



**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, January 13, 2021. 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 5:00 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 (January 13, 2021). Trustee Leigh seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. **COLLEGE LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION**

Chair Dietzel called for trustee discussion about future leadership and direction at Bellevue College. Trustees Heu-Weller and Leigh thanked the College community for their input during the listening sessions and their comments through the survey. Trustee Fukutaki appreciated reading all of the submitted comments and learning from the stakeholders. Chair Dietzel shared that it is clear through the feedback that the College needs to make progress on equity and strategic planning.

IV. **UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS/COMMUNITY TESTIMONY**

Rich Tebbetts, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided public comment regarding leadership at Bellevue College.

Amber Nicholson, staff member at Bellevue College, provided public comment on the importance of climate justice in the presidential search at Bellevue College.

V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:21 PM, Chair Dietzel announced there would meet in executive session for 20 minutes to discuss the evaluation of a public employee. At 5:40 PM, Chair Dietzel announced the executive session would be extended by 5 minutes. The Board returned to regular session at 5:45 PM.

VI. **ACTION ITEM**

A. Presidential Direction for the College

Chair Dietzel announced that the authority and obligation to employ the president of the college rests with the Board of Trustees under Bellevue College Policy 1000 and RCW 28B.50.140 and asked if there was a motion for the appointment of an interim president.

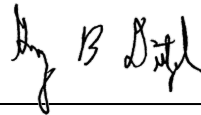
Motion 01.21

Trustee Leigh moved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII hereby extend the contract of interim president Governor Gary Locke up to June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Heu-Weller.

The motion passed unanimously.

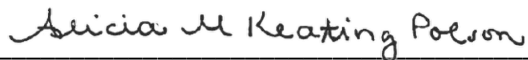
VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Dietzel adjourned the Board of Trustees meeting at 6:05 PM.



Greg Dietzel, Chair
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



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