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### **The Washington Student Achievement Council Selects New Officers**

Seattle — Members of the Washington Student Achievement Council have selected Maud Daudon and Karen Lee to serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the Council, respectively.

Ray Lawton will remain in his position as Secretary for the Council.

Maud Daudon and Karen Lee are both citizen members of the Council, serving at the request of Governor Jay Inslee. Ray Lawton is the appointed representative for the Independent Colleges of Washington.

Elections for these positions occur annually, and all three members will serve one-year terms.

Mrs. Daudon is president and CEO of the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, where she has been an active member for more than 20 years. She also chairs the board of trustees of the Bullitt Foundation and is on the board of trustees for Seattle Biomedical Research Institute.

Karen Lee is the chief executive officer of Pioneer Human Services, a nationally recognized organization that is the only provider of integrated treatment, housing and employment services in Washington State. In December 2010, Lee was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University. She also served five years as a commissioner of the Washington State Employment Security Department

Ray Lawton is a former board member of Independent Colleges of Washington and served as a board member and chairman of the Whitworth University Foundation, as well as a member and secretary of the Whitworth University Board of Trustees. Mr. Lawton also served on the higher education committee of Washington Learns, a 2005-06 initiative by the Governor to restructure Washington's educational system for the future.

The Council leadership team will guide the Council in their development of a Ten-Year Roadmap, a report due to the Legislature and Governor in December 2013, as required by statute. The Ten-Year Roadmap will provide prioritized policy recommendations for improving student achievement and attainment in Washington. More information on the Roadmap is available on the Council website at [www.wsac.wa.gov/PlanningAndResearch/Roadmap](http://www.wsac.wa.gov/PlanningAndResearch/Roadmap).

More information about Council members can be found at [wsac.wa.gov/AboutTheCouncil/Membership](http://wsac.wa.gov/AboutTheCouncil/Membership)

The agenda and accompanying materials for Council meetings can be found at [wsac.wa.gov/AboutTheCouncil/Meetings](http://wsac.wa.gov/AboutTheCouncil/Meetings).



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**About the Washington Student Achievement Council:** Established as a new cabinet-level state agency on July 1, 2012, the **Washington Student Achievement Council** provides strategic planning, oversight, and advocacy to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington. The Council proposes improvements and innovations needed to adapt the state's educational institutions to evolving needs and advocates for increased financial support and civic commitment for public education in recognition of the economic, social, and civic benefits it provides.

The nine-member Council includes five citizens, a current student, and one representative from each of the state's four major educational sectors. More information about the Council can be found on our website: [www.wsac.wa.gov](http://www.wsac.wa.gov).