

# Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

May 12, 2026 at 1:00 PM



Hybrid Meeting: Columbia Education Center, Room 101 (Ilwaco Campus)

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## May 12, 2026 – Regular Meeting Agenda

The Board of Trustees of Grays Harbor College will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 1:00 PM. Dr. Paula Akerlund, Board Chair, will preside.

A light lunch will be offered at 11:30 AM.

A study session featuring a Community Education presentation by Amy Hitchcock and a Lake Swano Dam Predesign Report by Jason Gordon will be held at 12:00 PM.

The table below lists the meeting agenda with item numbers, topics, and presenters.

Item	Topic	Presenter(s)
12:00 - 1:00 PM	<b>Study Session – Community Education Presentation and Lake Swano Dam Predesign Report</b>	<b>Amy Hitchcock - Program Manager for Community and Continuing Education</b> <b>Jason Gordon - Vice President for Administrative Services</b>
I.	<b>Call to Order/Roll Call</b>	Dr. Paula Akerlund
II.	<b>Safety Statement</b> In the event of an emergency requiring evacuation (e.g., fire or building hazard), please exit Room 101 and turn left to leave the building. Once outside, gather at the designated assembly point, away from the building, to ensure your safety. If you have specific safety needs or require accommodations, please let Dr. Schiffner know.	Dr. Paula Akerlund
III.	<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Dr. Paula Akerlund
IV.	<b>Land Acknowledgement</b> Grays Harbor College is located on the ancestral lands of the Chehalis, Chinook, Quinault and Shoalwater Bay Peoples. With this awareness, we honor the ancestors and pay respect to elders past and present of these nations and all Native Peoples of this land who occupy these lands since time immemorial. The College expresses its deepest respect for and gratitude towards these original and current caretakers of the region and to our native students, staff, and faculty, past and present, as well as support and respect their presence and valuable contributions into the future. As an academic community, we acknowledge our responsibility to establish and maintain relationships with these nations and Native peoples, in support of their sovereignty and the inclusion of their voices in the teaching and learning process.	Jim Sayce
V.	<b>Agenda Adoption</b>	Dr. Paula Akerlund
VI.	<b>Public Comments</b> Please sign in and limit comments to three minutes.	
VII.	<b>Celebrations</b> 1. Resource Fair - Madelyn Roy and the Workforce Funding Team	Carla Idohl-Corwin
VIII.	<b>New Employee Introductions</b>	Erin Tofte
IX.	<b>Review Items</b> 1. First Reading of Operational Policy 401 - Admissions Policy	Holly Bringman

	2. First Reading of Operational Policy 417 - Title 38 USC § 3679(e) Compliance Policy 3. First Reading of Operational Policy 520 - Coffee and Light Refreshments 4. First Reading of Operational Policy 526 - Internal Controls	Holly Bringman  Jason Gordon Jason Gordon
X.	<b>Action Items</b> 1. Approval of the April 14, 2026 Minutes 2. Second Reading of Operational Policy 411 - Alcohol/Substance Abuse Prevention 3. Second Reading of Operational Policy 502 - Travel 4. Second Reading of Operational Policy 513 - Unemployment Compensation Rate 5. Approval of the Lake Swano Dam Recommendation 6. Approval of the FY2027 Service & Activities (S&A) and Tech Fee Budgets	Dr. Paula Akerlund Holly Bringman  Jason Gordon Jason Gordon  Jason Gordon Jonni Dawson
XI.	<b>Standing Reports</b> 1. Student Government Report 2. Classified Staff Report 3. Represented Exempt Staff Report 4. Faculty Report 5. Administrative Services Report a. Third Quarterly Budget Report 6. Human Resources Report 7. Learning and Student Success Report a. Enrollment 8. President's Report a. Accreditation b. Phone System 9. Board Report a. Foundation Meeting Report b. Legislative Committee Report c. Fiscal Liaison Report d. Items of Interest ▪ Reminder: Tenure Files	Isaac Humiston Ryan Decker Deanna Shedley Anita Plagge Jason Gordon  Erin Tofte Holly Bringman  Dr. Carli Schiffner Kristy Anderson Derek Edens  Aliza Esty Jim Sayce Aliza Esty Dr. Paula Akerlund
XII.	<b>Non-Public Session</b> Non-Public Session covered by the Open Public Meetings ACT per RCW 42.30.140	
XIII.	<b>Action Items as a Result of the Non-Public Session</b>	
XIV.	<b>Executive Session</b> Under RCW 4230.110, an executive session may be held for the purpose of receiving and evaluating complaints against or reviewing the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or reviewing the performance of a public employee; consultation with legal counsel regarding agency enforcement actions, or actual or potential agency litigation; considering the sale or acquisition of real estate; and/or reviewing professional negotiations.	
XV.	<b>Action Items as a Result of the Executive Session</b>	
XVI.	<b>Good of the Order</b>	
XVII.	<b>Adjournment</b>	