



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT VIII
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, state of Washington, was held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. In accordance with Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28.5, which continues the prohibition on in-person meetings, this meeting was conducted virtually. The meeting was accessible to the public via Zoom. A telephone line was also available. Greg Dietzel, Chair, presided.

MINUTES

The business session was called to order at 5:02 PM.

I. **ROLL CALL**

Chair Greg Dietzel, Vice Chair Richard Leigh, Lisa Chin, Merisa Heu-Weller, Rich Fukutaki, Hannah Stoddard, Gary Locke, and Bruce Marvin were present.

II. **AGENDA**

Trustee Heu-Weller made a motion to approve the agenda (December 16, 2020). Trustee Fukutaki seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. **COLLEGE LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION**

Chair Dietzel called for trustee discussion about future leadership and direction at Bellevue College.

Trustee Leigh reported to the Board that he and Trustee Fukutaki had recently engaged in a round of listening sessions with a wide variety of campus constituents to gather feedback about the leadership plan for the College. Trustees Leigh and Fukutaki hosted 19 meetings from November 16-23 totaling over 12 hours, and met with the following groups and individuals: College Assembly, Exempt Council, Classified Council, Faculty Council, student leaders, faculty union leader, Classified union leader, affinity group leaders, Bellevue College Foundation Board, and President's Cabinet. In addition, multiple groups submitted written feedback to the Board. Through these listening sessions and written feedback, three major themes emerged: the strong desire for stability at the College; the need for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) to be front and center at the College; and change—there is a need for a strategic plan and direction, to improve equity and meet the innumerable changes coming to the College in the future.

After discussion among the Board members about future leadership and direction at the College, Chair Dietzel reported that based on the feedback solicited from the campus community and the Board discussion in the present meeting, there are two potential options for college leadership at this time: 1) hire a new president to begin by July 1, 2021, or 2) extend the contract of the current interim president. Chair Dietzel announced the Board would send a summary of today's Board meeting discussion to the campus by the end of the week and through that email would solicit additional feedback from members of the BC community about the College's future leadership and direction.

IV. **UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS/COMMUNITY TESTIMONY**

Amber Nicholson, staff member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on the importance of integrating climate justice in tandem with diversity, equity, and inclusion in a president search.

David Spataro, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on the importance of integrating climate justice in tandem with diversity, equity, and inclusion in a president search.

Abner Pagunuran, staff member at Bellevue College, provided public comment on the selection of a Bellevue College president.

Teresa Descher, staff member at Bellevue College, provided public comment expressing appreciation for providing opportunities for classified staff to give feedback, and the importance of looking at student mental health and GPA.

V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:03 PM, Chair Dietzel announced there would be an executive session beginning at 6:10 PM that would last approximately 80 minutes to discuss the evaluation of a public employee. At 7:30 PM, Chair Dietzel announced the executive session would be extended by 15 minutes. At 7:45 PM, Chair Dietzel announced the executive session would be extended by 10 minutes. The Board returned to regular session at 7:55 PM.

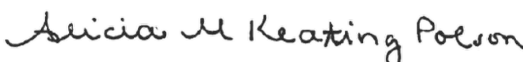
VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Dietzel adjourned the Board of Trustees meeting at 7:55 PM.



Greg Dietzel, Chair
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Alicia Keating Polson
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Community College District VIII