[TVW meeting recording 7-17-2025](#)

Appendix B

10:08:45 From Ingrid Stegemoeller to Everyone:

Hi! Ingrid Stegemoeller, WA Roundtable/Partnership for Learning

10:08:46 From Nova Gattman, Workforce Board to Everyone:

Good morning, everyone! Nova Gattman, Deputy Executive Director at the Workforce Board.

10:09:03 From Miller Freeman to Everyone:

Miller Freeman, staff for the Senate Higher Ed committee for the Senate Republican Caucus

10:09:39 From Vanessa Ponce to Everyone:

Good morning! Vanessa Ponce, Washington Student Association Executive Director

10:10:16 From Brian Jeffries to Everyone:

Brian Jeffries, Washington Roundtable/Partnership for Learning

10:12:58 From Ramona Nabors, OFM to Everyone:

Good morning! Ramona Nabors, Budget Advisor to the Governor on Higher Education at the Office of Financial Management.

10:30:30 From Barbara Hult to Everyone:

I think the team did a nice job on this-- decisive and clear given the boundaries of the RCW

10:44:02 From Barbara Hult to Everyone:

thank you Jane!

10:44:37 From Ruben Flores to Everyone:

Thank you Jane!

10:52:15 From Collin Bannister to Everyone:

Could someone in the work group be appointed to serve as a committee chair or Coordinator to help with the work load of the committee?

10:56:40 From Terri Standish-Kuon to Everyone:

As we are touching on session effects in terms of the essential student aid that WEIA supports, we don't want to lose sight that award levels for the Washington College Grant and College Bound Scholarships for Washingtonians attending not-for-profit colleges and universities were slashed by \$3,200-\$6,800 per student; restored support will be critical for these students.

11:02:12 From Joel Anderson (he/him) | WSAC to Everyone:

The bill draft below makes the following changes to the Board's statute, RCW 28B.77.310 (with all amendatory language highlighted):

- Extends Co-chairs' term lengths from one to two years.
- Requires the Board to elect Co-chairs biennially instead of annually.
- Allows the Board to meet more than four times a year.
- Requires the Board to consult data from WSAC instead of WTB and eliminates the requirement for WTB to maintain a public-facing WEIAOB data dashboard.
- Changes the annual due date for the Board's legislative report to December 31 from August 1.

11:09:52 From Julia Cramer to Everyone:

Wsipp_Guided-Pathways-Preliminary-Report-on-Implementation-and-Student-Outcomes_Report.pdf

11:20:14 From Chris Bailey to Everyone:

Also covid

11:35:48 From Collin Bannister to Everyone:

This might be later in the presentation but I'm curious if there are surveys or individual evaluations from students that took part in the program? Essentially I'm curious if there are student stories sharing the impact of the program.

11:36:22 From Jane Broom to Everyone:

It would be nice to see more current data. When will refreshed data be available?

11:38:26 From Joel Anderson (he/him) | WSAC to Everyone:

Meeting slides: 2025-07-17 WEIAOB Meeting Slides

11:48:16 From Ingrid Stegemoeller to Everyone:

Thank you for the opportunity to observe this meeting! I need to jump early. Enjoy the sun.