

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AGENDA ITEM \*3

III. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting Minutes 6/23/2025

BACKGROUND:

A copy of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on 6/23/2025 is attached for review by Board members prior to the meeting. All consent items, with no corrections, will be approved with one motion.

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, June 23, 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, June 23, 2025.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

Peter Akey

Jamie Pickering

Mark Ruby

Kelly Stimpson

Trustee Kelly Stimpson attended remotely. Trustees Patrick Gulick and Travis Steindorf were absent with prior Board approval. Also present were President Jane Karas and Suzanne DeCamp, Clerk of the District.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**III. CONSENT ITEMS – ACTION**

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

**B. Classified Bargaining Agreement**

Trustee Mark Ruby moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A and B under Section III, Consent Agenda. Trustee Jamie Pickering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. MONTHLY REPORTS**

**A. Executive Staff Activities Report**

The Board acknowledged the Executive Staff for their informative reports.

**V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

**A. Student Success: Kids College**

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

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

**B. Finance and Audit Committee Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**D. President's Report**

President Karas updated the Board on several items:

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

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

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Callie Langohr, Chairperson of the Board

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Peter Akey, Secretary to the Board