

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 RETREAT
4 Saturday, April 22, 2023
5 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
6 Flathead Valley Community College
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8 A Board Retreat of the Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees convened
9 at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, April 22, 2023.

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11 Chairperson Pete Akey called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m. The following Board
12 members were in attendance:

13 Patrick Gulick Callie Langohr Lyle Mitchell
14 Mary Ruby Travis Steindorf Kelly Stimpson

15 Also present were Ken Burke, ACCT Consultant, President Jane Karas and Suzanne DeCamp,
16 Clerk of the District.

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18 **EXCELLENCE IN BOARD GOVERNANCE**

19 FVCC was fortunate to have been chosen as one of the community colleges who received
20 a complimentary retreat from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). Ken
21 Burke, ACCT Consultant, gave a presentation on Excellence in Board Governance.

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23 Break 9:30 – 9:45
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25 **BOARD OFFICER SUCCESSION PLAN**

26 The Board reviewed the two-year officer succession procedure. The current Board policy
27 elects officers on a yearly basis each May. The policy will remain unchanged, but it was
28 suggested that a procedure be placed with the policy stating the two-year officer succession plan.
29 Each officer would serve a two-year term with the understanding that the Secretary would move
30 up to Vice-Chair and the Vice-Chair would move up to the Chair after their two-year service in
31 each role has been completed. A new Secretary would have to be nominated every two years, it
32 was suggested that Board members talk to the person they are considering nominating before the
33 meeting to make sure that they are interested in serving in the position. There would also be the
34 option to not serve a second year, for any reason, and then the next officer would rotate up to the
35 next position. It was also recommended that a Trustee must serve one year on the Board before
36 being eligible to be nominated for an officer seat. The procedure would be reviewed at each
37 April Board meeting in preparation for the Board reorganization in May. President Karas will
38 work on a draft of the procedure for the Board to review. Once approved, the procedure would
39 be placed with the Chapter II – Organization, Section 10, Board of Trustees Board Officers
40 election policy.

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42 **COLLEGE UPDATE**

43 President Karas provided an update on college issues.

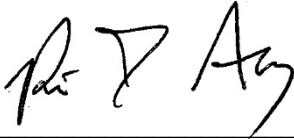
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45 Chairperson Akey suspended the meeting at 11:35 for a lunch break. The meeting was
46 reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

1 **BOARD ISSUES**

2 Mr. Burke reviewed Board governance, responsibilities, and goals. The Board discussed
3 these issues.

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5 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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13 Peter J. Akey, Chairperson of the Board

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Patrick Gulick, Secretary to the Board