

Minutes
July 15, 2026

CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES**

July 6, 2026

I. SPECIAL SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER

Diane Watson, Chair, called the special board meeting to order at 8:30 am. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

B. CHEMEKETA LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Diane Watson read the land acknowledgement.

C. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance: Betsy Earls; Neva Hutchinson; Birgitte Ryslinge; Iton Udosenata; and Diane Watson, Chair. Excused Absence: Jackie Franke

College Administrators in Attendance: Jessica Howard, President/CEO; David Hallett, Acting in Charge (AIC) 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.

D. REORGANIZATION OF THE COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Birgitte Ryslinge nominated Betsy Earls for board chair for 2026–2027; the motion was seconded by Iton Udosenata.

Betsy Earls, Vice Chair: abstain; Neva Hutchinson: yes; Birgitte Ryslinge: yes; Iton Udosenata: yes; Diane Watson, Chair: yes.

A unanimous roll call vote was taken, and the motion CARRIED.

Neva Hutchinson nominated Birgitte Ryslinge for board vice chair for 2026–2027; the motion was seconded by Betsy Earls.

Betsy Earls, Vice Chair: yes; Neva Hutchinson: yes; Birgitte Ryslinge: abstain; Iton Udosenata: yes; Diane Watson, Chair: yes.

A unanimous roll call vote was taken, and the motion CARRIED.

Jessica thanked Diane Watson for her service as board chair.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Deuchars
Executive Coordinator

Jessica Howard
President/Chief Executive Officer

Elizabeth Earls
Board Chair

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Date