



Board of Trustees Meeting

South Hill Campus, Room 114

Zoom Link for those who cannot attend in person:

<https://cptc-edu.zoom.us/j/83543974093>

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Study Session: Cancelled

Regular Meeting: 4:00 – 5:20 p.m.

Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order, Land and Labor Acknowledgement, Introductions: Trustee Phillips called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for Clover Park Technical College (CPTC) to order on April 9, 2025, at 4:09 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Board of Trustees Present:

Adria Buchanan – Via zoom

Tong Zhu

Jesus Villegas Rivera

Alice Phillips

College President: Dr. Joyce Loveday

Assistant Attorney General (AAG): John D. Clark – via Zoom

Excused Absences: Eli Taylor

Executive Team:

Amelia Grayson, VP for Finance and Administration

Dr. James Neblett, Associate VP for Human Resources and Culture

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION:

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented, was made by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Zhu. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes (Tab 1)

MOTION:

Motion to adopt the minutes of the March 12, 2025 Board meeting as presented, was made by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Zhu. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comments

None

President's Report

Dr. Loveday Thanked everyone in attendance for coming, stating that she was glad to be on the east side of our district.

Student Success

She introduced Alexandria Franchini who is a recent graduate of our Aviation Maintenance Technician program. Ms. Franchini said that her story at CPTC started in 2021 went she took a trip throughout America ending at Kitty Hawk. Her thoughts throughout her trip kept leading her back to aviation. Following her trip, she studied for her private pilot's license, and then investigated aviation maintenance programs. CPTC left a great impression on her, so she signed up for the AMT program here.

In August of 2022 she received a severe injury at work requiring her arm to be placed in a cast for most of her time at CPTC. Despite her fears that she would not be able to perform the work with one arm, she kept pushing forward. Having completed the AMT program, she is now looking forward to her future with confidence earned through her experiences here. She thanked her many teachers here for their support. She finished her time in the program, taking the FAA professional license exam, and passing with 91 percent. She is now getting ready continue her education at Embry Riddle, working toward a bachelor's degree in AMT.

Chair Villegas Rivera congratulated Ms. Franchini and ask her why she was attracted to CPTC. She said that she felt ignored at another school she toured, but felt comfortable and welcome in our program.

Trustee Zhu was impressed by Ms. Franchini's drive and was proud of both her and the good work of CPTC.

Trustee Phillips asked what her goals are. She replied that she wants to work at Boeing. She is attracted to both general aviation and safety. Ms. Phillips encouraged her to remember that she has earned her seat at the table, and never give it up.

Trustee Buchanan ask what are the soft skills Alexandria had learned in the program. She said that with the help of her instructors who pushed her when she was injured, she learned that she can do anything, and that asking for help is not a sign of weakness.

Miscellaneous

For the last two days CPTC employees have been participating in Charting Our Future, the Power of Us, a seminar sponsored by Graduate Tacoma. During the event, CPTC's Financial Aid Department was honored with the Community Impact Award, having been nominated for their important role in Pierce County.

The Winter quarter is now complete and spring quarter has begun, continuing the upward trend for enrollment.

Dr. Loveday has been engaging in advocacy both in person in Olympia, and electronically in tandem with efforts by the Board of Trustees. The budget outlook is not good, but we don't know exactly what that means to us yet.

SkillsUSA WA held its state championship on our campus for the third consecutive year. 3000 students participated in the competition. CPTC entered college-level participants for the first time, and several students earned medals allowing them to compete on the national level. Many faculty assisted in the competition, and Dr. Loveday is proud of our involvement.

Our eastside training center has high school students starting April 1 in both electrician low voltage and HVAC programs. This is an important initiative in an area of Pierce County with few resources. Unfortunately, the loss of U.S. Department of Education staff has resulted in delay of approval to offer federal financial aid to students enrolled at the site. This is normally a six-week process. We are still waiting, and it has now been four months.

Trustee Zhu asked what CPTC will do if the Department of Education does not come through. Dr. Loveday replied that we will work with non-federal aid partners, and high school students. Next week Senator Patty Murray will be visiting CPTC, and Dr. Loveday will share this problem with her.

Chair Villegas Rivera expressed his gratitude for the continued hard work of CPTC staff and faculty.

College Reports or Highlights

CAAB Report (Tab 2)

Elias Dzul provided a report from the Campus Activities and Advocacy Board (CAAB). Because the Spring quarter has just begun, the report consisted of data from Winter quarter.

Trustee Phillips asked about plans for the new quarter and was told that the first activity is a Nintendo super smash bros event.

Overview of Aviation (Tab 3)

Greg Doyon AMT instructor and South Hill Campus liaison presented an overview of the Aviation program at Clover Park Technical College's South Hill Campus.

Mr. Doyon noted that the campus is 24 years old, and provided an overview of the programs maintained there.

Avionics (aviation electronics) leads to two possible industry certifications. It typically has 10-18 students enrolled.

The Aviation Maintenance Program has been in operation since 1942 when it was begun in Lakewood as part of the World War II effort. Successful students receive FAA licensure. There are typically 95 or more students enrolled with 40 on a wait list. The current wait list is over 1.5 years.

The Professional Pilot program is a multi-level pilot training program, that can culminate in a commercial pilot certificate. Because we are an institution of higher education, our programs require fewer flight hours than other pilot schools to achieve certifications. This program is working to expand its offerings with a bachelor's program. The bachelor's program would further reduce the number of flight hours needed.

Mr. Doyon noted that the campus is looking forward to new aircraft that have been ordered. Thanks to the Board of Trustees' support.

Mr. Doyon noted that recently, a partnership with Pierce County has allowed the college to acquire electric aircraft propulsion equipment so that our students can be trained in this cutting-edge technology.

The next part of Mr. Doyon's presentation focused on planning considerations for the future.

He noted that the AMT program is in need of newer model engines for students to work on. There is a long lead on orders. 10 units could cost a million and take a year to get. Used items have similar costs and timeframes. With some research, the aviation program has been able to locate experimental engines which would be less. All estimates are based upon pre-tariff quotes.

When the new airplanes arrive, protective structures will be needed to store the new aircraft out of the weather. Although the weather is not generally a danger in itself, it can cause delays in training, and moving aircraft from place to place is an opportunity for mishaps

Trustee Phillips noted that aside from the recent decision to replace aircraft, there have been no major requests since the aviation campus was built. She noted that the current strategic expenses are the result of not keeping up with equipment needs over time. She said that we owe it to our students to provide that going forward.

Amelia Grayson noted that the South Hill campus currently includes 10 acres, and that she has been involved in looking at asset protection in the form of t-hangers.

Mr. Doyon went on to note that having spare engines for flying aircraft would also be useful to prevent grounding of aircraft during repairs and maintenance.

The airport where the South Hill campus is located is going to have some maintenance done in the near future requiring it to be temporarily shut down. CPTC is looking at expanding to other facilities both to address the temporary situation, and also for long term program expansion which could also alleviate crowding at South Hill.

Crowding is also a problem for parking at this campus due to the popularity of the programs. Options are being considered.

Dr. Loveday noted that the programs' quality creates both high demand and good student retention.

Trustee Zhu asked how long it takes a student to complete the programs and how much they cost.

The full commercial pilot program costs \$70-80,000, and requires about 2.5 years. With two years more experience, a student can become an airline pilot.
A private pilot program takes about 6 months and costs \$15-20,000.

Trustee Zhu also asked if there are any private funding sources. There are only funds available for the students, not for operations expenses.

Trustee Buchanan asked if students have to pay for their own insurance, and was told that the insurance is covered by college through Washington State Department of Enterprise Services.

Chair's Report

Chair Villegas Rivera appreciated the detailed information about aviation programs, as it helps the Board advocate. He would be interested in more presentations of this type.

Board Reports and/or Remarks

Trustee Zhu noted that these are trying times, stating that we must stay strong, and thanked everyone of their work.

Trustee Phillips stated that our "kids" are being attack. These are attacks on the skilled trades which made our country. Thanks to staff. Thanks students too as we navigate our current difficulties. She encouraged all to hang in. She also Thanked our fellow board members noting that she has recommitted for another term because she believes in what we do.

Trustee Buchanan said that she looks forward to future small and not-so-small wins.

New Business


None

Executive Session

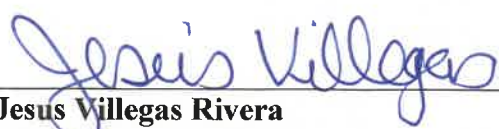
None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 was made by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Zhu. The motion was approved unanimously.



Dr. Joyce Loveday
President
College District Twenty-Nine



Jesus Villegas Rivera
Chair, Board of Trustees
College District Twenty-Nine