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

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, state of Washington, was held on Wednesday, June 16, 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 study session began at 2:01 PM.

I. **STUDY SESSION**

Dennis Curran, Vice President of Administrative Services, and Christopher Butler, Planning and Design Manager, hosted a study session to discuss the physical campus and facilities at the College.

The business session was called to order at 3:01 PM.

II. **ROLL CALL**

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

III. **AGENDA**

Trustee Leigh made a motion to approve the agenda (June 16, 2021) and minutes (May 19, 2021). Trustee Fukutaki seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. **CONSTITUENT REPORTS**

A. Faculty

The Faculty report was provided by Sue Nightingale, President of the Bellevue College Association of Higher Education (BCAHE).

- Nightingale reported that there is considerable concern about the four staff members who were recently laid off and that faculty want to see a plan for BATS.

B. Foundation

The Foundation report was provided by Lisa Brock, Chair of the Bellevue College Foundation (BCF).

- The BCF held a successful planning retreat earlier this morning. BCF determined next year's breakfast will be held on campus and a gala will be planned for Fall 2022.
- Brock will serve again as BCF president in 2021-2022. Dana Gray is president-elect.
- Brock thanked Chair Dietzel for attending the BCF meetings over the past year.

#### C. Student

The Student report was provided by Ki Ahn, President of the Bellevue College Associated Student Government (ASG).

- The ASG Board of Directors have been ratified.

#### D. Classified

The Classified report was provided by Becky Turnbull, Bellevue College Chief Shop Steward for the Washington Public Employee's Association (WPEA).

- Turnbull offered thanks to Amy McCrory for serving as Assembly Chair the last two years and thanked Sue Nightingale for speaking on behalf of staff.
- Staff are concerned about the recent lay-off of four employees.
- Staff are expressing concern about the mental health and wellness of employees and are asking how the college will support staff in the transition getting back to work on campus.
- Turnbull thanked President Locke for effectively communicating to the campus about returning to work on campus.

#### E. College Assembly

The College Assembly report was provided by AJ Duxbury, Incoming Chair of the College Assembly.

- Duxbury thanked Amy McCrory for her service as Assembly Chair and outgoing council chairs. Councils had several accomplishments this year.
- The last Assembly meeting of the academic year will be June 21, 2021.

### V. Action Items

#### A. Off-Cycle Tenure Candidates

##### Motion 21.21

Trustee Heu-Weller moved that the Board of Trustees of Bellevue College hereby grants tenure beginning Winter Quarter 2022 to Sandi Xhumari, Science (Mathematics). Trustee Leigh seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

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#### Motion 22.21

Trustee Fukutaki moved that the Board of Trustees of Bellevue College hereby grants tenure beginning Winter Quarter 2022 to Zhenzhen He-Weatherford, Arts and Humanities (English). Trustee Leigh seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

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### B. Capital Projects and Local Funding Approval for 2021-2023 Biennium

#### Motion 23.21

Trustee Leigh moved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII approves the expenditure of local and state funds and the list of proposed capital projects for the 2021-2023 biennium. Trustee Heu-Weller seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

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### C. 2021-22 College Budget

#### Motion 24.21

Trustee Leigh moved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII approve the college budget plan, as proposed, for fiscal period 2021-2022. This includes the Board of Trustees authorizing:

- the College President to proceed with the execution of the planned program;
- the College President to transfer funds within the General Fund, or from local and other funds, to eliminate any cash deficit as required by RCW 43.88.2601, to provide working capital, and to support approved projects and activities;
- the tuition and fee schedule as established by law, by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, as implemented by the College President, and as listed in the College catalog;
- the College President to accept allocation amendments from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, to accept such grants and contracts as may be acquired during the budget period, and to report on such changes, at least quarterly, to the Board of Trustees;
- the addition of staff and faculty positions if necessary, to carry out the College's programs; and

- the College President to determine the fee schedule for contract courses and programs.

Trustee Heu-Weller seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

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D. 2021-22 Service and Activities Fee Budget

Motion 25.21

Trustee Heu-Weller moved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII approve the proposed 2021-22 Services and Activities fee budget. Trustee Fukutaki seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

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E. Board Election of Officers

Motion 26.21

Trustee Heu-Weller moved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII hereby appoint Richard Leigh as Board Chair. Trustee Fukutaki seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Motion 27.21

Trustee Fukutaki moved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII hereby appoint Merisa Heu-Weller as Board Vice Chair. Trustee Leigh seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT**

A. Early Alert for Academic Success Program

Melissa Martinez, Early Alert Coordinator and Integrated Student Supports (ISS) Workgroup Lead presented an overview of the Early Alert program, including its growth and development since it's pilot launch Spring 2020 through Spring 2021, key players and stakeholders in the Early Alert work, and why this program matters in terms of closing equity gaps and promoting student success and retention.

## VII. **REPORTS**

### A. Student Success

Kristen Jones, Provost; Esteban Maldonado, Title III Director and AT Co-Lead; Jennie Mayer, Faculty Program Chair for Physical Science and ATD Co-Lead; Zach Morgan, Executive Director of Research and Effectiveness; Maggie Harada, Senior Associate Professor in English and BC Pathways Co-Lead, Allison Kang, Faculty Program Chair for Life Science and BC Pathways Co-Lead, and Christina Sciabarra, Faculty Member and First Year Seminar Team Lead, presented the quarterly student success report.

Achieving the Dream (ATD) provides the framework for the College's student success initiative with the goal of eliminating achievement gaps by race and ethnicity. Three institutional metrics have been identified to measure success:

- Three-year completion and transfer rate
- Fall to fall retention/persistence rate
- Percentage of students completing college level math in their first year

The presentation included a summary of work completed on First Year Seminar, Pathways Mapping, Math Redesign, and the Peer Educator program, as well as an update on the leading indicators.

## VIII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Gary Locke, Interim President of Bellevue College, reported there is significant work happening across the campus to support student success and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

## IX. **BOARD REPORT**

Trustees Fukutaki and Leigh thanked Chair Dietzel for his service as Chair of the Board. Chair Dietzel thanked Trustee Stoddard and her service to the Board this year.

## X. **UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS/COMMUNITY TESTIMONY**

Nancy McEachran, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on the ESL program.

Heidi Songstad, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on the BATS budget.

Janet Ha Andrews, student at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on Asian American Studies classes.

Amanda Johnson, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on the BATS budget.

Madeleine Magana, community member, provided a public comment on providing American ethnic studies courses.

Nathan Duong, community member, provided a public comment on providing American ethnic studies courses.

Catherine Smith, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on BATS.

Jordana Maciel Abdo, student at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on Asian American ethnic studies.

Jean Pauley, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on BATS.

Mila Tari, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on BATS.

Teresa Descher, staff member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on a culture of care with employees and the BATS program.

Nan Ma, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on ethnic studies and introduction to Asian American Studies.

Christina Sciabarra, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on BATS.

Hope Gamez, staff member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on BATS.

Valencio Socio, staff member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on BATS and Culture and Ethnic Studies courses, and GLBTQ cross walks fundraising.

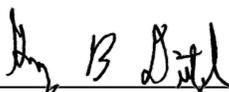
Nancy Emery, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided a public comment on BATS.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:16 PM, Chair Dietzel announced there would be an executive session beginning at 6:30 PM that would last approximately 75 minutes to discuss matters with legal counsel regarding potential litigation, collective bargaining, and the performance of public employees. The Board returned to regular session at 7:45 PM.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Dietzel adjourned the Board of Trustees meeting at 7:45 PM.

  
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Greg Dietzel, Chair  
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

*Alicia M Keating Polson*

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Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Community College District VIII