

CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**BOARD WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

January 9, 2026

Diane Watson, Chair, called the Board Work Session to order at 8:48 am in the Boardroom, Building 2, Room 170, at the Salem Campus.

Members in Attendance: Jackie Franke; Ken Hector; Neva Hutchinson; Birgitte Ryslinge (Zoom); and Diane Watson, Chair. Excused Absences: Betsy Earls and Iton Udosenata.

College Administrators in Attendance: Jessica Howard, President/Chief Executive Officer; David Hallett, Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs; Alice Sprague, Vice President, Governance and Administration; and Aaron Hunter, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, College Support Services/Finance.

Guests: Patrick O'Connor, Oregon Department of Employment; Isaac Talley, Director of Facilities; and Brendan Watkins and David Williams, Piper Sandler.

Work Session

Diane Watson provided a welcome and Diane and Jessica Howard discussed the agenda. David Williams and Brendan Watkins discussed PERS side accounts and Chemeketa's impact; Patrick O'Connor presented on economic projections for the Mid-Willamette Valley; Isaac Talley gave a bond construction update; and Jessica discussed community engagement work. The board asked clarifying questions throughout the work session and thanked the presenters for their work.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Deuchars
Executive Coordinator

Jessica Howard
President/Chief Executive Officer

Diane Watson
Board Chair

January 21, 2026
Date