

**BITTERROOT VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**6:00 PM, MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023**  
**Virtual Meeting Held over MS Teams: [MS Teams link](#)**

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – 6:02 PM

Chair Marci Smith	Trustee Carrie Guarino (Attended Virtually)
Trustee Sue Smith	Trustee Jean Butler (Attended Virtually)
Trustee Paul Ashcraft	Absent: Trustee RAN Pigman

Victoria Clark, BVCC Chief Operations Officer  
Candace Erisman, BVCC District Clerk

Public:

Jennifer Johnson

2. Review, Revise, and Approve Agenda (Action)

A. Trustee Sue Smith made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Ashcraft, to approve the agenda. With no trustee discussion and no public comment, the motion passed unanimously with five (5) “yes” votes.

3. Public Comment/ Correspondences on Items Not on the Agenda-

A. Jennifer Johnson stated that the BVCC website was not accessible earlier that day.

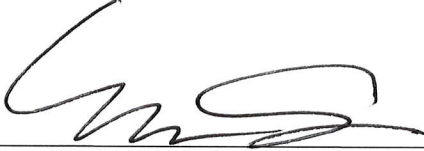
4. New Business (Action)

A. Recommendation to approve May 2, 2023, election resolution (options presented as Attachments A1, A2, and A3; mill levy impact reference sheet – Attachment B) Trustee Jean Butler motioned, seconded by Trustee Paul Ashcraft, to accept the recommendation to approve May 2, 2023, election resolution (options presented as Attachments A1, A2, and A3; mill levy impact reference sheet- Attachment B). BVCC has one BoT position currently vacant and three vacancies upcoming due to trustee terms ending. Discussion amongst the Board of Trustee took place regarding running a possible levy in May 2023. Trustee Ashcraft explained, he does not think BVCC should run a levy at this time. His concerns were the backlash BVCC would receive without the time to prepare and campaign. Trustee Butler stated that time should be given to the Strategic Planning Special Committee to outreach before a levy is considered. Trustee Sue Smith explains she can see both sides of the argument for and against running a levy at this time. Chair Smith stated that a marketing campaign of at least 6-8 months must be complete prior to a possible levy being run. Jennifer Johnson weighed in and gave her opinion on running a levy in May 2023. Since the loss of the levy in May 2022 multiple educational opportunities have been lost in the Bitterroot Valley. Johnson also expressed that running a levy would give the

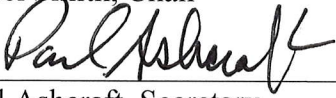
BVCC Foundation a better understanding their roll and, most importantly, if passed, then state funding would have to be provided. Johnson suggested that a levy campaign be kept to a minimum, as resources and time were limited. Johnson stated that dissolving BVCC was not an option. Chief Operating Officer (COO) Victoria Clark gave options of how to run the levy if the Board of Trustees were to vote "yes." She expressed her concerns as well as her reasoning for running a levy in May 2023. Running a levy is in the current BVCC budget. No final decision or vote was made. The discussion will be continued at the February 6, 2023, meeting.

5. Adjournment – 7:46 PM

A. Chair Smith made a motion, seconded by Trustee Smith, to adjourn the meeting. With no further trustee discussion, the motion passed unanimously with five (5) "yes" votes.

  
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Marci Smith, Chair

3/6/2023  
Date

  
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Paul Ashcraft, Secretary

3/6/2023  
Date