

Sample entry for Board Packets

The Governor, with the guidance of the Oregon Business Council, has set an ambitious goal for Oregonians' post secondary education. The goal states that by 2025 (just 18 years from now) 40% of adult Oregonians will have a bachelor's degree or higher, another 40% will have a post-secondary professional certification or an associates degree, and the remaining 20% will have a high school diploma as the highest level of education. This goal is ambitious because of its distance from our current standing and because most citizens are not currently aware of the need for that level of attainment. It may not represent the right numbers but it could move community colleges toward additional access and educational attainment that supports the community college mission.

This Board of Directors of XXX Community College has a long history of involving our various community partners, as well as those internal stakeholders of students, faculty and staff, in discussions about the future of the college and its impact on the community. Consequently, we will discuss at the next board meeting the issues, concerns and opportunities that surround reaching for the Governor's goal. This conversation will be among Board members and the college leaders. Additional conversations will be scheduled to include our broader stakeholders so that we may work collectively with our sister colleges to form a statewide response to the Governor's goal.

The questions that we are going to consider are:

Why would the Governor think such levels of educational attainment are necessary?

Where are we now in relation to those goals?

What will it take to reach these goals or at least progress toward them?

How will we get there?