

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AGENDA ITEM *3

III. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Minutes 5/19/2025
- B. Classified Bargaining Agreement

BACKGROUND:

A copy of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on 5/19/2025 is attached for review by Board members prior to the meeting. Also attached are the changes to the classified bargaining agreement. All consent items, with no corrections, will be approved with one motion.

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2025, 3:45 p.m.
Blake Hall 140

A regular meeting of the Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees convened at 3:45 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2025.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Chairperson Callie Langohr called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m. The following Board members were in attendance:

Peter Akey Patrick Gulick Callie Langohr
Mark Ruby

Trustee Travis Steindorf was absent with prior Board approval. Trustees Jamie Pickering and Kelly Stimpson were absent. Also present were President Jane Karas and Suzanne DeCamp, Clerk of the District.

A. Oath of Office

The Clerk of the District administered the “Oath of Office” to Mark Ruby and requested his signature on the “Certificate of Election” form. The Oath of Office was previously administered to Travis Steindorf May 14, 2025.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

III. CONSENT ITEMS – ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on April 28, 2025.

Trustee Peter Akey moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEM A under Section III, Consent Agenda. Trustee Patrick Gulick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Board Meeting Schedule FY26

Trustee Patrick Gulick moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEM B under Section III, Consent Agenda. Trustee Peter Akey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Student Activities Report

The Student Activities Report was submitted to the Board by Colton Little, Student Government Vice President.

B. Executive Staff Activities Report

The Board acknowledged the Executive Staff for their informative reports.

V. COLLEGE ISSUES

A. Student Success: Information Technology Update

Kent Rogers, Executive Director, Information Technology provided an update on campus systems modernizations. Kent highlighted several new systems that have been implemented in the last year.

President Karas thanked Kent and his team for their work in getting all of the new software and programs up and running.

B. Resolution 25-3, Disposal of Surplus Property Through Sale

The Board was presented with Resolution 25-3, Disposal of Surplus Property Through Sale. The college has found that the surplus property has become obsolete and is no longer suitable for use.

Trustee Peter Akey moved that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution 25-3, Disposal of Surplus Property Through Sale. Trustee Patrick Gulick seconded the motion. Trustee Peter Akey asked about the process for selling the property. President Karas stated that a notice will be put into the newspaper, and it will be sold on a first come first serve basis. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Academic Program Proposals

Lisa Blank, Executive Director, Workforce Development and Bryan Brophy-Baermann, Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs presented the Board with three Academic Program Proposals for FY 26.

- Brewing Science and Brewery Operations CTS and AAS (deletion)
- Geospatial Technology CTS (deletion)
- Goldsmithing and Jewelry Design AAS and CAS (moratorium)

The Brewing Science and Brewery Operations CTS and AAS and Geospatial Technology CTS programs have been in moratorium since 2022. The programs are being submitted for termination.

On May 1st the Curriculum Committee voted to place Goldsmithing and Jewelry Design AAS and CAS into moratorium. With the retirement of the fulltime faculty member who runs the program, Academic Affairs and Continuing Education will suspend accepting new students into the program to allow time to determine the best path forward for this area of study.

Trustee Mark Ruby moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Academic Program proposal recommendations as submitted. Trustee Peter Akey seconded the motion. Trustee Peter Akey expressed his appreciation for the thorough process that the college goes through to review course offerings and programs. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

D. Name Change for Wachholz Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

President Karas presented the Board with a recommended name revision to the Wachholz Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship that the Board approved at its March meeting. In order to help distinguish between the Wachholz College Center and the Wachholz Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the new recommended name is the Wachholz Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center.

Trustee Patrick Gulick moved that the Board of Trustees approve the name change to the Wachholz Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center. Trustee Mark Ruby seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Board of Trustees' Events Calendar

President Karas reviewed the Trustees' events calendar. The next Board meeting will be on June 23rd, the first reading of the budget will take place at that time.

F. President's Report

President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- Year-End Student Events – On May 16th the student leadership awards were held in the morning and the nurse pinning ceremony took place in the afternoon.
- Commencement – President Karas thanked Amber Paulson-Hofseth, Kelly Murphy and the team at the Wachholz College Center for their coordination of the May 16th Commencement. President Karas also thanked Michele Purcell and her Marketing team for the media coverage.
- Legislative Session – Funding was received to help with dual enrollment students, the amount is still unknown, making it difficult to finalize next year's budget. In addition, funding for the FY26 state appropriation through the formula and reversion are not final. We will receive \$300,000 for technology for the first year of the biennium to help with the technology transition.
- Theatre Production – The theatre students put on the musical production, The Pirates of Penzance, it was an outstanding production which sold out several shows. President Karas thanked professors Rebecca Spear for the show direction and Rich Haptonstall for the sets.
- Tour – The Board was invited to tour the Wachholz Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center following the meeting in June.
- Wachholz College Center Event – Dr. Abraham Verghese, author and medical doctor who teaches at Stanford Medical School spoke on May 5th about medicine and healthcare. President Karas expressed appreciation to Logan Health who helped to underwrite the cost of bringing Dr. Verghese to campus.

VI. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. Appoint Board Members to Positions of Board Chair, Board Vice Chair, and Secretary to the Board

President Karas discussed the officer succession process that was previously approved at a Board retreat - after a two-year term, the Vice Chair would move into the Chair seat.

Trustee Peter Akey moved to nominate Callie Langohr as the Board Chair.

Trustee Patrick Gulick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Peter Akey moved to nominate Travis Steindorf as the Board Vice Chair.

Trustee Mark Ruby seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Callie Langohr moved to nominate Peter Akey as the Board Secretary.

Trustee Patrick Gulick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Appoint Board Members to Finance and Audit Committee and Foundation Liaison

Trustees Peter Akey, Patrick Gulick and Mark Ruby volunteered to serve on the Finance and Audit Committee.

Trustee Callie Langohr volunteered to continue to serve as the Foundation Liaison.

C. Appoint a Clerk of the District

Trustee Peter Akey moved that the Board of Trustees reelect Suzanne DeCamp as Clerk of the District. Trustee Patrick Gulick seconded the motion. With no other appointees, the motion carried unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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Kelly Stimpson, JD, Chairperson of the Board

Travis Steindorf, Secretary to the Board