

## **REPORT OF MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**

**BAY de NOC COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Board Room CB 201D  
Escanaba, MI**

**March 14, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. ET by Chair Nick Chenier.

Roll call was taken by Assistant Board Secretary, Laura Johnson.

Board Members Present: Wendy Middaugh, Joy Hopkins, Terri Mileski, Eric Lundin, Steve Soderman, Nick Chenier

Board Member Absent: None

Administration: Dr. Nerita Hughes, Dr. Amy Reddinger

Guests: Cory Kuchenberg, Dr. Katherine VanEnkevort

Recorder: Laura Johnson, Assistant Board Secretary

There were no citizen introductions or public comment.

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent with the purpose of the meeting to interview Cory Kuchenberg and Dr. Katherine VanEnkevort for the vacant seat on the Board of Trustees due to the resignation of Steve Davis.

There were no conflicts of interest declared by trustees.

Cory Kuchenberg was introduced, and various questions were asked of Mr. Kuchenberg. Mr. Kuchenberg left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

With the next interview to begin at 5 p.m., Dr. Hughes invited Vice President of Academic Affairs and Educational Equity Dr. Amy Reddinger, to update trustees on the pause of the Practical Nurse (PN) program. Two consultants have been hired to steer the ACEN accreditation process and the PN program approval with the State Board of Nursing. It is anticipated that a new PN program will begin in 2026.

Dr. Patrick Reinhard, the Dean of Nursing at San Joaquin Valley College in California, has accepted the position of Dean of Nursing and Allied Health at Bay College. He will begin in the position in early May.

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Dr. Hughes and trustees discussed the recent Executive Orders from the Trump Administration and the Dear Colleague Letter: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in Light of Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard issued by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR)1 on February 14, 2025. The College has always invited all groups to attend campus events, including events held by student groups, and will continue to do so.

Dr. Reddinger left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Trustees' role in the Commencement ceremony on May 10, 2025, was discussed.

Dr. Katherine VanEnkevort was invited into the meeting at 5 p.m. and introduced. Various questions were asked of Dr. VanEnkevort. She left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

With no further business, it was motioned by Joy Hopkins and seconded by Eric Lundin to:

**“Adjourn the meeting.”** Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m. ET.

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Laura L. Johnson  
Assistant Board Secretary

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Nicholas M. Chenier  
Chair

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