



**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 Thursday, August 21, 2025. Pradnya Desh, chair, presided. This meeting was held in the Spruce Studio 1 Room at Cedarbrook Lodge at 18525 36th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98188 and remotely on Zoom. A telephone line was also available.

MINUTES

Chair Desh called the business session to order 9:08 AM.

ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Board was present.

Present: Chair Pradnya Desh, Vice Chair Rich Fukutaki, Trustee Richard Leigh, Trustee Greg Dietzel, President David May, and Board Secretary Alicia Keating Polson.

Absent: none.

There were 5 guests in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amended the agenda

Trustee Fukutaki made an amended motion to approve the agenda (June 27, 2024). Trustee Leigh seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

GEARING UP FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dr. Alicia Keating Polson, Executive Director of the President's Office, provided updates to help trustees prepare for the new year, including the Board schedule of reports, calendar of signature events, event referrals and sponsorship information, and the Board portal.

RECESS

Chair Dosh called for a 20-minute recess at 10:20 AM.

BUSINESS SESSION

Chair Dosh called the business session back to order at 10:43 AM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. David May, President, provided the President report.

FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. May, President, presented an analysis of the structural forces reshaping higher education and their implications for Bellevue College. He emphasized that institutions are not facing temporary disruption but a fundamental redefinition of mission and practice. Key themes included:

- Demographics and enrollment: Declining birthrates, outmigration, and changing college-going patterns are altering student pipelines, particularly for men and students of color.
- Student needs: Rising mental health concerns and basic needs insecurity—exacerbated by the pandemic—affect persistence and require stronger institutional responses in partnership with community resources.
- Labor market transformation: Automation and shifting employer expectations are driving demand for skills-based pathways, while students still need durable, transferable learning.
- Equity as a central frame: Gaps in access, outcomes, and completion reflect structural design rather than individual effort, underscoring the need for equity to guide governance, policy, and resource allocation.
- Artificial intelligence: AI represents a structural force reshaping instruction, operations, workforce preparation, and governance, requiring ethical frameworks and curricular adaptation.

RECESS

Chair Dosh called for a 75-minute recess at 11:45 AM.

BUSINESS SESSION

Chair Dosh called the business session back to order at 1:00 PM.

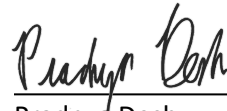
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:00 PM, Chair Dosh announced the Board would convene for 90 minutes in executive session under [RCW 42.30.110\(1\)](#) for the following purpose: (g) To review the performance of a public employees. Chair Dosh announced that no final action would be taken during the executive session.

The executive session ended at 2:30 PM.

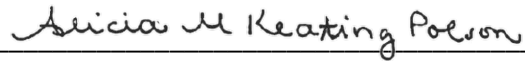
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Desh adjourned the Board of Trustees meeting at 2:31 PM.



Pradnya Desh
Chair, Board of Trustees
Community College District VIII

ATTEST:



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