

**OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Newport Campus  
Community Room, 400 SE College Way  
Newport Oregon  
Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 6:00pm  
Zoom Meeting ID: <https://oregoncoast.zoom.us/j/92813218084>

**Regular Business Meeting**

**A. Call to Order**

**a. Board roll call**

Acting-Chair Debbie Kilduff called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. The meeting was held in a hybrid format with attendees both in-person and virtual via Zoom. Board members in attendance: Acting Chair Debbie Kilduff, Vice Chair Rich Emery, Alison Baker, Alison Nelson-Robertson, and Nancy Osterlund. Chair Chris Chandler and Jeff Ouderkirk were excused.

**b. Welcomes and Introductions**

President Ryslinge welcomed OCCC staff in attendance: Joy Gutknecht (Director of HR), Dr. Andres Oroz (VP of Student Affairs), Chris Rogers (Director of Facilities & Public Safety), Lori Templeman (Executive Assistant to the Board and President), Alex Rybicki (IT Support Technician), Dan Lara (VP of Academic Affairs), Dave Price (VP of Engagement), Spencer Smith (Director of IT), and Marion Mann (PT Faculty, Biology).

**c. Approval of Business Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2022**

Alison Nelson-Robertson moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 21st. Alison Baker seconded. All voted in Favor. **Motion passed.**

**e. Finalize agenda**

No changes.

**B. Communications**

**a. Written**

No written communications.

**b. Public comment on agenda items**

No public comment.

**C. College Reports**

**a. President's Report**

President Ryslinge began with a summary of the feedback received from the NWCCU Mid-Cycle visit. Two peer evaluators visited the college Monday and Tuesday October 17-18<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Jeff Wagnitz, and Mr. James Brady. These evaluators come from other colleges and have gone through a training and development process with NWCCU. They have a great deal of experience performing visits to provide formative feedback on OCCC's readiness for the Year Seven Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness. They cannot provide specific recommendations, only general guidance. The evaluators met with

numerous employees of the college and developed a good understanding of OCCC and systems of data collection. The data system is new since tracking began when accreditation began in 2020, even though the college has been in operation since 1987. The data collection will be more robust with time.

A written report will be sent within 7 days, which will go to the NWCCU staff, and the commission will accept and review that report. Eight topics of informal feedback were shared.

1. OCCC's commitment to student success and a positive culture stands out.
2. The evaluators were impressed by our next Strategic Plan – identifying meaningful and aspirational priorities to meet the future.
3. Conveyed they are impressed with OCCC's organizational development despite multiple challenges since 2020.
4. In their opinion, the systems we have built are "solid, well defined, thoughtfully crafted".
5. Our focus in the next four years must be to consistently utilize and implement our systems, to build a multi-year history of cycles of review, and to use our systems as intended.
6. Publication and sharing of achievement data should occur more consistently. With a new data collection system, it is difficult to define meaning with a short time span. OCCC is encouraged to generate and aggregate our data by student groups. Strategies were discussed to make numbers more meaningful.
7. Of the 13 goals identified in our MCE report, #'s 3, 9, and 10 will provide a clear path for the year 7 review Fall 2026.
8. Prepare now for the Year 6 Review: Policies, Regulations, & Financial Review taking place in Fall 2025.

Ryslunge announced the LCSD and OCCC Joint Board Meeting will be rescheduled for spring 2023.

OCCC Community Outreach and Engagement Updates:

- The Gear Up College and Career Fair will take place October 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. The event encourages LCSD 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students from the four regular high schools and three public charter schools to attend college and learn more about degrees and certificates available to them. OCCC staff and faculty will be participating.
- College Goal Oregon took place October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Newport and Lincoln City campuses to help Lincoln County students and their families complete the FAFSA or ORSAA applications. Bilingual support was provided.
- The Shark Shack has been started by student government to combat food insecurity by providing shelf-stable food, hygiene, and cleaning products to the OCCC community. OCCC staff and faculty made contributions during In Service and contributions can be made at the Association of Student Government office.
- The North Center hosted the Ford Family Foundation and Conexion Fenix (providing support for Latino families impacted by the Echo Mountain Complex Fire).
- Lincoln City Rotary Club and OSU Extension volunteers expanded the community garden in Lincoln City.
- OCCC SBDC is hosting Waldport Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, 10/25 at 7:30am. Over 70 have RSVP'd!

- OCCC hosted Leadership Lincoln last week in Lincoln City; SBDC was featured on the panel. OCCC has 3 staff enrolled in the program.
- The League of Women Voters Candidates Forum will take place at the Newport Campus and on Zoom October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- North Center hosted presidents and officers from Audubon Society chapters across Oregon.
- VP of Engagement Dave Price attended the grand opening of Siletz Bay Pelican Pub & Brewery on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Newport Economic Development Summit will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup> with VP Dave Price acting as a moderator.

President Ryslinge, Cameron Vasquez (recent nursing graduate), and Samaritan Hospitals CEO Lesley Ogden were featured with host Marc Goldberg in the “All In: Student Pathways Forward” Podcast. Season 1 focused on student experiences while attending community colleges. Season 2 focuses on graduates as they move into the workforce. This episode shares the importance and mutual benefit of the long-standing partnership between the college and hospital to support both economic mobility for residents and employer workforce needs in a rural community. Season 2, Episode 203. Available for download.

Ryslinge shared a few examples from one of the priorities in the College’s Strategic Plan, “Sharks Making Marks”, representing the ways employees and students impact the community.

- Biology Professor Matt Fisher and his student’s submission to the journal “*Microbiology Resource Announcements*” has been accepted for publication.
- Larry Boles (AQS Director) and Trevor Erdmann (PT AQS Faculty) submitted a grant to the National Science Foundation Advance Technical Education Mentor Connect Program.
- Dr. Crystal Bowman (Director of Nursing and Allied Health) had a conference proposal accepted by the National League of Nurses for the NLN National Research Conference in Washington, D.C. She will be presenting “Teaching Caring and Empathetic Behaviors Through the use of Simulation”.

Now that staff and students are on-site, some staff events are returning. Costume-palooza and a Taco Potluck will take place October 31<sup>st</sup>. The staff costume contest will be combined with the students for the first time, with North Center participating remotely on Zoom. Additional activities include the Great Oregon Shake Out earthquake preparedness drill. The drill takes place October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:20am.

b. Future Ready Oregon and other grants at OCCC: Dan Lara, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Lara presented information about Future Ready Oregon and grants OCCC has received. Governor Kate Brown proposed a \$200M Investment for the 2021-23 Biennium collectively known as Future Ready Oregon to address Oregon’s workforce crisis. Oregon entered 2020 with a declared need of 300,000 of additional post-secondary credentials to prepare workers for a future that is increasingly complex and skilled. The pandemic has further exacerbated the workforce crises and highlighted disparities in how Oregon’s workforce system serves communities of color. The intent of the program is to build a workforce system with customized solutions to meet the unique needs of historically underserved communities. Awards are divided into 2 main categories: non-competitive and competitive grants. Many grants require a focus on healthcare, manufacturing, and technology.

Non-Competitive Direct Awards for Community Colleges and Partners

- In July, OCCC was awarded \$395k from Career Pathways to support healthcare, manufacturing, and technology programs. This funding is being used to sustain the welding

program by purchasing welding equipment, upgrading facilities, increasing the program from 12 to 18 students, and hiring a Welding Instructional Specialist. In addition, the funding will supplement the \$500k Health Resources and Services Administration grant awarded last spring for the nursing simulation lab at the North Center, as well as support of curriculum development for the Certified Nursing Assistant program. Additionally, funding will waive tuition and fees for GED and ESL students who are simultaneously taking credit courses in CTE programs such as welding or CNA, and new pathways supporting Spanish Speakers in early childhood education and business.

- Northwest Oregon Works (the local workforce development board) is receiving \$850k to provide career coaching, occupational training, and job placement services for low-income jobseekers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding will provide support for childcare, transportation, and rental assistance. This will provide income support and stipends offered as incentives as they transition into these jobs. OCCC students who are eligible and apply through a CTE program through the eligible training provider list can access this fund.

#### Competitive Grants

- The Credit for Prior Learning Grant was awarded to OCCC. It was submitted by Dr. Melissa Batchelor (Associate Dean of Academic Affairs) and Dr. Crystal Bowmen, with support from Dr. Ann Hovey (Registrar), and Tabitha Hoadley (Academic Coordinator). The \$120k award will provide funding to develop the systems, policies, and assessment instruments allowing the college to recognize past education training proficiencies. This gives OCCC the ability to award credit to students with prior training, such as military service or other developed skill sets to carry forward toward a 4-year degree program. \$20k of the grant goes toward marketing this program to the community.
- Youth Workforce Readiness and Reengagement subgrants for Future Ready Oregon are opening in Dec/Jan. for youth ages 14-24 looking to reengage with education.
- Workforce Readiness Grants provide infrastructure, supplies, and staffing to entities providing training to individuals working toward certification in technology, healthcare, and manufacturing. Round 2 of funding is upcoming.

Rich Emery stated he was impressed with the presentation and grant accomplishments.

#### D. Board Reports

##### a. Foundation Liaison: Nancy Osterlund

- The Oregon State Credit Union donated \$2,000 to the Foundation
- Foundation Board will meet on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.
- The Donor Scholar Reception will take place October 27<sup>th</sup>, 4-5:30pm. The reception provides a chance to hear from the students, learn how their lives have been changed, and how they have been impacted by their experience at OCCC. The reception also provides an opportunity for donors to meet scholars and hear their life-changing stories.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Art and Auction finishes October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Newport Campus in the Commons. Bid online at <https://www.32Auctions.com/OCCCFArtAuction>
- A new edition of *The Rising Tide* newsletter is released. It features profiles of Eric Power, Annette M. Mulee, Sandy Roumagoux, David Robinson, and Dan Lara.

##### b. OCCA Liaison: Richard Emery

- Emery and Ryslinge attended the OCCA Board Meeting in Pendleton, OR. The OCCA is presenting regulatory and financial positions to the Legislature.

- OCCA Annual Conference will be held November 2-4<sup>th</sup> in Sunriver, OR. Rich Emery, Alison Baker, and President Ryslinge will be attending.
- Ryslinge mentioned that with a new fiscal biennium, the Board may be in the position of having to finalize the college budget (due June 30) before the level for the state Community College Support Fund (CCSF) has been set. An answer on funding may not be available until September. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission is supportive of and asking for a 27% increase over the prior biennium's funding.
- OCCC has had no tuition increases during the pandemic. The rates may need to increase next year.
- Beginning in January, the weekly legislative Tuesday conference call is open to all OCCA board members and staff members to track bills in the legislative session that impact community colleges.

c. Other Board Reports

No additional reports.

**E. Information & Discussion Items**

None

**F. Action Items**

a. Accept and Approve List of Annual Goals from Board Retreat

*(Ryslinge shared feedback from NWCCU visit suggested we do not need to establish metrics within the strategic plan and can rely on metrics from student achievement. She proposed to delete "and metrics" from goal #2.)*

1. Support the President in developing and advancing a new General Obligation Bond (GOB) Measure concurrent with payoff of the current GOB, sufficient in scope to address the facility needs of OCCC for the next 20 years (including the new Technical Trades building in Newport: Workforce Education Readiness Center).
2. Adopt, support, and advance the next College Strategic Plan (2023-2028) inclusive of 2023-2024 goals ~~and metrics.~~
3. Continue the review process for Board Policy updates, using staff recommendations and the OCCA Board Policy Service to ensure all necessary policy areas are addressed and recency within 5 years is maintained.
4. Provide oversight and support for College momentum in addressing NWCCU recommendations (2020) and ensuring a successful 7-year reaccreditation review in 2026.

Alison Baker motioned to accept the list of annual goals from the Board Retreats. Alison Nelson-Robinson seconded. All were in favor. **Motion carries as amended.**

**G. Announcement of future meetings:**

The next regularly scheduled meetings of the OCCC Board of Education will be held November 16, 2022, 6:00pm in-person at North County Center 3788 SE High School Dr. Lincoln City, OR, & via Zoom.

**H. Adjournment**

Debbie Kilduff adjourned the meeting at 7:03pm.

Minutes submitted by: Executive Assistant, Lori Templeman

Approved by:

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Birgitte Ryslinge, PhD  
Clerk of the Board