



**WASHINGTON STATE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2017, 2:00 – 2:15 PM, TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES**

The Board of Directors of the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) convened on January 26, 2017 via a teleconference.

Board members: Brad Smith (Board Chair), Miller Adams, Diane Cecchetti, Antony Chiang, Mack Hogans, Jane Park, Gary Rubens, Julie Sandler, Jim Sinegal and Mike Wilson

Additional attendees: Naria Santa Lucia, Erin Ashley, Theresa Britschgi, Klondy Canales, Karyl Gregory, Dave Stoller and Brandon Yu

Meeting Called to Order

Having a quorum of the Board, Brad Smith, Board Chair of WSOS, welcomed everyone and called the Board meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

Naria Santa Lucia provided an overview of the WSAC-WSOS-WA STEM contract. Smith reported that the term of the contract is February 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 which would have been the remainder of the contract with College Success Foundation (CSF). Santa Lucia reported that WSOS will cover some functions in-house such as Scholarship Services. Santa Lucia further reported that expenses will run about the same under the new program administrator with additional savings achieved next year because transition costs will be completed. Santa Lucia also reported that WSOS team members will be moving into new office space in Mount Baker Ridge on February 1st.

Santa Lucia reported on the secure transition of financials from CSF to Washington STEM. There will be some overlap because the contract with CSF ends on February 9th. CSF will have two weeks to deliver funds and data. WSIB has been duly notified of the change in program administrators.

Action Required

Jim Sinegal made a motion to approve Washington STEM as the new program administrator for WSOS. Miller Adams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Legislative Update

Santa Lucia reported that two bills, session led by Representative Holy and Senator Bailey, have been introduced in the legislative session. These bills would amend the WSOS governing statute to create the "Pathways Scholarship Account" to allow WSOS to fund Washington students who are pursuing a credential or degree in a high-demand field at a Washington community or technical college. Legislative hearings will be held on January 31st and February 1st. Key partners are providing strong support and students will testify at the hearings. The two bills have bipartisan support. Santa Lucia will continue to send updates to the Board as they happen.

Santa Lucia further reported that no questions have been asked about WSOS changing their program administrator.

Smith reported that he met with three legislators last Friday and all expressed great interest and enthusiasm with the impact of WSOS.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karyl Gregory