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1 AN ACT Relating to the meeting procedures of the boards of trustees
2 and boards of regents of institutions of higher education; and amending
3 RCW 28B.20.105, 28B.30.120, 28B.35.110, 28B.40.110, and 28B.50.100.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.20.105 and 2011 c 336 s 717 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The board shall organize by electing from its membership a
8 president and an executive committee, of which committee the president
9 shall be ex officio chair. The board may adopt bylaws or rules and
10 regulations for its own government and follow procedures for open
11 public meetings in chapter 42.30 RCW. The board shall provide time for
12 public comment at each meeting. The board shall hold regular quarterly
13 meetings, and during the interim between such meetings the executive
14 committee may transact business for the whole board: PROVIDED, That
15 the executive committee may call special meetings of the whole board
16 when such action is deemed necessary.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.30.120 and 1979 ex.s. c 103 s 6 are each amended
18 to read as follows:

1 Meetings of the board of regents may be called in such manner as
2 the board may prescribe((7)) and follow procedures for open public
3 meetings in chapter 42.30 RCW. A full meeting of the board shall be
4 called at least once a year. The board shall provide time for public
5 comment at each meeting. No vacancy in said board shall impair the
6 rights of the remaining members of the board.

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.35.110 and 2011 c 336 s 727 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Each board of regional university trustees shall hold at least two
10 regular meetings each year, at such times as may be provided by the
11 board and following procedures for open public meetings in chapter
12 42.30 RCW. Each board shall provide time for public comment at each
13 meeting. Special meetings shall be held as may be deemed necessary,
14 whenever called by the chair or by a majority of the board. Public
15 notice of all meetings shall be given in accordance with chapter 42.32
16 RCW.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.40.110 and 2011 c 336 s 733 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 The board of The Evergreen State College trustees shall hold at
20 least two regular meetings each year, at such times as may be provided
21 by the board and following procedures for open public meetings in
22 chapter 42.30 RCW. The board shall provide time for public comment at
23 each meeting. Special meetings shall be held as may be deemed
24 necessary, whenever called by the chair or by a majority of the board.
25 Public notice of all meetings shall be given in accordance with chapter
26 42.32 RCW.

27 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.50.100 and 2011 c 336 s 739 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 There is hereby created a board of trustees for each college
30 district as set forth in this chapter. Each board of trustees shall be
31 composed of five trustees, who shall be appointed by the governor for
32 terms commencing October 1st of the year in which appointed. In making
33 such appointments the governor shall give consideration to geographical
34 diversity, and representing labor, business, women, and racial and

1 ethnic minorities, in the membership of the boards of trustees. The
2 boards of trustees for districts containing technical colleges shall
3 include at least one member from business and one member from labor.

4 The successors of the trustees initially appointed shall be
5 appointed by the governor to serve for a term of five years except that
6 any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the
7 expiration of any term shall be appointed only for the remainder of the
8 term. Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and
9 qualified.

10 Every trustee shall be a resident and qualified elector of the
11 college district. No trustee may be an employee of the community and
12 technical college system, a member of the board of directors of any
13 school district, or a member of the governing board of any public or
14 private educational institution.

15 Each board of trustees shall organize itself by electing a chair
16 from its members. The board shall adopt a seal and may adopt such
17 bylaws, rules, and regulations as it deems necessary for its own
18 government. Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum, but
19 a lesser number may adjourn from time to time and may compel the
20 attendance of absent members in such manner as prescribed in its
21 bylaws, rules, or regulations. The district president, or if there be
22 none, the president of the college, shall serve as, or may designate
23 another person to serve as, the secretary of the board, who shall not
24 be deemed to be a member of the board.

25 Each board of trustees shall follow procedures for open public
26 meetings in chapter 42.30 RCW. Each board shall provide time for
27 public comment at each meeting.

28 Members of the boards of trustees may be removed for misconduct or
29 malfeasance in office in the manner provided by RCW 28B.10.500.

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