

**Western Washington University
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 11, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Trustee John M. Meyer called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University to order at 3:05 p.m., via Zoom. A quorum was established by roll call.

Board of Trustees

John M Meyer, Chair – *via Zoom*
Chase Franklin, Vice Chair – *via Zoom*
Bruce Harrell, - *via Zoom*
Karen Lee – *via Zoom*
Faith Pettis – *via Zoom*
Sue Sharpe, Secretary– *via Zoom*
Hunter Stuehm – *via Zoom*
Mo West – *via Zoom*

Western Washington University

Sabah Randhawa, President
Brent Carbajal, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Richard Van Den Hul, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
Stephanie Bowers, Vice President for Advancement
Melynda Huskey, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services
Donna Gibbs, Vice President for University Relations and Marketing
Becca Kenna-Schenk, Executive Director, Government Relations
Jeff Young, Faculty Senate President
Sargun Handa, Associated Students Senate Pro-Tempore
Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General
Paul Cocke, Director, Communication and Marketing
Paul Dunn, Chief of Staff to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Barbara Sandoval, Senior Executive Assistant to the President
Rayne Rambo, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**2. ROUNDTABLE CONVERSATION WITH REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERS
ON THE COVID RECOVERY**

Brent Carbajal, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs facilitated a conversation among leaders of Western's higher education partners that included Kathi Hiyane-Brown, President, Whatcom Community College; Walter Hudsick, Interim President and Chief Academic Officer, Bellingham Technical College; Justin Guillory, President, Northwest Indian College; Marty Cavalluzzi, President, Olympic College. The collaborative discussed the shared challenges and opportunities presented by the COVID pandemic and its associated economic and social justice impacts for Higher Education in the state of Washington. The Washington Roundtable report "[Path to 70% Credential Attainment: Recovery and Reimagining](#)" provided a framework for the discussion, which ranged from the need to further engage K-12 partners to address the pipeline to higher education, to bringing greater urgency to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in their institutions. It was agreed that the conversation was productive, and the group should continue to

meet and expand the scope of the conversation by including additional community partners such as the public-school systems in Whatcom County.