

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, June 23, 2025, 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 23, 2025.
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10 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

11 Chairperson Callie Langohr called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. The following Board
12 members were in attendance:

13 Peter Akey Jamie Pickering Mark Ruby
14 Kelly Stimpson

15 Trustee Kelly Stimpson attended remotely. Trustees Patrick Gulick and Travis Steindorf
16 were absent with prior Board approval. Also present were President Jane Karas and Suzanne
17 DeCamp, Clerk of the District.
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19 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
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21 **III. CONSENT ITEMS – ACTION**

22 **A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on May**
23 **19, 2025.**

24 **B. Classified Bargaining Agreement**

25 Trustee Mark Ruby moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A and B
26 under Section III, Consent Agenda. Trustee Jamie Pickering seconded the motion. The motion
27 carried unanimously.
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29 **IV. MONTHLY REPORTS**

30 **A. Executive Staff Activities Report**

31 The Board acknowledged the Executive Staff for their informative reports.
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33 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

34 **A. Student Success: Kids College**

35 Jodi Smith, Director, Continuing Education provided an update on Kids College.
36 Jodi listed the many course options ranging from art, science, technology, language, culture and
37 more. Kids College is fortunate to have instructor expertise including K-12 teachers, faculty,
38 adjunct faculty and professionals in the community.

39 Lisa Blank, Director of Workforce Development, spoke on the Credly Badging
40 “option” that has been added to four course offerings: Be Your Own Boss! Youth Entrepreneur
41 Week, Cake Decorating, Introduction to Health Sciences, and Woodworking for Beginners. The
42 state is working on a way to track non-credit education as an on ramp to credit education,
43 workforce and getting students and families aware and interested in possible future careers and
44 pathways. Students can earn “badges” when they complete each course and go on-line and print
45 their badges, the badges are connected to specific skillsets connected to those career fields in
46 those industries. The college used grant funding for the subscription to the tracking program.

1 **B. Finance and Audit Committee Report**

2 President Karas reported that the Finance and Audit Committee met prior to the
3 Board meeting for a thorough review of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

4 **1. Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget – First Public Hearing**

5 The budget plan for Fiscal Year 2026 (First Reading) was developed and
6 submitted to the Board for review and action. President Karas stated that this is the first public
7 reading of the budget, and it will be presented before the Board at the July 28th meeting for a
8 second reading.

9 Trustee Peter Akey moved that the Board of Trustees approve the
10 Preliminary Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Current Unrestricted (General Fund) budget (First
11 Reading) of \$25,797,097. Trustee Jamie Pickering seconded the motion. The motion carried
12 unanimously.

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14 **C. Board of Trustees' Events Calendar**

15 President Karas reviewed the Trustees' events calendar. The college will be
16 closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. The Foundation's Summer Soiree
17 will be on July 9th in Whitefish at The Patio. The next Board meeting will be on July 28th.

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19 **D. President's Report**

20 President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- 21 • ACCT Certificate – FVCC received a Member of Good Standing Award from the
- 22 Association of Community College Trustees for 2025.
- 23 • President's Report – The annual President's Report publication has been
- 24 completed, this year's theme is "Year of Impact."
- 25 • President's Circle Dinner – The annual dinner was held on June 19th in McClaren
- 26 Hall at the Wachholz College Center. Justin and Jennifer Sliter were the
- 27 recipients of the Eagle Award and three transformation student scholarships were
- 28 awarded. President Karas thanked everyone who was able to attend. She also
- 29 expressed appreciation to the Culinary, Foundation and Marketing teams and the
- 30 staff who volunteered to help make the evening a success.
- 31 • Position Searches – The college has been conducting interviews for the positions
- 32 of Executive Director of Institutional Research and Director of the Wachholz
- 33 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center. In addition, a new Director for the
- 34 Lincoln County Campus has been hired and will start on July 7th.
- 35 • Legislative Update – The Legislative Audit Committee recently met and reviewed
- 36 our audit, there were no questions. President Karas will check to see if our
- 37 auditor is able to present the audit at the July Board meeting.
- 38 • OCHE – The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) sent the
- 39 proposed reversion numbers for what the funding formula would be, they are
- 40 different than what the three community colleges had expected. Lorelle Davies,
- 41 Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and President Karas will be meeting with a
- 42 commissioner's office representative to go over the calculations.
- 43 • StoryCorps – President Karas invited the Board to attend the National Public
- 44 Radio StoryCorps free event tonight at 6:30 at the Wachholz College Center.
- 45 • Wachholz College Center Event – Connie Chung and Maury Povich will be
- 46 speaking on Wednesday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m. Connie recently wrote a book and

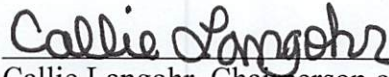
1 Maury will be interviewing her.

- 2 • Tour – The Board postponed the tour of the Wachholz Innovation and
3 Entrepreneurship Center until the July meeting.

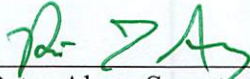
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5 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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