

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, May 19, 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, May 19, 2025.
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10 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

13 Peter Akey Patrick Gulick Callie Langohr
14 Mark Ruby

15 Trustee Travis Steindorf was absent with prior Board approval. Trustees Jamie Pickering
16 and Kelly Stimpson were absent. Also present were President Jane Karas and Suzanne DeCamp,
17 Clerk of the District.
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19 **A. Oath of Office**

20 The Clerk of the District administered the “Oath of Office” to Mark Ruby and
21 requested his signature on the “Certificate of Election” form. The Oath of Office was previously
22 administered to Travis Steindorf May 14, 2025.
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24 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
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26 **III. CONSENT ITEMS – ACTION**

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

29 Trustee Peter Akey moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEM A under
30 Section III, Consent Agenda. Trustee Patrick Gulick seconded the motion. The motion carried
31 unanimously.
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33 **B. Board Meeting Schedule FY26**

34 Trustee Patrick Gulick moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEM B under
35 Section III, Consent Agenda. Trustee Peter Akey seconded the motion. The motion carried
36 unanimously.
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38 **IV. MONTHLY REPORTS**

39 **A. Student Activities Report**

40 The Student Activities Report was submitted to the Board by Colton Little,
41 Student Government Vice President.
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43 **B. Executive Staff Activities Report**

44 The Board acknowledged the Executive Staff for their informative reports.

1 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

2 **A. Student Success: Information Technology Update**

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

6 President Karas thanked Kent and his team for their work in getting all of the new
7 software and programs up and running.
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9 **B. Resolution 25-3, Disposal of Surplus Property Through Sale**

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 Trustee Mark Ruby moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Academic
34 Program proposal recommendations as submitted. Trustee Peter Akey seconded the motion.
35 Trustee Peter Akey expressed his appreciation for the thorough process that the college goes
36 through to review course offerings and programs. With no further discussion, the motion carried
37 unanimously.
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39 **D. Name Change for Wachholz Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

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

45 Trustee Patrick Gulick moved that the Board of Trustees approve the name
46 change to the Wachholz Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center. Trustee Mark Ruby seconded

1 the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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3 **E. Board of Trustees' Events Calendar**

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

8 President Karas updated the Board on several items:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

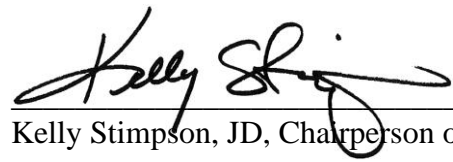
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4 **C. Appoint a Clerk of the District**

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

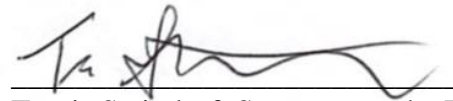
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9 **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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17 Kelly Stimpson, JD, Chairperson of the Board
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22 Travis Steindorf, Secretary to the Board