

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, June 17, 2024, 3:45 p.m.
5 Blake Hall 140
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7 A regular meeting of the Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees
8 convened at 3:45 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2024.
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10 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

11 Chairperson Kelly Stimpson called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. The following
12 Board members were in attendance:

13 Peter Akey Patrick Gulick Callie Langohr
14 Jamie Pickering Mary Ruby Travis Steindorf

15 Also present were President Jane Karas and Suzanne DeCamp, Clerk of the District.
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17 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
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19 **III. CONSENT ITEMS – ACTION**

20 **A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on May**
21 **20, 2024.**

22 Trustee Patrick Gulick moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEM A under
23 Section III, Consent Agenda. Trustee Peter Akey seconded the motion. The motion carried
24 unanimously.
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26 **IV. MONTHLY REPORTS**

27 **A. Executive Staff Activities Report**

28 The Board acknowledged the Executive Staff for their informative reports.
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30 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

31 **A. Student Success: Camps Recreation and Fitness Center**

32 Aly Wells, Recreation and Wellness Program Coordinator provided an overview
33 of the Furlong-Smith Fitness Center’s first year in operation (September 2023-May 2024). Aly
34 shared statistics on the number of participants in campus recreation activities including
35 intramurals, RECFest, Staff vs. Students events and student wellness events. The fitness center
36 had nine faculty/staff members and 230 student members, the peak use months were October and
37 February, the second month of each semester.

38 The goals for the next year include: double the number of campus recreation
39 participants, reach 84 more student participants in health and wellness programming and increase
40 enrollment and participation in the Furlong-Smith Fitness Center by 200 unique participants.
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42 **B. Board Policy, Chapter VII, Students, Sections 10 and 60 – Second Reading**

43 Chairperson Kelly Stimpson presented Board Policy, Chapter VII – Students,
44 Sections 10 and 20. There were no changes recommended.

- 45 • Chapter VII – Students, Section 10 – Admissions

- Chapter VII – Students, Section 60 – Code of Student Conduct and Student Complaints

Trustee Patrick Gulick moved that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy, Chapter VII – Students, Sections 10 and 60 (second reading). Trustee Peter Akey seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Finance and Audit Committee Report

President Karas reported that the Finance and Audit Committee met prior to the Board meeting for a thorough review of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

1. Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget – First Public Hearing

The budget plan for Fiscal Year 2025 (First Reading) was developed and submitted to the Board for review and action. President Karas stated that this is the first public reading of the budget, and it will be presented before the Board at the July 22nd meeting for a second reading. Trustee Travis Steindorf moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Current Unrestricted (General Fund) budget (First Reading) of \$23,962,281. Trustee Jamie Pickering seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

D. Board of Trustees’ Events Calendar

President Karas reviewed the Trustees’ events calendar. The Mountain States Association of Community Colleges’ annual meeting will be held on the FVCC campus July 7-9. There will be 30 presidents from the Rocky Mountain region attending. The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 22nd.

E. President’s Report

President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- FVCC Adult Education Graduation - President Karas extended an invitation to the Board to attend FVCC’s Adult Education Graduation on June 26th at 6:00 p.m. in McClaren Hall.
- Legislative Update – President Karas has been working with the two other community colleges to put together a one-time only funding request support new and expanding existing career and technical education programs as well as funding to help with transitioning to a new ERP and different database systems.
- President’s Circle Dinner – The dinner will take place June 18th to recognize and thank donors that have contributed \$5,000 or more. The Foundation will be hosting the dinner on the stage in McClaren Hall. This is the first time the dinner has been held since 2019.
- Wachholz College Center – An open house was held last Saturday, approximately five hundred people attended. The number of tickets that were sold for the upcoming season was double that of last year’s open house. A list of this season’s shows can be found on the Wachholz College Center’s website.
- Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery – On June 9th a special opening was held for the art gallery in celebration of Wanda’s birthday and to recognize Jim Hollensteiner’s loan of three Charlie Russell paintings and two O.C. Seltzer paintings that are on display in a special case outside of the art gallery. A

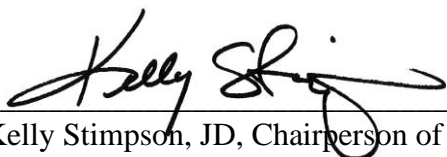
1 Japanese/Asian art exhibit is currently on display inside the gallery.

- 2 • Entrepreneurship Center – The advisory group that is meeting with the facilitator
3 is working on putting together a strategic plan. The architects are working on a
4 proposal to renovate the Early Childhood Center building. President Karas will
5 bring the documents to the Board for review when they are completed.
- 6 • Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Assistance – The Office of the
7 Commissioner of Higher Education received funding through the Department of
8 Education to help with FAFSA support. The FAFSA application was revamped
9 this year, it came out late and didn't work well. Students who were applying for
10 financial aid experienced a lot of pitfalls and challenges. We will receive \$20,000
11 to be used between June 11th and August 31st to provide extra support to help
12 students apply through the FAFSA program and market that information.

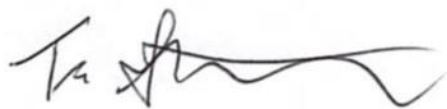
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14 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

15 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

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