



Butte-Glenn Community College District
3536 Butte Campus Drive
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 2025 | 1:00 p.m.

District Board Room
Student and Administrative Services Building

The Board of Trustees of the Butte-Glenn Community College District met on Wednesday, March 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	None
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 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 Dahlmeier, seconded by Board Vice President Blacklock, 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 3.1-3.14**

It was moved by Board Vice President Blacklock, seconded by Board Clerk Nock, to approve the consent agenda.

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 since the last Board of Trustees meeting, the Academic Senate has elected its executive team for the next session of the Senate, which runs from fall 2025 through spring 2027. The Senate selected Irma Gonzalez Cuadros for the position of president, Kim Kirkwood for vice president, Deborah McCabe for treasurer, and Brooke Kennedy for secretary. In accordance with Academic Senate bylaws, the ticket will go before the faculty for confirmation during annual elections in April. Academic Senate President Vickery reported that the Senate has also put out a call for nominations for emeritus faculty. Academic Senate President Vickery concluded that the Senate is currently discussing several proposals from the Office of Instruction for alternatives to the current final exam schedule. Discussion has centered on models that might more closely align with student's class schedule during the term.

Student Senate President's Report – Mercedes Cortez-Nava

Student Senate President Cortez-Nava reported that Student Senate is working hard to support student involvement in community building. The Senate has approved more than \$13,000 in grants this semester, including funding student club events. The Senate has also been hosting monthly movie nights at the Chico Center. Work on elections and next year's budget has begun. Student Senate President Cortez-Nava reported that the Student Senate is participating in today's Know Your Rights event to ensure that all students feel respected and protected. She concluded by thanking Board Clerk Nock for inviting her and other Student Senate members to attend the Butte College Foundation Spring gala.

Student Trustee Comments – Liam Eller

Student Trustee Eller reported that student life has hosted numerous events to educate students about their rights to help them feel safe and empowered. He noted that keeping students informed is a top priority. Student Trustee Eller reported that there was an inspiring, peaceful demonstration to advocate for inclusivity and diversity on campus last week. He concluded by commending the demonstrators for the overwhelmingly positive and uplifting atmosphere that was a testament to Butte College's values.

Vice President's Report – Erik Shearer

Vice President Shearer started his report by expressing appreciation for the collaborative work between the vice presidents on a variety of projects, including enrollment management. He reported that enrollment is showing a 9-10% increase compared to last spring and expressed hope that the college will be able to report more than 9,000 full-time equivalent students (FTES) by the end of the year. Vice President Shearer reported that full-time faculty hiring is in full swing, with two of 14 recruitments completed so far. He added that along with Pro Dev staff, he's been meeting with the new faculty cohort monthly for a yearlong orientation process.

Vice President Shearer reported on developments in curriculum. The common course numbering project continues to keep the Curriculum Committee busy. They have completed six courses and are working on the next 20. He noted that a new degree in social work was approved on today's consent agenda; it will help students who want to transfer into that program at Chico State. Vice President Shearer reported that Cal-GETC, the new general education pattern for transfer which replaces three previous patterns, goes into effect this fall; Butte College is well prepared for it.

Vice President Shearer concluded that he's been accepted into UC Davis's Wheelhouse Advancing Leadership Institute. He'll also speak at the statewide CIO conference next month.

Superintendent/President's Report – Virginia Guleff

Superintendent/President Guleff started her comments by commending students for engaging in civic activity and exercising their first amendment rights, as well as for attending the Butte College Foundation gala and being part of that community.

Superintendent/President Guleff reported on several events she attended since the last Board of Trustees meeting. At the CEO AI Bootcamp she attended the first meeting of the founding partners of the Digital Center for Innovation, Transformation, and Equity. The bootcamp featured speakers from academia and industry, and she learned about several new technologies that might be of interest to the college. Superintendent/President Guleff also presented at Chico Noon Rotary as well as at an IEPI symposium. She also attended the California for All Women webinar hosted by first partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom. Finally, Superintendent/President Guleff reported that Butte College hosted a very successful ACCJC convening yesterday.

Superintendent/President Guleff reported that the Butte College Foundation Spring Gala was a success. The turnout was amazing, and the Elks Lodge was transformed into a beautiful space. She expressed gratitude to Foundation Executive Director Suzanne Watroba along with Tristan Bosch, Christian Gutierrez, and the industrial technology team led by Dean Don Robinson and faculty member Tom Williams for all for their hard work. She concluded that the Foundation hasn't yet totaled the proceeds from the event.

Board Comments

Trustee Massa reported that he read a news article about potential campus specialization at the California State University campuses as part of cost efficiency measures and wondered how it might affect Chico State and Butte's interactions with their programs. Board Clerk Nock reported that he did "Day with the Dean" last week, touring the welding, heavy equipment, and automotive programs. He also thanked Butte College Foundation staff for all the work they put into the gala and the generous donors. Trustee Krepelka reported that it's scholarship season for the Foundation and encouraged people to volunteer to review applications. Trustee Boeger reported that he's a big believer in California education and that Butte College has very little exposure from what the federal government does. He added that he enjoyed the gala. Trustee Dahlmeier reported that the Board of Trustees took a tour of the science building and planetarium before today's meeting. He commended staff for the outstanding building. He also congratulated the Foundation for a fantastic gala. Board Vice President Blacklock expressed appreciation for the opportunity the gala presents and noted that he was in awe of the speech and debate's team work as emcees of the event. Board President McGinnis reported on several community college events he has attending, including the ACCJC convening held at Butte College yesterday where he was struck by the discussion about data and making it public, as well as by a discussion about mid-semester course evaluations. He reported that he will visit the Ventura Community College District for their second accreditation follow-up report. Their primary issue was lack of board stability. Board President McGinnis concluded by noting that it is disheartening to see political action being taken against colleges and their students.

5. **Communications from the Public**

There were no public comments.

6. **Contracts**

Approval of Contracts, Item 6.1

It was moved by Board Clerk Nock, seconded by Trustee Massa, 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 Amendment #1 to Rainforest QA, Inc., for Information Technology Services utilizing California Multiple Award Schedule CMAS Number 3-18-70-3509, Item 6.2

It was moved by Trustee Krepelka, seconded by Board Clerk Nock, to approve contract amendment #1 to Rainforest QA, Inc., for information technology services utilizing California Multiple Award Schedule CMAS Number 3-18-70-3509, 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. **Labor Relations**

Public Hearing and Adoption of the District and the Butte College Police Officers' Association Initial Proposals for the Collective Bargaining Agreement 2025-28, Item 7.1

Board President McGinnis opened the public hearing on the District and Butte College Police Officers' Association initial proposals for the collective bargaining agreement 2025-28. Hearing no comment, he closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Board Vice President Blacklock, seconded Trustee Dahlmeier, to adopt the District and Butte College Police Officers' Association initial proposals for the collective bargaining agreement 2025-28.

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. **Administration**

California Community College Trustees (CCCT) Board Member Election, Item 8.1

Board President McGinnis recommended submitting votes for Gregory Hanna, Ines De Luna, and Anne Kepner. It was moved by Trustee Boeger, seconded by Trustee Massa, to submit votes for Gregory Hanna, Ines De Luna, and Anne Kepner for the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) board member election.

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

9. **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.

10. **Adjournment**

Board President McGinnis adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.