

Clatsop Community College
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**MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2023
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Board Meeting**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ashley Flukinger, Tim Lyman, Jody Stahancyk, Trudy Van Dusen Citovic

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT (excused absences): Ed Johnson, Lloyd Mueller, Mitra Vazeen

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Norden-Bright, Jan, Recording Secretary Felicity Green

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Trudy Van Dusen Citovic called the meeting to order at 11:37 am. Roll was called.

Adoption of Agenda

There was some discussion over whether an Executive Session was necessary to discuss the Interim President's contract. Trudy Van Dusen Citovic asked if everyone was fine with the contract as written. The Board agreed that it was and they did not need an Executive Session today, so it could be removed from the agenda. Jody Stahancyk said she wanted to let everyone know that all employees at the College have the same benefit package. She said she would send the packet out to Felicity Green to pass along to the Board.

Tim Lyman **moved to adopt the agenda as amended.** Jody Stahancyk seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approve Contract for Interim President Kevin LaCoste

Ashley Flukinger noted that the date on the contract says July 12 instead of July 21 and the date was probably transposed.

Tim Lyman **moved to approve the contract subject to changing the date to July 21 and to authorize the Board chair to sign the amended contract on behalf of the Board.** Ashley Flukinger seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Approve Board Chair Trudy Van Dusen Citovic to Speak for the Board at Public Meetings

The mayor of Astoria asked Trudy Van Dusen Citovic and Kevin LaCoste to come to the city council meeting in August to give an update on the college. There was a question as to why this was necessary. The Chair said she would feel more comfortable speaking in public with this approval. Some Board members voiced concerns that there were nuances to speaking for the Board and that Board members cannot suggest what the entire Board was thinking or their

reasons behind actions. There were concerns that while it would be fine to speak of Board accomplishments, speaking of the motivations behind them would not be okay. The Chair said that the goal was for Board transparency and an open line of communication between the Board and the public.

Jody Stahancyk **moved to allow Trudy Van Dusen Citovic to speak for the Board at the Astoria City Council meeting on August 7, 2023 with the caveats suggested in this meeting and to put this item on the agenda for the August Board meeting.** Ashley Flukinger seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.