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2 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4 Special Board Conference Call Meeting
5 Thursday, March 12, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
6 Room 140 - Blake Hall Building
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8 A special conference call meeting of the Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees
9 convened at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 2019, in Blake Hall, Room 140.
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11 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

12 Chairperson Shannon Lund called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The following Board members were
13 in attendance via conference phone:
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15 Mark Holston Shannon Lund Kelly Stimpson
16 Callie Langohr Stephanie Wallace
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18 Also, present via conference phone was Jane A. Karas, president, and Monica Settles, Clerk of the
19 District. Trustees Pete Akey and Lyle Mitchell were absent.

20 Chairperson Lund indicated the purpose of the Special Board Meeting was in reference to bids received
21 for the College Center project.
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23 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE**
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25 **III. COLLEGE ISSUES**

26 **A. Bids for the FVCC College Center Project**

27 President Karas noted that the college held a bid opening on Tuesday, March 3, at which point the college had
28 received two bids from Langlas and Associates for \$29,706,000 and Swank Enterprises for \$25,770,000 for the
29 College Center project. The lowest bid received was from Swank Enterprises. Chairperson Lund called for a
30 motion. Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve awarding Swank Enterprises the bid
31 for the College Center project. Trustee Mark Holston seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Trustee Holston
32 inquired about funding the difference in the original price that was estimated for the project and the bids
33 received. President Karas presented several options for funding to include fundraising, financing and
34 negotiating with contractors on different alternatives for the project. Trustee Kelly Stimpson noted that she
35 thinks it is prudent to award the contract before costs of construction materials increase in price, and while
36 interest rates are at low rates, should the college need to finance any portion of the project. Following
37 discussion, Trustee Mark Holston called for the question. Following a roll call vote, the motion carried
38 unanimously with five (5) "yes" votes. Following the vote, Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved to authorize
39 President Jane Karas to sign the Notice of Award and to negotiate the Notice to Proceed and Final Contract with
40 the selected contractor, pending legal review as deemed necessary. Trustee Mark Holston seconded the motion.
41 The motion carried unanimously with five (5) "yes" votes.
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43 **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

44 With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

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48 Shannon Lund, Chairperson of the Board
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51 Kelly Stimpson, Secretary to the Board
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