

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

September 22, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: tulalW Student Center Boardroom (Aberdeen Campus)

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September 22, 2026 – Regular Meeting Agenda

The Board of Trustees of Grays Harbor College will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 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 focusing on 2027-29 State Budget Outlook with Dr. Choi Halladay 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	Study Session – 2027-29 State Budget Outlook (Slide Deck Attached)	Dr. Choi Halladay
I.	Call to Order/Roll Call	Dr. Paula Akerlund
II.	Safety Statement In the event of an emergency requiring evacuation (e.g., fire or building hazard), please exit Boardroom 3320/3322 promptly. Proceed to the first door on the opposite side of the hallway and use the stairs to reach the first floor. Once on the first floor, turn left behind the stairs to exit through the doors leading outside. Avoid the door directly in front of you, as it leads to the first-floor hallway. An Evac+Chair evacuation chair is located directly at the top of the stairs for those who may need assistance. 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.	Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Paula Akerlund
IV.	Land Acknowledgement 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.	Agenda Adoption	Dr. Paula Akerlund
VI.	Public Comments Please sign in and limit comments to three minutes.	
VII.	Celebrations 1. Amanda Newbold	Clara Gillies
VIII.	New Employee Introductions	Erin Tofte

IX.	Consent Agenda 1. Approval of August 11, 2026, Minutes	Dr. Paula Akerlund
X.	Review Items None	
XI.	Action Items None	
XII.	Standing Reports 1. Student Government Report (nothing to report) 2. Classified Staff Report 3. Represented Exempt Staff Report (nothing to report) 4. Faculty Report (nothing to report) 5. Administrative Services Report a. Annual Budget Report 6. Human Resources Report 7. Learning and Student Success Report a. Enrollment b. Community Education Presentation 8. President's Report a. Institutional Accreditation b. 2026-27 Bishop Center Presentation c. Fall Kick Off d. Athletics Taskforce Update 9. Board Report a. Foundation Meeting Report b. Legislative Committee Report c. Fiscal Liaison Report d. Items of Interest	Lisa Getty Ryan Decker Deanna Shedley Anita Plagge Jason Gordon Erin Tofte Holly Bringman Amy Hitchcock Dr. Carli Schiffner Kristy Anderson Cheyenna Carroll Dr. Carli Schiffner Dr. Carli Schiffner & Jody Pope Aliza Esty Jim Sayce Aliza Esty Dr. Paula Akerlund
XIII.	Non-Public Session Non-Public Session covered by the Open Public Meetings ACT per RCW 42.30.140	
XIV.	Action Items as a Result of the Non-Public Session	
XV.	Executive Session 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.	
XVI.	Action Items as a Result of the Executive Session	
XVII.	Good of the Order	
XVIII.	Adjournment	