

**LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING***

MINUTES

JANUARY 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER (DETERMINATION OF QUORUM)

Chair Silva called the special meeting of the District 13 Board of Trustees to order at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the Heritage Room 100 in the Administration Building of Lower Columbia College. The LCC Board of Trustees meeting was also offered virtually via Zoom. When the meeting was called to order, the following individuals were present, ensuring a quorum.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Marc Silva, Chair
Bogi Kim, Vice Chair
Liz Cattin
Alice Dietz
Mike Karnofski

COLLEGE PRESIDENT: Matt Seimears

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Thomas Herold.

Others in Attendance: Nolan Wheeler, Kristen Finnel, Dan Ruiz, Shelley Williams (AG), Tracy Stanley, Wendy Hall, and Tracy Powell.

Virtual Attendees: Joan, Jenny Isaacson, Emilee Boublon, Matt Johnson, Angie Rogers, Ted Sprague, Sam Orth, Kristen Kordecki, KK, Nickie, Jessica Kooiman, Eboleynross, Rrukila, Taryn Williams, A2309343, Identity Crisis, Serena Salisbury, Sburgin, Nichole Seroshek, Nadia Bondarenko, X, One-stop, Sharon Gibb's iPhone, X, Anon, (2) Zoom user, (15) Anonymous, and LCC Chat Moderator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Silva called for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Karnofski, seconded by Trustee Dietz, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION: By Trustee Karnofski, seconded by Trustee Dietz

OUTCOME: The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity for public comment was provided; no public comment was received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:01 a.m., Chair Silva called for an Executive Session to receive and evaluate complaints against a public officer or employee, to review the performance of a public employee, and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency, litigation, or potential litigation to which the agency or the Board is likely to become a party. The Executive Session was anticipated to end at 11:30 a.m.

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ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Silva reopened the public meeting at 12:35 p.m. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Cattin, seconded by Trustee Karnofski, that the Board place the President on administrative leave pending resolution of complaints received by the Board.

MOTION: By Trustee Cattin, seconded by Trustee Karnofski

OUTCOME: The motion carried unanimously.

A second motion was made by Trustee Cattin, seconded by Trustee Karnofski, that the Board appoint Kristen Finnel to serve as Interim President during the President's administrative leave.

MOTION: By Trustee Cattin, seconded by Trustee Karnofski

OUTCOME: The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, at 12:37 p.m., Chair Silva called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Trustee Karnofski, seconded by Trustee Dietz, that the Board meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: By Trustee Karnofski, seconded by Trustee Dietz

OUTCOME: The motion carried unanimously.

On January 21, 2026, the Board of Trustees of Community College District 13 approved the minutes of the January 6, 2026, Special Board Meeting.

Kristen Finnel

Kristen Finnel, Interim Secretary to the Board