

MINUTES
Board of Regents
August 25, 2023

The Board of Regents of Washington State University (WSU or University) met pursuant to call in Open Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023, at WSU Pullman, Pullman, Washington.

Participating electronically: Lisa Keohokalole Schauer, Chair; Regents Enrique Cerna, Marty Dickinson, Judi McDonald, Isaac Marroquin, Doug Picha, Lura Powell, Jenette Ramos, Heather Redman, and John Schoettler. Staff participating electronically: Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO Leslie Brunelli, Provost and Executive Vice President, WSU Pullman Chancellor Elizabeth Chilton, Interim Carson College of Business Dean Debbie Compeau, Senior Assistant Attorney General and Division Chief Nathan Deen, Executive Assistant to the Board of Regents Tracy Jordahl, Interim Vice President for Government Relations Chris Mulick, President Kirk H. Schulz, Executive Director for Budget, Planning, and Analysis Kelley Westhoff.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keohokalole Schauer called the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents to order.

Chair Keohokalole Schauer reminded the audience there would be a public comment period during the meeting, which would follow Executive Session and be for up to ten minutes and instructed anyone wishing to make public comment to sign up with the Board's Executive Assistant Tracy Jordahl.

II. Action Item 1: Fiscal Year 2024 State Supplemental Operating Budget Request

It was moved and seconded that the Washington State University Board of Regents approve the fiscal year 2024 state supplemental operating budget request and delegate authority to the President to approve changes or adjustments that may be needed before the final submission is presented to the Office of Financial Management.
Carried. (Exhibit A)

III. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

IV. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held September 15, 2023, at Pullman, Washington.

Signed Copies Available in the Office of the System President

ACTION ITEM #1

Fiscal Year 2024 State Supplemental Operating Budget Request (Leslie Brunelli/Elizabeth Chilton/Chris Mulick)

August 25, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2024 State Supplemental Operating Budget Request

PROPOSED: That the Washington State University Board of Regents approve the fiscal year 2024 state supplemental operating budget request and delegate authority to the President to approve changes or adjustments that may be needed before the final submission is presented to the Office of Financial Management.

SUBMITTED BY: Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration/CFO

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: The proposed request for the fiscal year 2024 state supplemental operating budget request is outlined below:

1. **Climate Commitment Act:**
WSU will request funding to support compliance with the climate commitment act enacted in the 2021 legislative session. This legislation sets greenhouse gas emission caps and provides for the purchase of offset credits (allowances) as a method for meeting compliance obligations. WSU received a base level of funding of \$1,718,000 beginning in FY-2023 for purchase of offset allowances and administration of the program. Offset credits are purchased through an auction process and WSU was not successful in acquiring any credits with our FY-2023 allocation. Market prices of the offset credits have increased substantially since the base funding was established, and penalties will be imposed if compliance is not achieved by November 2024. WSU will request funding for purchase of necessary allowances for calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Request amount: \$19.6 million biennially.

EXHIBIT A

2. Graduate Student Bargaining:
WSU is currently negotiating with academic student employees represented by the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) to establish an initial collective bargaining agreement. WSU will seek funding for economic impacts of the collective bargaining agreement before submission of the supplemental operating budget.

Request amount: Cannot be estimated at this time as bargaining is currently underway and contracts are not final.

3. Supply Chain Management Degree:
Funding is requested to add a new Supply Chain Management major to the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. The pandemic and its aftermath demonstrated the need for effectively functioning supply chains, which are critical to our interconnected global economy. The addition to the workforce of skilled individuals with supply chain management expertise is crucial to sustaining the economic success of the state and region. This program would be offered in-person on the Everett and Vancouver campuses, with a focus on digitization of supply chain planning.

Request amount: \$1.95 million biennially

BOARD OF REGENTS

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Resolution #230825-685

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Washington State University by virtue of RCW 28B.10.528 has authority to delegate by resolution to the President of the University, or designee, powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the Board by law and to enable the President, or designee to act on behalf of the Board of Regents in matters relating to the administration and governance of the University.

RESOLVED: That the Washington State University Board of Regents approve the Fiscal Year 2024 State Supplemental Operating Budget Request and delegate authority to the President to approve any changes or adjustments that may be needed before the final submission is presented to the Office Financial Management.

DATED this 25th day of August, 2023.

Chair, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents