

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, June 26, 2023, 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 26, 2023.
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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 Lyle Mitchell Travis Steindorf

15 Trustee Mary Ruby was absent with prior approval. Also present were President Jane Karas and
16 Suzanne DeCamp, Clerk of the District.
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18 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
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20 **III. CONSENT ITEMS – ACTION**

21 **A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on May**
22 **22, 2023.**

23 **B. Approval of the Faculty Union Bargaining Agreement.**

24 **C. Approval of the Adjunct Faculty Bargaining Agreement.**

25 Trustee Peter Akey moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A, B, and C
26 under Section III, Consent Agenda. Trustee Travis Steindorf seconded the motion. The motion
27 carried unanimously with six (6) "yes" votes.
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29 **IV. MONTHLY REPORTS**

30 **A. Student Activities Report**

31 There was no Student Activities Report.

32 **B. Faculty Activities Report**

33 There was no Faculty Activities Report.

34 **C. Executive Staff Activities Report**

35 The Board acknowledged the Executive Staff for their informative reports.
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37 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

38 **A. Student Success: TRIO Update**

39 Leslie Greene, Director, TRIO Student Support Services provided an update on
40 the TRIO Program. TRIO advisors took a group of FVCC students to tour MSU last month, they
41 were able to spend the night on campus and learn about programs, admissions processes and
42 scholarships. The program is currently focused on outreach, sending letters and e-mails to new
43 degree seeking students. They are preparing for their COLS102, college success skills class, that
44 is offered as a pre-fall session and runs the week before fall semester starts. TRIO is a federally
45 funded grant program, funded in five-year cycles, serving students who are first generation
46 college students, meet income guidelines, or have a documented disability. The program focuses

1 on helping students with academic advising and making sure students have access to financial
2 aid, assistance with scholarship applications, transfer advising, and providing free individual
3 tutoring.

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5 **B. Board Policy, Chapter II – Organization, Section 10, Board of Trustees –**
6 **First Reading**

7 President Karas summarized minor revisions to Board Policy, Chapter II -
8 Organization, Section 10, Board of Trustees. The Board reviewed the Board Officer section of
9 the policy. Trustee Pete Akey recalled the decision that took place at the Board Retreat in April,
10 stating that the Board decided to leave the policy ‘as is’ with a one-year term, but that a
11 procedure be added noting the two-year succession plan. President Karas will work on the
12 procedure and bring to the Board for review. Trustee Peter Akey moved that the Board of
13 Trustees approve Board Policy, Chapter II – Organization, Section 10, Board of Trustees (first
14 reading as revised). Trustee Travis Steindorf seconded the motion. With no further discussion,
15 the motion carried unanimously with six (6) “yes” votes.

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17 **C. Finance and Audit Committee Report**

18 Chairperson Kelly Stimpson reported that the Finance and Audit Committee met
19 prior to the Board meeting for a thorough review of the preliminary FY24 budget.

20 **1. Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget – First Public Hearing**

21 The budget plan for FY24 (First Reading) was developed and submitted to the
22 Board for review and action. President Karas stated that this is the first public reading of the
23 budget and it will be presented before the Board at the July 24th meeting for a second reading.
24 Trustee Patrick Gulick moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Preliminary Fiscal Year
25 2024 Proposed Current Unrestricted (General Fund) budget (First Reading) of \$21,824,926.
26 Trustee Lyle Mitchell seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried
27 unanimously with (6) “yes” votes.

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29 **D. Board of Trustees’ Event Calendar**

30 President Karas reviewed the Trustees’ event calendar. The Foundation’s
31 Summerfest fundraising event is tonight in Bigfork at The Nest. The college will be closed on
32 Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. The next Board meeting is scheduled for
33 July 24th.

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35 **E. President’s Report**

36 President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- 37 • Enrollment - Summer school started a few weeks ago and enrollment is slightly
38 down compared to last summer. However, there are not as many courses offered
39 as last year due to scheduling challenges. The college will look at ways to expand
40 the schedule for next summer. Initial fall enrollment is up compared to where it
41 was at the same time last year.
- 42 • Superintendent Meetings – President Karas is meeting with the Flathead County
43 high school district superintendents to collaborate on partnerships that provide
44 opportunities for high school students in career/technical education. These
45 partnerships would prepare high school students to go directly into the workforce
46 with some college education or to achieve a college certificate or degree while

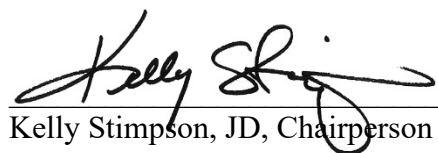
1 they are still in high school.

- 2 • Year End – Preparing for the 2023 Fiscal Year-End close out and getting ready
- 3 for the new year starting next week.
- 4 • Kids College – The campus is busy with students from 1st grade through middle
- 5 school attending various courses.
- 6 • Governor’s Cup – The annual dinner will be held again on the FVCC campus on
- 7 July 27th at 6:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for State Legislators, State
- 8 administrators and representatives of business and industry to enjoy FVCC’s
- 9 campus.

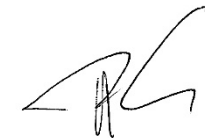
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11 **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

12 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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24 Patrick Gulick, Secretary to the Board