



Butte-Glenn Community College District  
3536 Butte Campus Drive  
Oroville, CA 95965

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

February 12, 2025 | 1:00 P.M.

District Board Room  
Student and Administrative Services Building

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The Board of Trustees of the Butte-Glenn Community College District met on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., in the District Board Room at Butte College in Oroville, California.

**Board Members Present** Mr. William McGinnis, President  
Mr. John Blacklock, Vice President  
Mr. John Nock, Clerk  
Mr. Mike Boeger  
Mr. John Dahlmeier  
Mr. Rick Krepelka  
Mr. Eugene Massa  
Mr. Liam Eller, Student Trustee

**Board Members Absent**  
**Staff Members Present**

Ms. Virginia L. Guleff, Superintendent/President  
Mr. Erik Shearer, Vice President  
Ms. Imelda Simos-Valdez, Vice President  
Ms. Jessica Snelling, Vice President  
Dr. Jess Vickery, Academic Senate President  
Mr. Chris Westbay, Classified Senate President  
Ms. Melissa Cafferata-Ainsworth, Executive Assistant to the President & Board of Trustees

**Guests** None

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Clerk Nock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. **Agenda Approval**

It was moved by Trustee Boeger, seconded by Board Clerk Nock, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Eller (advisory vote), McGinnis, Blacklock, Nock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, and Massa

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

## 2. **Communications from the Public – Consent Agenda**

There were no public comments.

## 3. **Approval of Consent Agenda, Items 3.1-3.9**

It was moved by Trustee Dahlmeier, seconded by Board Vice President Blacklock, to remove item 3.5 from the consent agenda for discussion and to approve the balance.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Eller (advisory vote), McGinnis, Blacklock, Nock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, and Massa

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

## 4. **Reports**

### Academic Senate President's Report – Jess Vickery

Academic Senate President Vickery reported that the Academic Senate has continued its shared governance work, including approving the charter and bylaws for the Sabbatical and Professional Advancement Committee, appointing members to committees, and providing input on administrative procedures.

### Classified Senate President's Report – Chris Westbay

Classified Senate President Westbay reported that the Classified Senate also continues to work on administrative procedures. He noted that the emeritus nomination process will start this week, with two former employees qualifying for consideration. Classified Senate President Westbay reported that Classified Senate is holding a bake sale tomorrow and continues to work on planning its April 18 tailgate party in support of athletics.

### Student Senate President's Report – Mercedes Cortez-Nava

Student Senate President Cortez-Nava reported that Student Senate has filled several vacant positions and continues to work on updating their governance documents. The body has also approved updates to their elections and procedures documents. Student Senate President Cortez-Nava reported that Student Senate recognized the concerns of students impacted by immigration policies and purchased "Know Your Rights" cards. She concluded by reporting that during Welcome Week, the Senate provide welcome kits to 250 students to help them feel supported.

### Student Trustee Comments – Liam Eller

Student Trustee Eller reported that Welcome Week was successful, providing an inclusive and supportive atmosphere for students. He noted that there's been increased concern about the potential presence of ICE in California, adding that the college has been diligent about addressing concerns but supporting students remains essential.

### Vice President's Report – Imelda Simos-Valdez

Vice President Simos-Valdez provided a series of highlights from the fall 2024 semester. More than \$19 million in federal aid was disbursed and 650 students benefited from the College Promise scholarship. Reg2Go has already netted more than 1,200 applications and the program is ongoing. The Roadrunner Hub received more than 7,000 visits last semester.

Vice President Simos-Valdez reported that spring Welcome Week activities, particularly the Ask Me booths, were very successful in connecting students to staff and resources. She concluded by inviting the board to a series of upcoming events. A high school counselor conference is scheduled

for March 27. The Big Time will be held May 1. The Spring Carnival is May 14. Commencement will be held May 30.

#### Superintendent/President's Report – Virginia Guleff

Superintendent/President Guleff reported on events she participated in since the last board meeting. She attended a Wheelhouse convening at UC Davis, concluding the professional development series with CEOs from around the state. She noted that she appreciates the close connectivity among the members of the cohort. She reported that she also met with the mayor of Oroville and discussed transportation as well as a potential Butte College presence in Oroville. Superintendent/President Guleff also reported that she conducted training on participatory governance for the MSC Association. She also attended the Butte County Farm Bureau Annual Dinner and Boys & Girls Club Gala with Butte College colleagues. She concluded by expressing pride in the college for its dedication to putting students first.

#### Board Comments

Trustee Krepelka reported that he's been thinking about sustainability and wind generation opportunities, which seem to have potential for the Glenn County Center. He added that he enjoyed the Butte College commercial during the Super Bowl. Trustee Boeger noted that he's glad to see the replacement of old solar panels. He emphasized the importance of enrollment growth to the college and expressed concern about how Glenn County handled their tax shortfall. Board Vice President Blacklock indicated that the board supports safe spaces for students and encouraged the college to stay focused on keeping this institution a safe place for students. Board Clerk Nock reported that attendees at the Butte County Farm Bureau Annual Dinner appreciated Butte College's presence at the event, where it was announced that the Farm Bureau will rename its Butte College Foundation scholarship in honor of Doug Bentz. He concluded by encouraging people to purchase tickets for the March 8 Butte College Foundation Spring Gala. Trustee Massa reported that the NorCal Crawlers' February 22 poker run in Butte Meadows will raise funds for the Butte College Veterans Center. He also reported that he heard several regional college presidents speak at the Colusa County Farm Show breakfast, so he suggested that they invite someone from Butte College to participate next year. Board President McGinnis reported that 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Chico attended a career day event in Orland yesterday. He noted that he's also been reading about wind turbines.

#### **Approval of Out-of-State Student Travel to Michigan, Item 3.5**

Trustee Boeger indicated that while it's standard procedure, he's concerned that the cost of the out-of-state student travel isn't indicated on the request. He recommended that requests include a "not to exceed limit" either in total or per student.

It was moved by Trustee Boeger, seconded by Trustee Krepelka, to approve out-of-state student travel to Michigan as requested with an upper limit of \$20,000.

The board discussed whether it needs to approve the dollar amount, which has already been approved within the budget. Travel outside the state is what requires board approval. Board President McGinnis requested that future requests include the number of students and approved budget amount.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Eller (advisory vote), McGinnis, Blacklock, Nock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, and Massa

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

## 5. **Communications from the Public**

There were no public comments.

## 6. **Contracts**

### **Approval of Contracts, Item 6.1**

It was moved by Board Vice President Blacklock, seconded by Board Clerk Nock, to approve the contracts listed on the Contracts Approval Report and authorize the Superintendent/President or designee to enter into the contracts in accordance with Board Policy 6340 prior to ratification by the Board at a subsequent meeting contingent upon available funding and successful completion of negotiation of terms with the contractors.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Eller (advisory vote), McGinnis, Blacklock, Nock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, and Massa

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

### **Approval of Contract Award for Bid Relocation of Two Modular Classroom Buildings & Relocation & Modifications to 1 Modular Administration Building & 1 Shade Structure Project, No. 240660, Item 6.2**

It was moved by Trustee Massa, seconded by Trustee Dahlmeier, to approve the contract award for bid relocation of two modular classroom buildings and relocation and modification to 1 modular administration building and one shade structure, project no. 240660, in accordance with Board Policy 6340.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Eller (advisory vote), McGinnis, Blacklock, Nock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, and Massa

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

## 7. **Finance**

### **Authorization to Increase Nonresident Tuition Fee for 2025-26, Item 7.1**

It was moved by Trustee Krepelka, seconded by Board Vice President Blacklock, to approve the authorization to increase the nonresident tuition fee to \$340 per unit for 2025-2026.

Vice President Snelling explained that Butte College is working toward the \$400 statewide average nonresident tuition fee. The college increased the fee by 12% last year. This year's proposed increase was based on the cost-of-living adjustment.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Eller (advisory vote), Blacklock, Nock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, and Massa

Nos: Trustee McGinnis

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

### **Authorization to Increase Student Transportation Fees for 2025-26, Item 7.2**

It was moved by Board Vice President Blacklock, seconded by Trustee Krepelka, to approve the

authorization to increase the student transportation fee to \$88 for students enrolled in 6 or more units for 2025-2026.

The trustees discussed how increasing student transportation fees impacts students and how to balance cost with ensuring access. A more holistic perspective on transportation was recommended, as well as a focus on sustainability.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Eller (advisory vote), McGinnis, Blacklock, Nock, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, and Massa

Nos: Trustee Boeger

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

### **Authorization to Increase Student Health Services Fees for 2025-26, Item 7.3**

It was moved by Trustee Krepelka, seconded by Trustee Dahlmeier, to approve the authorization to increase the student health services fee for full- and part-time students to \$27 per semester for 2025-2026.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Eller (advisory vote), McGinnis, Blacklock, Nock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, and Massa

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

### **Approval of Resolution No. 826 for Grant with United States Department of Agriculture for the Rural Business Development Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2025, Item 7.4**

It was moved by Trustee Krepelka, seconded by Board Clerk Nock, to approve resolution 826 for grant with United States Department of Agriculture for the Rural Business Development Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2025.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Eller (advisory vote), McGinnis, Blacklock, Nock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, and Massa

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

## **8. Labor Relations**

### **Initial Proposals from the Butte College Police Officers' Association to the Butte-Glenn Community College District and the District to BCPOA for the Collective Bargaining Agreement 2025-28, Item 8.1**

Board President McGinnis indicated that item 8.1, initial proposals from the Butte College Police Officers' Association to the Butte-Glenn Community College District and the District to BCPOA for the collective bargaining agreement 2025-28, is for information only. There was no discussion.

## **9. Administration**

### **Adoption of Board Policies, Item 9.1**

It was moved by Board Vice President Blacklock, seconded by Trustee Dahlmeier, to approve the board policies as submitted.

Board President McGinnis indicated that the Board Policy Committee worked on these policies with administration based on the Community College League of California's recommendations.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Eller (advisory vote), McGinnis, Blacklock, Nock, Boeger, Dahlmeier, Krepelka, and Massa

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

#### **10. Closed Session**

The Board of Trustees of the Butte-Glenn Community College District met in closed session under authority of Government Code Section 54954.5.

Board President McGinnis reported that the Board took no reportable action.

#### **11. Adjournment**

Board President McGinnis adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.