



Grays Harbor College provides meaningful and engaging learning opportunities and support services to enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities of our students and support the cultural and economic needs of our community.

Grays Harbor College Board of Trustees Special Meeting

Board Meeting: The special Board meeting was convened on March 20, 2026, at 10:34 AM.

Members Present: Dr. Paula Akerlund, Dr. Harry Carthum,

Members Present on Zoom: Astrid Aveledo, Aliza Esty, Jim Sayce

Others Present: Dr. Carli Schiffner, Derek Edens

Others Present on Zoom: Ja'Shonae Cooks, Matthew Barber, Alana Bertot, Holly Bringman, Madelyn Roy, Haley McGraw, Brian Mahoney, Annalee Atwell-Tobar, Karyn Olson, Jennifer Johnson, Barbara Dyer, Erin Tofte

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Dr. Paula Akerlund called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM. Roll call was taken by Ja'Shonae Cooks.

II. Executive Session

The Board entered a closed executive session at 10:35 AM under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee and under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation to which the College is or is likely to become a party. The executive session was scheduled to last approximately 60 minutes. The Board reconvened in open session at 11:35 AM.

III. Action Items as a Result of the Executive Session

Chair Dr. Paula Akerlund called for a motion. Dr. Harry Carthum moved that the Board of Trustees not renew the probationary faculty appointment of Kevin Smith and direct President Schiffner, or her designee, to deliver notice of the Board's decision to the probationer as soon as possible, but in no event less than one complete quarter, except Summer Quarter, before the expiration of the probationer's appointment, and to provide a copy of that notice to the faculty union. Jim Sayce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Adjournment and Next Meeting

There being no further business, Chair Dr. Paula Akerlund adjourned the meeting at 11:38 AM. The Board of Trustees will hold its next meeting on April 14, 2026, at 1:00 PM, at Grays Harbor College in Aberdeen and via Zoom.

Dr. Carli Schiffner, Secretary

Dr. Paula Akerlund, Chair