

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

# MINUTES

**JANUARY 26, 2026**

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## **CALL TO ORDER (DETERMINATION OF QUORUM)**

Chair Silva called the special meeting of the District 13 Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 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 (virtual)  
Mike Karnofski

**COLLEGE PRESIDENT:** Kristen Finnel, Interim President

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

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

Virtual Attendees: (7) Anonymous, Pat Martin, Anonymous 321, Taryn Williams, Dana Cummings, Elissa Loren, Ted Sprague, Megan Shepard, Nathan Shepherd, Sam Orth, April Tovar, Brian Isbell LCC, Jessica Harris, Minka Atkinson, Stephanie Gilberti, Nicole Baker, Sadahji Williams, GaryR, Tracy Stanley, Kara Mathers, LM, and Laura Sampson.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**MOTION:** By Trustee Cattin, seconded by Trustee Karnofski

**OUTCOME:** **The motion carried unanimously**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

An opportunity for public comment was provided; none was received.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:30 p.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 6:15 p.m.

At 6:15 p.m., Chair Silva announced the Executive Session would be extended until 6:45 p.m.

### **ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Silva reopened the public meeting at 6:45 p.m. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

### **ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Silva called for motions. A motion was made by Trustee Kim and seconded by Trustee Karnofski to terminate the President's contract of employment for convenience, consistent with Article VIII, Section A, of the contract between the Board of Trustees and the President of Lower Columbia College.

**MOTION:** By Trustee Kim, seconded by Trustee Karnofski

**OUTCOME:** The motion carried unanimously


### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, at 6:47 p.m., Chair Silva called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Trustee Cattin and seconded by Trustee Karnofski that the Board meeting be adjourned.

**MOTION:** By Trustee Cattin, seconded by Trustee Karnofski

**OUTCOME:** The motion carried unanimously.

**On February 18, 2026, the Board of Trustees of Community College District 13 approved the minutes of the January 26, 2026, Special Board Meeting.**

  
Kristen Finnel (Feb 19, 2026 08:53:14 PST)

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Kristen Finnel, Interim Secretary to the Board