



## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2026 | 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, April 15, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in the District Board Room at Butte College in Oroville, California.

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

**Board Members Absent** None

**Staff Members Present** Ms. Virginia L. Guleff, Superintendent/President  
Mr. Erik Shearer, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President  
Ms. Jessica Snelling, Vice President  
Ms. Denise Adams, Interim Vice President  
Mr. Travon Robinson, Acting Vice President  
Ms. Irma Gonzalez Cuadros, Academic Senate President  
Mr. Alan Burwell, Classified Senate President  
Ms. Melissa Cafferata-Ainsworth, Executive Assistant to the President & Board of Trustees

**Guests** None

### Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Boeger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Board Vice President Nock, seconded by Trustee Massa, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

### 2. Human Resources

### **Probationary Faculty Tenure Recommendations Effective Fall 2026, Item 2.1**

Superintendent/President Guleff asked Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Shearer to present the faculty recommendations for tenure, adding that that honoring these faculty is one of the highlights of the year. Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Shearer presented the following faculty members for tenure and summarized their employment accomplishments at Butte College: Michelle August, nursing; Joseph Gebbia, welding; Isidoro Guzman, ethnic studies; Gary Harris, automotive technology; Brad Jenks, automotive technology; William "Liam" Luden, nursing; Diane Wagster Penne, nursing; and Kelly Womack, advanced manufacturing.

It was moved by Trustee McGinnis, seconded by Board Vice President Nock, to approve the probationary faculty tenure recommendations effective fall 2026.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

### **3. Spotlight Presentation**

Superintendent/President Guleff introduced Ethnic Studies Department Chair Deb McCabe, Professor Amber Noel-Camacho, and Professor Dr. Iris Ramirez, noting that Butte College is very proud of its ethnic studies program. Ms. McCabe reported that the department has felt very strong support from district leadership for the development of this program. Ms. Noel-Camacho provided a review of the ethnic studies requirement that led to the development of the department at Butte College. Dr. Ramirez reviewed ethnic studies courses currently offered, noting that the program is working on developing an associate of arts degree and an associate degree for transfer pathway. She also reviewed the five ethnic studies core competencies. Ms. Noel-Camacho reported that ethnic studies courses include student experiences such as guest speakers, field trips, and community engagement assignments while classes incorporate critical reflection and analysis along with creative expression projects. The presentation concluded with a demonstration of student work.

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

There were no public comments.

### **5. Approval of Consent Agenda, Items 5.1-5.7**

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

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

### **6. Reports**

Academic Senate President's Report – Irma Gonzalez Cuadros

Academic Senate President Gonzalez Cuadros reported on Academic Senate committee vacancies and office hours, when she is available for drop-in meetings. She also reported that the Academic

Senate's elections are open April 13 through April 22; all faculty members will receive a ballot via email. Academic Senate President Gonzalez Cuadros also reported that the Academic Senate has reviewed and provided feedback on several administrative procedures. She concluded her report by noting that the statewide senate is offering several upcoming professional development webinars on a variety of topics.

#### Classified Senate President's Report – Alan Burwell

Classified Senate President Burwell reported that the Classified Senate has reviewed and provided feedback on several administrative procedures. He also reported that the Classified Senate received a large number of scholarship applications this year; the award went to Karla Guzman Mohedano. Classified Senate President Burwell reported that the Classified Senate is reviewing proposed changes to their bylaws, noting that the most significant changes are to the article related to participatory governance and committee work. They are also starting their election process, which culminates in voting at Classified Professionals Day on June 9. Classified Senate President Burwell concluded by announcing the Classified Senate's Grill and Chill event on May 1.

#### Student Senate President's Report – Guadalupe Ocampo

Student Senate President Ocampo reported that the Student Senate had a busy month with 11 students attending general assembly in San Francisco, where they reviewed more than 70 resolutions. She also reported that she worked with the statewide senate on an engagement session as well as leading a student project during U in Butte week. Student Senate President Ocampo reported that Butte College hosted its first Region 1 Summit last week. She concluded by reporting that Student Senate elections will be held at the end of April; each position has several candidates.

#### Student Trustee Comments – Jared Smith

Student Trustee Smith reported that he is disappointed with college's plan for graduation celebrations this year and has received similar feedback from students, adding that it seems to have been a unilateral decision that directly and negatively affects the student environment and celebration of their success. He reported that he met with Student Senate President Ocampo and Superintendent/President Guleff earlier this week to discuss the celebration guidance. He concluded by suggesting that students rights have been violated, and that financial decisions should be made with students rather than for them.

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

Superintendent/President Guleff commended Student Trustee Smith for discussing difficult student issues. She also thanked the ethnic studies department for their presentation and demonstration of student work.

Superintendent/President Guleff reported on events she participated in since the last board meeting. She attended the Chief Student Services Officer Conference where she spoke on a panel about respectful coexistence. She reported that Butte College hosted Roberto Arteaga, field representative for U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, for a campus visit. Superintendent/President Guleff also attended the induction ceremony for Butte College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Superintendent/President Guleff reported on several Book in Common events, including a campus visit from *California Against the Sea* author Rosanna Xia, as well as luncheon and evening events hosted by Chico State.

Superintendent/President Guleff reported that she was invited by Chico Mayor Kasey Reynolds to participate on the CEO Sector Council for the City of Chico's Economic Vitality Strategy. The group will hold a series of meetings to understand the city's economic analysis, drivers, and pressures to shape strategic actions for Chico's economy. Superintendent/President Guleff reported that she also attended the most recent Advisory Committee on Legislation through the Community College

League of California, noting that the group continues to have concerns about legislation creating overreach into the community college system.

Superintendent/President Guleff concluded by congratulating Public Information Officer Christian Gutierrez and Marketing Director Jackey Dillard and her team for five Collegiate Advertising Awards and one Community College Public Relations Organization Award.

### Board Comments

Trustee McGinnis thanked the ethnic studies faculty for their presentation. He also noted that he is not insensitive to the students' position on graduation celebrations, but the role of the Board of Trustees is to protect the fiduciary interests of the college. He concluded by reporting that he has decided to stop participating in the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative after realizing that there is a lot about artificial intelligence that he does not understand. Trustee Krepelka indicated that the Board of Trustees is a body of governance rather than management, adding that he remains unclear about the graduation celebrations issue, but is confident that with more information a solution can be found. Trustee Boeger reported that he feels optimistic about the future of Butte College and is pleased to hear that Superintendent/President Guleff will participate in the City of Chico's economic project because contributing to the local economy is one of the community colleges' goals. Board Vice President Nock reported that the Butte College Foundation Gala will be held April 25, noting it is an important opportunity to raise funds for our students and programs. Trustee Massa reported a sense of apprehension about artificial intelligence, and noted that he was recently in court with an attorney who was sanctioned for its use. Board President Blacklock reported that he, too, feels optimistic after every Board of Trustees meeting due to the respectful dialog, adding that he believes the Board supports the students' desire for affinity group celebrations. He concluded that he also remains optimistic in the ability to reach a resolution.

## **7. Communications from the Public**

Student Yasminn Freitas expressed concern about a lack of communication about the loss of federal funding for the Center for Access, Success, and Achievement and potential changes to the Culture and Community Center. Student Celestina Galicia-Davis spoke about changes to graduation celebrations that created negative impacts on students and their families, and requested transparency when decisions are made about students. Student Madeline Manning objected to changes to the college's Latinx and other graduation celebrations, suggesting that the changes violate the college's values and diminish student trust in the institution. Student Ramon Jimenez expressed disappointment in decisions related to graduation celebrations, particularly the Latinx ceremony moving away from a meal to a dessert-only model, indicating that he would like to understand why the decisions were made. Professor Iris Ramirez indicated that she would like to discuss the issue of graduation celebrations further and find some sort of workaround.

## **8. Contracts**

### **Approval of Contracts, Item 8.1**

It was moved by Trustee McGinnis, seconded by Board Vice President 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 Smith (advisory vote), Blacklock, Nock, Dahlmeier, Boeger, Krepelka, Massa, and McGinnis

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

**Approval of Contract to Purchase Information Technology Consulting Services from Pariveda Solutions, Inc. utilizing California Multiple Award Schedule CMAS Number 3-23-01-1035, Item 8.2**

It was moved by Trustee Boeger, seconded by Trustee Krepelka, to approve the contract to purchase information technology consulting services from Pariveda Solutions, Inc., utilizing California Multiple Award Schedule CMAS Number 3-23-01-1035, in accordance with Board Policy 6340.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

**Approval of Contract to Purchase eTranscript California Software Development and Maintenance Services from XAP Corporation as a Sole Source Procurement, Item 8.3**

It was moved by Trustee Krepelka, seconded by Board Vice President Nock, to approve the contract to purchase eTranscript California software development and maintenance services from XAP Corporation as a sole source procurement, in accordance with Board Policy 6340.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

**Adoption of Resolution No. 841: Intent to Dedicate Public Utility Easement to California Water Service Company, Item 8.4**

It was moved by Trustee McGinnis, seconded by Board Clerk Dahlmeier, to adopt Resolution No. 841: Intent to Dedicate Public Utility Easement to California Water Service Company in accordance with Board Policy 6340.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nos: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

## 9. Labor Relations

**Approval of the 2025-28 CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, Item 9.1**

It was moved by Trustee Krepelka, seconded by Board Clerk Dahlmeier, to approve the 2025-2028 CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nos: None  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: None

## 10. **Administration**

### **Approval of Student Trustee Privileges, Item 10.1**

It was moved by Trustee Krepelka, seconded by Trustee McGinnis, to approve the student trustee privileges as presented.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nos: Boeger

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

### **Review of AP 2745 Board Self-Evaluation, Item 10.2**

Board Evaluation Chair Krepelka reported that AP 2745 Board Self-Evaluation was revised to reflect the Board's 2025-2026 Strategic Focus. The Board will take action to approve AP 2745 at its May 20 meeting.

## 11. **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 Blacklock reported that the Board approved the memorandum of understanding with the CSEA regarding the effects and impacts of previously approved layoffs.

## 12. **Adjournment**

Board President Blacklock adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.