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WASHINGTON STATE LEADERSHIP BOARD

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Quarterly Board Meeting Agenda (Q1)

Date: February 8, 2023

Time: 11 AM – 1 PM

Location:

Capitol Court Building
Conference Room #135
1110 Capitol Way S
Olympia, WA 98501

OR

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1. WELCOME

- 11:06 AM
- President Dale Bright called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS, ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Ex-Officio Board Members			
Governor Jay Inslee	Governor	GOV	
Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck	Lieutenant Governor	LTG	
Secretary of State Steve Hobbs	Secretary of State	SOS	
Senator Claire Wilson	Senator	LEG	
Senator Judy Warnick	Senator	LEG	
Representative Skyler Rude	Representative	LEG	
Voting Officers			

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Dale Bright	President	WSLB	x
Colin Pierce	Vice-President, Chair of Washington World Fellows	WSLB	x
Mary Cadera	Treasurer	WSLB	x
Conner Huey	Secretary	WSLB	
Chester Baldwin	Board Governance Committee Chair, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair	WSLB	x
Cheryl Crow	Boundless Washington/Team S.A.M Committee Chair	WSLB	x
John Shields	Compassion Scholars Committee Chair	WSLB	
Olivia Sarriugarte	At-Large	WSLB	x
Non - Voting Board Directors			
Kyle Boyd	Director	WSLB	
Mark Gjurasic	Director	WSLB	x
Andrew Johnston	Director	WSLB	x
Vivian Song Maritz	Director	WSLB	x
Brian Moreno	Director	WSLB	x
Tiffany Turner	Director	WSLB	x
LaTasha Wortham	Director	WSLB	
Tony Yeung	Director	WSLB	
Andrea Ornelas	Director	WSLB	x
Staff & Guests			
Audrey Baker	WSLB Director of Operations & Development	WSLB	x
Amy Ubungen	WSLB Director of Programing	WSLB	x
Claire Muehleisen	WSLB Administrative Assistant	WSLB	x
Paul Bitar	DES Senior Financial Consultant	DES	x

- President Bright asked for a motion to adopt meeting agenda.
 - **Motion:** Andrea Ornelas
 - **Second:** Olivia Sarriugarte
 - **No discussion.**
 - **Ayes have it, motion carries.**
- President Bright requested a motion to adopt the meeting minutes from the Washington State Leadership Board (WSLB) Special Board Meeting on November 8th, 2022, as presented.
 - **Motion:** Andrew Johnston
 - **Second:** Andrea Ornelas
 - **No discussion.**
 - **Ayes have it, motion carries.**

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- President Bright welcomed all Board members and acknowledged the pleasure of meeting with them in person.

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- President Bright remarked he enjoyed seeing program participants interact with legislators.
- President Bright then noted that it was the first quarterly board meeting for the WSLB as a Trustee Agency of the state.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mary Cadera, Treasurer, was experiencing audio issues and was unable to provide an overview of the Treasurer's Report. President Bright proceeded to present the report to the Board noting:
- The WSLB was in excellent financial condition.
- The WSLB had two accounts within the State Treasury and received \$637,000 in funding per fiscal year from the State Operating Budget. As of December 31, 2022, account expenditures totaled \$236,895.
- As of January 23, 2023, the WSLB had received \$66,893.04 in license plate revenue for the 2023 fiscal year.
- As of January 15, 2023, the license plate revenue account balance was \$351,723.06. President Bright noted that when the WSLB became a state agency, the Lt. Governor's office transferred fiscal year 2022 Washington World Fellows appropriated funds in one lump sum of \$182,678 to the WSLB.
- WSLB fiscal staff projected that the agency would spend all appropriated funds in its general account (26H), in addition to roughly \$108,000 of funds in its license plate revenue account (26J). This projection assumed that the Executive Director position would be filled by March 1, 2023, at a salary of \$125,000.
- 2022 was the first year since 2019 that the WSLB had delivered its full quiver of programming to include the Washington World Fellows, Boundless WA, Compassion Scholars, and Honors programs.
- Due to the pandemic and lack of funding, the WSLB suspended the Compassion Scholars program for the years 2020 and 2021.
- The Compassion Scholars exceeded its forecasted allocation by roughly \$20,000 due to travel expenses costing nearly double what was anticipated. Although Compassion exceeded the original forecasting, it did not compromise the agency's financial condition.
- The WSLB also implemented a sports mentoring program, Team S.A.M. (sports and mentoring), with the aim of providing continued support to youth in underserved and marginalized communities. The agency allocated \$20,000

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towards this initiative for the remainder of the fiscal year to distribute grants of up to \$5,000 to qualifying 501c3 non-profits.

- In April of 2022, the WSLB hosted its inaugural Programs Celebration Day at Lumen Field. The event represented an additional expense to the Agency's programming, however, stakeholders' generous contributions of resources and event space helped maintain the cost at a reasonable level.
- The WSLB had also incurred an increase in operational expenses due to its status as trustee agency. While these expenses surpassed the previous costs incurred as a non-profit, the funds received from the state operating budget adequately covered additional expenses.
- The WSLB's fiscal staff projected that Account 26J will end the fiscal year with a balance of roughly \$314k.
- The WSLB requested a \$900,000 budget expansion (\$450,000 per fiscal year) for:
 - American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting services
 - One additional programming FTE
 - Office space lease
 - Programmatic expansions
- The budget request was funded within the Governor's proposed budget in the 2023 legislative session.
 - Discussion: Director Vivian Song Maritz asked if ASL interpretation services were required by the state.
 - President Bright clarified that it is mandated by statute to increase accessibility.
 - Director Andrew Johnston inquired whether the Agency was able to operate without the budget increase, or if there was cause for concern.
 - President Bright stated that there is no cause for concern.
 - DES Senior Financial Consultant, Paul Bitar assured the Board that the Treasurer's Report provided a clear picture of the agencies' healthy financial status.
 - President Bright requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.
 - **Motion:** Chester Baldwin
 - **Second:** Tiffany Turner
 - **No further discussion.**
 - **Ayes have it, motion carries.**

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5. UPDATES

- **Executive Committee**

- President Bright announced that the applications for the WSLB Executive Director job posting closed on February 5, 2023. He noted that the Hiring Committee reviewed the applications thoroughly and that the process would likely take another month.
- President Bright announced that the WSLB Bylaws had been amended. He recommended the Board Directors review them on their own time.
- President Bright reported that the WSLB adopted its 2023-2025 Strategic Plan in December 2022.
- President Bright concluded his report by welcoming new Board Director, Andrea Ornelas, and requested she introduce herself.
- Andrea Ornelas introduced herself and shared her excitement about joining the WSLB of Directors.

- **Honors**

- President Bright reported that the WSLB hosted the Washington State Leadership Awards in December 2022 in Olympia.
- Julia Colson of the Seattle/King County Clinic was awarded Washingtonian of the Year.
- Anew was presented with the Washington Organization of the Year.
- President Bright added that Lt. Governor Heck was the Keynote Speaker for the event and conveyed his appreciation for the Lt. Governor and his support for the WSLB.

- **Board Governance**

- President Bright asked Chester Baldwin, Chair of Board Governance to provide a report.
- Chester Baldwin welcomed Andrea Ornelas to the board and emphasized the need for continued recruitment of new board members.

- **Legislative Affairs**

- President Bright asked Chester Baldwin and Mark Gjurasic, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Affairs Committee, to provide a report.
- Mark Gjurasic began his report by praising the Washington World Fellows students that came to the Day on the Hill event. He emphasized that the students really impressed the legislators and mentioned that legislators asked for updates on the programs.

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- Mark Gjurasic highlighted that there were 23 meetings with legislators that day and finished his report by asking the students how they felt about the meetings, to which the students replied that they enjoyed them.
- Chester Baldwin added that it was the first WSLB Day on the Hill and that it had been successful. He concluded his report by noting that he was impressed with the students that had attended the event.
- **Washington World Fellows**
 - President Bright requested Colin Pierce, Washington World Fellows (WWF) Chair, to give a report.
 - Colin Pierce reported that the WWF applications for the 2023 cohort closed on January 31, 2023, and that the Committee has evaluated the applications. The Committee will begin the interview process the following week. He noted that the 2023 cohort would be announced at the end of February 2023.
 - Colin Pierce then continued with his report and noted that the 2021 WWF cohort were receiving their college acceptance letters and that many students had received generous financial offers. Colin Pierce highlighted that WWF students had received over \$650,000 in scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year and that a current WWF student was accepted into Harvard University.
 - Colin Pierce moved on with his reporting on the 2022 WWF cohort. He noted that they were in the process of preparing for their study abroad to Spain, scheduled for summer 2023. Part of that preparation included making plans with the Viana World Fellows for their International Youth Summit, Project SOS.
 - Colin Pierce then introduced the group of 2022 WWF students who had participated in the January 2023 WWF Civics Sundays who were present at the Board Meeting:
 - Herani Zemene from Seattle, WA
 - Italia Rivera from Marysville, WA
 - Mariah Cornejo from Yakima, WA
 - Michelle Gonzalez from Enumclaw, WA
 - Sophia Ballesteros from Bellingham, WA
 - Za'Maya Deloney from Vancouver WA
 - Emma Brown, WWU Student and WWF 2020 Alumni

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- Colin Pierce then asked Emma Brown and Mariah Cornejo if they would be willing to share their stories and experiences from the WWF program.
- Emma Brown began by sharing that she did not believe that she would be where she was today without the WWF program. She shared that without Amy Ubungen, WSLB Director of Programs, and the WWF program she does not believe that she would have graduated high school or gone to college. She emphasized that the support that the Fellows program gave her continued to inspire her and gave her a sense of joy in her life.
- Colin Pierce thanked her for sharing and asked Mariah Cornejo to share her story next.
- Mariah Cornejo began by explaining that when she applied to the World Fellows program, she was new to her school and to Yakima. She had struggled to fit in, and her counselor recommended she apply. She emphasized her bewilderment at getting into the program and said that she still couldn't believe that she would be going to Spain in the summer of 2023. Mariah finished by highlighting the closeness that she felt with her cohort and her appreciation for the sense of family that the WWF program fostered.
- Colin Pierce thanked the students for sharing and invited attending Board members to ask the students questions.
 - Andrew Johnston commented that it was great to meet the students and see the programmatic side of the work of the WSLB.
 - Chester Baldwin added that he was incredibly impressed with the students and appreciated how many of them complimented Amy Ubungen, WSLB Director of Programming.
 - Emma Brown interjected that Amy Ubungen was one of her favorite people and she credited much of her success to Amy Ubungen and her programming.
 - Colin Pierce asked if the students could share with the attending Board members how the relationships, they had formed in the World Fellows program had shaped their experiences.

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- Za'Maya Deloney and Sophia Ballesteros both emphasized that the World Fellows cohort felt like a family that would hold you accountable, cheer you up, and cheer you on.
- Olivia Sarriugarte emphasized the importance of relationships and noted that leadership often comes from community.
- President Bright added that it is important to thank the Seahawks for their support and funding they provide the World Fellows programming through license plate revenue.
- Cheryl Crow asked the students about what aspect of the program they found the most surprising.
- Za'Maya Deloney responded that the most surprising thing for her was how close the Fellows had become in such a short time. Emma Brown echoed her sentiments and added that the community aspect of the WWF program and the feeling of safety that came along with that was the most surprising part for her as well.
- Italia Rivera inserted that she was amazed how much the students uplifted each other.
- Sophia Ballesteros added that it felt notable that the adults who worked in the program treated the students respectfully and like adults, which was extraordinarily validating and felt like an uncommon experience for sixteen-to-seventeen-year-olds.
- President Bright concluded the Q&A session by noting that the relationships the students built in these programs would last a lifetime.
- **Boundless Washington/Team S.A.M**
 - President Bright asked Cheryl Crow, Boundless Washington/Team S.A.M Committee Chair to give a report.
 - Cheryl Crow announced that Boundless WA applications for the 2023 cohort are still open and were set to close on February 15, 2023.
 - She emphasized the need to spread the word about Boundless WA.
 - Cheryl Crow continued to inform the Board that Team S.A.M had received two new grant applications that were both accepted: The

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applications were from the One Roof Foundation and the Northwest Association of Blind Athletes.

- The One Roof Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Seattle Kraken. Their mission is to create access and opportunities into hockey and life for underserved and BIPOC youth and communities. They requested the maximum grant distribution of \$5,000.
- The Northwest Association of Blind Athletes is an adaptive sports and youth development program for people with visual impairment. They also requested \$5,000.
- Cheryl Crow asked Amy Ubungen if she had anything to add.
- Amy Ubungen reemphasized the need to spread the word about both Boundless WA and Team S.A.M and mentioned that the 2023 No Barriers Summit was announced and will be held during the last weekend of August in Copper Mountain, CO.
- President Bright asked if there were any questions and encouraged Board members to spread the word about Team S.A.M.
- **Compassion Scholars**
 - President Bright reported on Compassion Scholars on behalf of John Shields, Compassion Scholars Chair.
 - President Bright announced that the Compassion program participants were preparing for their upcoming trip to Spain from March 25 – April 4, 2023, to work with refugees displaced from their home countries. He noted that there would be five mentors, five students and two staff that would be going to Spain. Upon returning from Spain, the students would be partnered with mentors to implement their community volunteer projects in their own communities. The students are expected to present their project at the 2024 WSLB Program Celebration.
 - President Bright concluded his report and asked if there were any questions.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment.
- No good of the order.

7. CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

- President Bright took a moment to express gratitude for everyone in attendance and asked for a motion to adjourn.
 - **Motion:** Colin Pierce

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- **Second:** Olivia Sarriugarte
- **No discussion.**
- **Ayes have it, motion carries.**
- Meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Conner Huey

Conner Huey, WSLB Secretary

Dale Bright

Dale Bright, WSLB President