

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, May 20, 2024, 3:45 p.m.
5 Blake Hall 140
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8 A regular meeting of the Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees convened
9 at 3:45 p.m., Monday, May 20, 2024.
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11 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

14 Pete Akey	Patrick Gulick	Callie Langohr
15 Jamie Pickering	Mary Ruby	Travis Steindorf

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17 President Jane Karas was also present. The President welcomed newly elected Board
18 members: Patrick Gulick, Callie Langohr, and Jamie Pickering. The oath of office was previously
19 administered to the three recently elected Trustees by the Clerk of the District.
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21 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
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23 **III. CONSENT ITEMS –ACTION**
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- 25 **A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on April**
- 26 **22, 2024.**
- 27 **B. June 17, 2024, Board and Audit and Finance Committee Meeting**
- 28 **C. Board Meeting Schedule FY 25**
- 29 **D. Faculty MOU**
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31 Consent Items A, B, C, and D were submitted to the Board and were included in the May
32 20, 2024 agenda packet.
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34 Under Consent Item D, Trustee Callie Langohr requested the Board give special
35 recognition to the participating faculty and college leadership for their excellent work in
36 completing a three-year Faculty Compensation Study that resulted in an MOU with the FVCC
37 Education Association.
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39 Trustee Jamie Pickering moved that the Board of Trustees approve ACTION ITEMS A,
40 B, C and D under Section III, CONSENT ITEMS. Trustee Travis Steindorf seconded the motion.
41 The motion carried unanimously.
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43 **IV. MONTHLY REPORTS**

44 **A. Student Activities Report**

45 The Student Activities Report was submitted to the Board by the FVCC Student
46 Government.
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48 **B. Faculty Activities Report**

49 The Faculty Activities Report was submitted to the Board.

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51 **C. Executive Staff Activities Report**

52 The Executive Staff Activities Report was submitted to the Board for their
53 review.

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55 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

56 **A. Student Success: Logging Simulator**

57 Dr. Lisa Blank, Executive Director, Workforce Development gave a presentation
58 on the FVCC Logging Simulator purchased in March of 2024. FVCC partnered with
59 Weyerhaeuser, the Montana Logging Association, Green Diamond Resource and the USFS to
60 secure the \$100,000 in funding costs. Students will be able to use the Simulator in a safe and
61 controlled environment to upskill, re-skill and cross-train for heavy equipment jobs in Montana's
62 \$500 million per year timber industry.

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64 **B. Board Policy, Chapter VII, Students, Sections 10 and 60—First Reading**

65 President Karas presented Board Policy Chapter VII, Students, Sections 10 and
66 60—First Reading. No changes are proposed to Sections 10 and 60 of Chapter VII.

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68 Trustee Travis Steindorf moved the Board approve Board Policy Chapter VII,
69 Students, Sections 10 and 60—First Reading. Trustee Jamie Pickering seconded the motion. The
70 motion carried unanimously.

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72 **C. Board of Trustees Events Calendar**

73 President Karas reviewed the FVCC Board of Trustees 2024/2025 Meeting
74 Schedule and noted the highlights. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2024.

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76 **D. President's Report**

77 President Karas updated the Board on several items.

- 78 • President Karas and the Miles Community College President met with the
79 Director of OBPP, the Governor's education policy advisor, and staff regarding
80 funding for expanding existing programs and developing new programs. A joint
81 proposal will be submitted by the three community colleges.
- 82 • The Achieving the Dream program is in the process of setting goals for the next
83 5-10 years.
- 84 • Commencement 2024 was highly successful. Present Karas thanked the Trustees
85 who were able to attend.
- 86 • The Culinary Arts program hosted an excellent brunch in the Arts and
87 Technology Building on May 4, 2024. Andy Blanton, former Executive Chef at
88 Kandahar Inn at the Whitefish Mountain Resort, will become the new executive
89 chef of the FVCC Culinary Arts Program on July 1, 2024.
- 90 • President Karas provided an update on the Entrepreneurship Center.
- 91 • President Karas is in the process of evaluating the Foothills Road Property owned
92 by FVCC.

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94 **V. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

95 **A. Appoint Board Members to Positions of Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair, and**
96 **Secretary to the Board.**

97 Trustee Peter Akey nominated the current slate of officers: Kelly Stimpson, Chair;


98 Callie Langohr, Vice Chair; and Travis Steindorf, Secretary and moved that they continue to
99 serve in their present roles as, Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary, respectively. Trustee Patrick
100 Gulick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
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102 **B. Appoint a Clerk of the District**

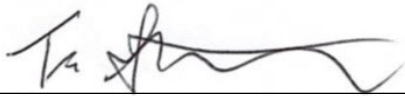
103 Trustee Peter Akey moved that Suzanne DeCamp be reappointed as Clerk of the
104 District. Trustee Callie Langohr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
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106 **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

107 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.
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114 Kelly Stimpson, JD Chairperson of the Board
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Travis Steindorf, Secretary to the Board