



# Board of Trustees Meeting- MINUTES

January 9, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m. in the Boardroom

## TRUSTEES PRESENT

- Bruce Gosling, Chairperson
- Carol Higgins, Vice-Chairperson
- Rod Lopez, Secretary
- P. Joseph “Joe” Haas, Trustee
- Richard “Rick” Cordes, Trustee

## TRUSTEES ABSENT

- Kimberlee Bontrager, Treasurer
- Elizabeth Datkovic, Trustee

## OTHERS PRESENT

- Dr. Bryan Newton, President
- Dr. Adam Cloutier, Vice-President of Academics
- Tonya Howden, Vice-President of Student Services
- Jennifer Dodson, CFO/Controller
- Sara Birch, Dean of Health & Natural Sciences
- Jamie Yesh, Director of Human Resources
- Denise DeVries, Exec. Director of Communications & Marketing
- Reid Leaverton, GOCC Ag Tech Professor
- Robert Tomlinson, Three Rivers Commercial-News.
- Diane Zinsmaster, Recording Secretary

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Bruce Gosling called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. in the boardroom.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion by Higgins, second by Haas to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

### 3. APPROVAL of NOVEMBER 21, 2024, BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

**Motion by Higgins, second by Cordes to approve the November 21, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

### 4. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Acceptance / Oath of Office

Ms. Higgins and Mr. Cordes accepted and took their Oath of Office at the board meeting today. Ms. Bontrager accepted and took her Oath of Office on January 8, 2025.

#### B. Election of GOCC Board of Trustees Officers

**Motion by Haas, second by Cordes to nominate the following officer seats:  
Chairperson: Bruce Gosling, Vice-Chairperson: Carol Higgins, Treasurer:  
Kim Bontrager and Secretary: Rod Lopez.  
MOTION: Carried**

- C. Approve purchase of irrigation pivot for GOCC farm ground  
**Motion by Higgins, second by Cordes to approve the purchase of a center pivot  
for the Glen Oaks Community College Hagen Farm from Advanced Farm  
Supply as presented.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**VOTING AYE: Haas, Lopez, Cordes, Higgins and Gosling**

**VOTING NAYE: None**

**ABSENT: Bontrager and Datkovic**

**MOTION: Carried**

5. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Haas, second by Lopez to adjourn. Chairperson Bruce Gosling adjourned  
the meeting at 8:24 a.m.**

**Next Board Meeting:**

- **Thursday, February 13, 2025, @ 8:00 a.m. in the Boardroom.**

*Bruce Gosling*

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

*Rod Lopez*

Secretary, Board of Trustees