

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Special Board Meeting
4 Friday, May 28, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
5 Virtual-Zoom
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7 A special Board meeting of the Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees
8 convened at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 28, 2021, virtually via Zoom.
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10 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

11 Chairperson Peter Akey called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The following Board
12 members were in attendance:
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14 Shannon Lund Kelly Stimpson
15 Mark Holston Patrick Gulick
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17 Also present were President Jane Karas and Monica Settles, Clerk of the District. Trustees
18 Callie Langohr and Lyle Mitchell were absent with prior Board approval.
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20 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None**
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22 **III. COLLEGE ISSUES**

23 **A. Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, Section 97, Carrying Firearms on College**
24 **Property (First Reading)**

25 President Karas noted that the Board was being presented with Board Policy, Chapter I,
26 Doctrine, Section 97, Carrying Firearms on College Property (First Reading) for review and
27 approval. This is a new policy and in accordance with Board Policy, Chapter II, Organization,
28 Section 60, it is requested that this policy be authorized on the first reading by the Board in
29 recognition of emergency conditions, with the policy being effective June 1, 2021. Trustee
30 Patrick Gulick Moved that the Board approve Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, Section 97,
31 Carrying Firearms on College Property (First Reading), with the policy to be suspended in the
32 event that HB 102 is enjoined or declared unconstitutional by a state district court or the Montana
33 Supreme Court. Trustee Shannon Lund seconded the motion. Upon further discussion, President
34 Karas noted that this policy is in response to the approval of HB 102 that was recently passed by
35 the legislature and signed by the Governor. The Montana Board of Regents has challenged the
36 law in court but has not yet heard decision and with the law scheduled to take effect on June 1,
37 the Board needs to act on the policy as presented. With no further discussion and following a
38 thorough legal review, the motion passed unanimously with seven (7) “yes” votes.
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40 **B. Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, Section 95, Weapons (First Reading)**

41 The Board is being presented with Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, Section 95,
42 Weapons (First Reading) for review and approval. In accordance with Board Policy, Chapter II,
43 Organization, Section 60, it is requested that this policy be authorized on the first reading by the
44 Board in recognition of emergency conditions, so it will become effective June 1, 2021. The
45 policy is in response to the recent passage of HB 102. This policy changes language to comply
46 with HB 102. Trustee Shannon Lund moved that the Board approve Board Policy, Chapter I,
47 Doctrine, Section 95, Weapons (First Reading), with the policy changes to be suspended in the

1 event that HB 102 is enjoined or declared unconstitutional by a state district court or the Montana
2 Supreme Court and the original policy will continue to remain in effect. Trustee Mark Holston
3 seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously with seven (7)
4 “yes” votes.

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6 **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

7 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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12 Peter Akey, Chairperson of the Board

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15 Patrick Gulick, Secretary to the Board

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18 *Note* Shortly following the adjournment of the meeting, a court in Helena temporarily enjoined
19 the June 1 effective date of HB 102 for the university system and until further notice all changes
20 and additions approved for Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, Section 95 and 97 are suspended.
21 All existing processes and procedures remain in place and should be followed.