



**BIG BEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 18
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Special Meeting

7662 Chanute Street NE, Moses Lake, Washington
Hardin Community Room
Thursday, July 10, 2025 – 1:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 18 will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be conducted in-person in the Hardin Community Room. Amy Parris, Chair, will preside.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

- | | | | |
|----|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Call to Order | | Chair Amy Parris |
| | a. Roll Call | | |
| | b. Public Comment | | |
| 2. | 2025-26 Operating Budget | E-1/2/3/4 | President Sara Thompson
Tweedy |
| 3. | ACT Legislative Advocacy Action
Committee Designee | E-1/2/3/4 | Chair Amy Parris |
| 4. | Adjournment | | Chair Amy Parris |
-

If you are a person with a disability and require accommodation while attending the meeting, please contact the President's Office at (509) 793-2001 [or TDD (509) 793-2325] as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make arrangements.



2025-26 OPERATING BUDGET

Information

Description

[Board Policy 1000 Policy Governance](#) is attached for reference during the 2025-26 Operating Budget discussion.

Recommendation

None

Prepared by the President's Office

1000.1 ENDS

Big Bend Community College Ends		
E-1: Student Success		
Big Bend Community College provides the entire district with access to learning opportunities, assists students in completion of their educational and workforce development goals, develops skills for continued learning, and maintains high academic standards.		
E-2: Community Engagement	E-3: Stewardship	E-4: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
Big Bend Community College supports economic development by nurturing community and industry partnerships to enhance access and service to our district.	Big Bend Community College acts as a responsible steward of resources by promoting accountability, sustainability, ethics, and prudent resource management to provide quality and affordable resources to our district.	Big Bend Community College fosters inclusiveness for students, employees, and visitors by maintaining a safe learning environment promoting cultural inclusiveness and respect by embracing diversity, access, opportunity, and equity.

(Annual reports on these Ends Statements will be presented to the board according to the schedule outlined in the current Academic Master Plan.)

1000.2 EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**EL – 1 General Executive Constraint**

The President shall not allow in or by the operating organization of BBCC, any practice, activity, or decision, which is either unlawful, or in violation of commonly accepted professional ethics, or is contrary to the provisions set forth in the Governance Process Policies. The duties and responsibilities of the President are outlined in the President's Job Description in the Human Resource Office.

EL – 2 Respect For Students

Students should be treated with respect at all times. The President shall not cause or allow conditions, procedures, or decisions which are unsafe, lacking in respect, unnecessarily intrusive, or which fail to provide appropriate confidentiality and privacy.

The President may not:

1. Use methods of collecting, reviewing, transmitting, or storing client information that fail to protect against improper access to the information elicited.
2. Fail to provide a grievance process; to those students who believe that they have not been accorded a reasonable interpretation of rights established pursuant to this policy.
3. Operate without written procedures which clarify the rules for students.

EL – 3 Respect For Community Members

BBCC recognizes that our community members are our stakeholders and that all visitors to our facilities should be treated with respect. The President shall not cause or allow conditions, procedures, or decisions which are unsafe, lacking in respect or unnecessarily intrusive.

The President may not operate without written procedures which describe rules for visitors.

EL – 4 Respect For Employees

Paid and volunteer staff should be treated with respect at all times, and in compliance with established policies, process, and contracts. The President may not cause or allow conditions which are unsafe, lacking in respect, unnecessarily intrusive or are knowingly in violation of college policies, process, and contracts.

The President may not:

1. Operate without written personnel procedures which clarify personnel rules for staff, and provide for effective handling of grievances.
2. Discriminate against any staff member for expressing an ethical dissent within the framework of existing policy, process, and contracts.
3. Restrict the exercise of academic freedom.
4. Prevent non-represented classified and admin/exempt employees from the exercise of all rights provided to classified and exempt employees in AP4200 Communications/Grievance Procedure for Classified & Exempt Staff including an appeal to the Board.

5. Hinder employees from becoming acquainted with their rights under this policy.

EL – 5 Ethical Conduct

The President must establish and maintain high levels of professional and institutional integrity, adhering to the ethical standards of the State of Washington and of Big Bend Community College.

The President may not:

1. Change his or her own compensation and benefits.
2. Allow a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest to exist in the approval of any college contract.
3. Promise or imply permanent or guaranteed employment in disregard of college hiring policies, procedures, and practice.

EL – 6 Asset Protection

The President may not allow assets to be unprotected, inadequately maintained nor unnecessarily risked nor allow any action that is contrary to the provisions set forth in the Governance Process Policies.

The President may not:

1. Unnecessarily expose the college, its Board or staff, to claims of liability.
2. Fail to protect intellectual property, information and files from loss or significant damage.
3. Receive, process or disburse funds under controls, which are insufficient to meet the State Auditor's standards.
4. Fail to provide adequate protection against theft and casualty.
5. Fail to establish disaster/emergency management plans.

EL – 7 Financial Planning

Financial planning shall not deviate materially from Board Ends priorities.

The President shall not fail to demonstrate concurrence between Board Ends priorities and the annual budget.

EL – 8 Financial Condition And Activity

The initial and ongoing receipt and expenditure of funds shall be maintained within the approved budgetary expectations. Extraordinary changes in receipts or expenditures shall not cause or allow the development of fiscal jeopardy.

The President may not:

1. Expend more funds than have been received in the fiscal year
2. Allow an annual budget to be submitted for approval with dedicated contingencies of less than 2.5% of the total General Operating Budget and Operating Tuition Fund.
3. Fail to settle payroll and debts in a timely manner.
4. Allow tax payments or other government-ordered payments or filings to be overdue or inaccurately filed.
5. Acquire, encumber, or dispose of real property.

EL – 9 Communication And Support To The Board

The President must keep the Board informed regarding monitoring data, relevant trends, media coverage, and Board compliance with its own policies, while acting as counsel to the Board.

The President may not:

1. Neglect to submit monitoring data required by the Board in a timely, accurate and understandable fashion, directly addressing provisions of the Board Policies being monitored.
2. Let the Board be unaware of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, material external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board Policy has previously been established.
3. Fail to advise the Board if, in the President's opinion, the Board is not in compliance with its own policies on Governance Process and Board-Staff Linkage, particularly in the case of Board behavior, which is detrimental to the work relationship between the Board and the President.
4. Fail to provide a mechanism for official Board communications.
5. Fail to report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.

EL – 10 Emergency Executive Succession

In order to protect the Board from the sudden loss of chief executive services, the President may not have fewer than two other executives familiar with Board and President issues and processes.

1000.3 GOVERNANCE PROCESS

GP – 1 Governance Commitment

The purpose of governance is that the Board, on behalf of the constituents of community college district # 18, ensures accountability of Big Bend Community College by assuring that it (a) achieves appropriate results for the appropriate recipients at an appropriate cost and (b) avoids unacceptable activities, conditions and decisions.

GP – 2 Governing Style

The board will govern with an emphasis on outward vision rather than an internal preoccupation, encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, strategic leadership more than administrative detail, clear distinction of board and chief executive roles, collective rather than individual decisions, future rather than past or present, and proactivity rather than reactivity.

The board will:

1. Deliberate in many voices, but govern in one.
2. Be responsible for excellence in governing and an initiator of policy.
3. Direct, control and inspire the organization through the careful establishment of broad written policies reflecting the board's values and perspectives. The board's major policy focus will be on the intended long-term impacts outside the operating organization, not on the administrative or programmatic means of attaining those effects.
4. Enforce upon itself whatever discipline is needed to govern with excellence. Discipline will apply to matters such as attendance, preparation for meetings, policy making principles, respect for roles, and ensuring the continuity of governance capability.
5. Monitor and discuss the board's process and performance periodically. Self-monitoring will include comparison of board activity and discipline to policies in the Governance Process and Board-Staff Linkage categories.
6. Continual board development will include, but not be limited to, orientation of new members in the board's governance process and periodic board discussion of process improvement.

7. Seek input from staff, students, alumni, employers and other community members on Board Policies.

GP – 3 Board Job Descriptions

The job of the board is to represent the constituents of community college district #18 in determining and demanding appropriate organizational performance. To distinguish the board's own unique job from the jobs of its staff, the board will concentrate its efforts on the following job "products" or outputs:

1. The link between the organization and the constituents of community college district #18
2. Written governing policies which, at the broadest levels, address:
 - A. *Ends*: Organizational products, impacts, benefits, outcomes, recipients, and their relative worth (what good, for which needs, at what cost).
 - B. *Executive Limitations*: Constraints on executive authority which establish the prudence and ethics boundaries within which all executive activity and decisions must take place.
 - C. *Governance Process*: Specification of how the board conceives, carries out and monitors its own task.
 - D. *Board-Staff Linkage*: How power is delegated and its proper use monitored, the President's role, authority and accountability.
3. The assurance of the President's performance (against policies in 2A and 2B).
4. A link between the Board and the College Foundation Board for maintaining communication and providing coordination between the two boards.

GP – 4 Chair's Role

The Chair assures the integrity of the board's process and, secondarily, occasionally represents the board to outside parties. The Chair is the only board member authorized to speak for the board (beyond simply reporting board decisions), other than in rare and specifically authorized instances.

1. The job result of the Chair is that the board behaves consistent with its own rules and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization.
 - A. Meeting content will focus on those issues which, according to board policy, clearly belong to the board to decide or examine, not the President.

- B. Deliberation will be fair, open, and thorough, but also efficient, timely, orderly, and kept to the point.
- 2. The authority of the Chair consists of making decisions that fall within the topics covered by board policies on Governance Process and Board-Staff Linkage, except where the board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others.
 - A. The Chair is empowered to chair board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position (e.g., ruling, recognizing, agenda-setting).
 - B. The Chair has no authority to make decisions about policies created by the board within Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas. Therefore, the Chair has no authority to supervise or direct the President.
 - C. The Chair may represent the board to outside parties in announcing board-stated positions and in stating Chair decisions and interpretations within the area delegated to him or her.
 - D. The Chair may delegate this authority, but remains accountable for its use.
- 3. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair will assume the responsibilities of the Chair. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the members of the Board shall select a member to assume the responsibilities of the Chair during the continuance of the absences.

GP – 5 Board Members Code Of Ethics

The board commits itself and its members to ethical, businesslike, and lawful conduct. This includes proper use of authority and appropriate decorum when acting as board members.

- 1. Members must represent unconflicted loyalty to the interests of the community. This accountability supercedes any conflicting loyalty such as that to advocacy or interest groups and membership on other boards or staff. It also supercedes the personal interest of any board member acting as a consumer of the organization's services.
- 2. Members must avoid conflict of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibility.
 - A. There must be no self-dealing or any conduct of private business or personal services between any board member and the organization except as procedurally controlled to assure openness, competitive opportunity and equal access to "inside" information.

- B. When the board is to decide upon an issue, about which a member has an unavoidable conflict of interest, that member shall absent herself or himself without comment from not only the vote, but also from the deliberation.
 - C. Board members must not use their positions to obtain employment in the organization for themselves, family members or close associates. Should a member desire employment, he or she must first resign.
 - D. Members will annually disclose their involvements with other organizations, with vendors, or any other associations which might produce a conflict.
3. Board members may not attempt to exercise individual authority over the organization except as explicitly set forth in board policies.
- A. Members' interaction with the President or with staff must recognize the lack of authority vested in individuals except when explicitly board-authorized.
 - B. Members' interaction with public, press or other entities must recognize the same limitation and the inability of any board member to speak for the board.
 - C. Members will give no consequence or voice to individual judgments of President or staff performance.
4. Members will respect the confidentiality appropriate to issues of a sensitive nature.

GP – 6 Cost Of Governance

Because poor governance costs more than learning to govern well, the board will invest in its governance capacity. Accordingly,

- 1. Board skills, methods, and supports will be sufficient to assure governing with excellence.
 - A. Training and retraining will be used liberally to orient new members and candidates for membership, as well as to maintain and increase existing member skills and understandings.
 - B. Outside monitoring assistance will be arranged so that the board can exercise confident control over organizational performance. This includes, but is not limited to, fiscal audit.
 - C. Outreach mechanisms will be used as needed to ensure the board's ability to listen to the viewpoints and values of the constituents of community college district #18.

2. Costs will be prudently incurred, though not at the expense of endangering the development and maintenance of superior capability.

GP – 7 Naming Of Facilities

The Board retains its right to name and rename college buildings and facilities as an appropriate honor to individuals and organizations for friendship, service and support of the college.

1. The Board will also approve the naming of buildings and facilities according to the wishes of a donor who has met the schedule of financial support for the various capital projects of the college. The schedule of naming opportunities will be set in Administrative Process AP1020.
2. The Board may also approve the naming of buildings and facilities in order to honor those who have rendered extraordinary service to the college or who, by their personal or professional achievements have significantly enhanced the reputation of the college. Honorees for extraordinary service may not be current employees, and may include those who have given extraordinary service to the college in a service or volunteer capacity such that their contributions are widely recognized by the community and their peers.

GP – 8 By Laws Of Community College District #18

INTRODUCTION

The Big Bend Community College Board of Trustees, under law, is charged with the responsibility of Community College District No. 18. The authority is vested in the board, not in its individual board members. To assist the board in carrying out its responsibilities, it shall employ a president of Big Bend Community College and delegate to him/her the responsibility for administering the district under policies approved by the board. (RCW 28B.50.100) [see Board Resolution 2003.1 and BP1004]

Policies of the Board of Trustees are found in the records of board action and in the Board Policy Manual of which this document is a part. The bylaws which follow contain all of the rules adopted by the board which are in force and which relate to the organization and powers of the board and its method of conducting business.

OFFICES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees shall maintain an office at Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake, Washington, where all regular meetings shall be held, unless otherwise announced, and all records, minutes, and the official college seal shall be kept. This office shall be open during all normal business hours to any resident taxpayer of the State of Washington.

Correspondence or other business for the board shall be sent to the Secretary of the Board, who is located in this office at 7662 Chanute Street, Moses Lake, Washington 98837.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees shall hold at least one meeting each quarter and such other regular or special meetings as may be requested by the Chair of the board or by a majority of the members of the board. Regular meeting dates and times are set by an annual schedule approved by the board and published by the Office of the President. All regular meetings of the board will be held within Community College District boundaries at locations published prior to the meeting.

- A. Information for Board Members. Information and materials pertinent to the agenda of all regular meeting of the board shall be sent to trustees prior to each meeting. Any matters of business or correspondence must be received by the Secretary of the Board by 12:00 noon the Monday of the week preceding the meeting in order to be included on the agenda. The chair or secretary may, however, present a matter of urgent business received too late for inclusion on the agenda if in his/her judgment the matter is of an urgent nature.
- B. Executive Sessions. The Board of Trustees may convene in executive session during a regular or special meeting for the purposes set forth in RCW 42.30.110, as amended. The Board of Trustees also may exclude from any such public meeting or executive session, during the examination of a witness on any such matter, any or all other witnesses in the matter being investigated by the Board of Trustees.
- C. Records of Board Action. All business transacted in official board meetings shall be recorded in minutes and filed for reference.
- D. Parliamentary Procedure. Three members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum and no action shall be taken by less than a majority of the board members.

Normally, voting shall be viva voce. However, a roll call vote may be requested by any member of the board for purposes of the record.

In questions of parliamentary procedure, the actions of the board shall be conducted according to the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, unless specified otherwise by state law or regulation of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

- E. The chair shall announce at the beginning of each meeting that interested citizens or groups may make five-minute oral or written presentations to the board regarding any item on or off the agenda. If a written presentation is to be made, a notice of such written presentation must be submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

If oral comment from other members of the public is accepted at a regular meeting, and upon the request of any individual who will have difficulty attending a meeting by reason of disability, limited mobility, or for any other reason that makes physical attendance at the meeting difficult, the Board of Trustees, when feasible, shall provide an opportunity for that individual to provide oral comment at the meeting remotely.

Nothing in this section of the policy requires the Board of Trustees to accept comment which renders the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible. In such a scenario, the Board of Trustees may take steps to return the meeting to orderly conduct in accordance with state law.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

At a regular meeting of the board each year the board shall elect, from its membership, a chair and vice-chair to serve for the ensuing twelve months commencing on October 1st. In addition, the President of Big Bend Community College shall serve as secretary to the Board of Trustees as specified by state law. The secretary may, at his/her discretion, appoint the president's secretary or other appropriate college staff member to act as recording secretary for all regular and special meetings of the Board of Trustees.

The chair, in addition to any duties imposed by rules and regulations of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, shall preside at each regular or special meeting of the board, sign all legal and official documents recording actions of the board, and review the agenda prepared for each meeting of the board. The chairman shall, while presiding at official meetings, have full right of discussion and vote.

The vice-chair, in addition to any duties imposed by rules and regulations of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, shall act as chair of the board in the absence of the chair.

The secretary of the board shall be the President of Big Bend Community College and in addition to any duties imposed by rules and regulations of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, he/she shall keep the official

seal of the board, maintain all records of meetings and other official actions of the board.

The secretary shall also be responsible for board correspondence, compiling the agenda of meetings, and distributing the minutes of the meetings and related reports.

The secretary, or his/her designate, must attend all regular and special meetings of the board, and official minutes must be kept of all such meetings.

RESTRICTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORITY

Legal authority is vested in the Board of Trustees and may be exercised only by formal action of the board, taken in regular and special meetings. No individual member of the board may act on behalf of the board unless specifically instructed by action of the board. Every member of the board shall be under obligation to support the decision or policy of the majority and shall not publicly oppose such a decision or policy after it has been adopted by the majority.

FISCAL YEAR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The fiscal year of the board shall conform to the fiscal year of the State of Washington and shall be from July 1 to June 30 inclusive.

SEAL AND NAME OF THE COLLEGE DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees shall maintain an official seal for the use upon any or all official documents of the board. The seal shall have inscribed upon it the name of the college which shall be:

BIG BEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT NO. 18
STATE OF WASHINGTON

CHANGES TO BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bylaws of the board may be revised by majority vote of the board provided such changes are proposed at least one meeting prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken. Bylaws may be revised by unanimous vote of the board at the same meeting at which the revision is originally proposed.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the responsibility of the Big Bend Community College Board of Trustees to establish policy and to evaluate the success of the college operation. The Board of Trustees shall employ a President for Big Bend Community College and hold such president responsible for the interpretation of board policy into administrative action and for the administration of the college in general.

Specific policies and their administrative interpretation shall be described in detail in the several sections of the Board Policy Manual. [see Board Resolution 2003-1 and BP1004]

1000.4 BOARD-STAFF LINKAGE

BSL - 1 Chief Executive Role

The President, as chief executive officer, is accountable to the board acting as a body. The board will instruct the President through written policies, delegating to him or her interpretation and implementation of those policies, as per Board Resolution 2003-1 and BP1004.

BSL - 2 Delegation To The President

All board authority delegated to the operating organization is delegated through the President, so that all authority and accountability of the operating delegation – as far as the board is concerned – is considered to be the authority and accountability of the President.

1. The board will direct the President to achieve specified results, for specific recipients, at a specified worth through the establishment of *Ends* policies. The board will limit the latitude the President may exercise in practices, methods, conduct and other “means” to the ends through establishment of *Executive Limitations* policies.
2. As long as the President uses any *reasonable interpretation* of the board's *Ends* and *Executive Limitations* policies, the President is authorized to establish all further policies, make all decisions, take all actions, establish all practices and develop all activities.
3. The board may change its *Ends* and *Executive Limitations* policies, thereby shifting the boundary between board and President domains. By so doing, the board changes the latitude of choice given to the President. But so long as any particular delegation is in place, the board and its members will respect and support the President's choices.
4. Only decisions of the board acting as a body are binding upon the President.
 - A. Decisions or instructions of individual board members are not binding on the President except in rare instances when the board has specifically given prior authorization for such exercise of authority.
 - B. In the case of board members requesting information or assistance without board authorization, the President can refuse such requests that require – in his/her judgment – a material amount of staff time or funds or is disruptive.

BSL – 3 President’s Job Description

As the board’s single official link to the operating organization, the President’s performance will be considered to be synonymous with organizational performance as a total.

Consequently, the President’s job contributions can be stated as performance in only two areas:

1. Organizational accomplishment of the provisions of board policies on *Ends*.
2. Organization operation within the boundaries of prudence and ethics established in board policies on *Executive Limitations*.

BSL – 4 Monitoring Presidential Performance

Monitoring executive performance is synonymous with monitoring organizational performance against board policies on *Ends* and *Executive Limitations*.

1. The purpose of monitoring is simply to determine the degree to which board policies are being fulfilled. Information which does not do this will not be considered to be monitoring. Monitoring will be as automatic as possible, using a minimum of board time so that meetings can be used to create the future rather than to review the past.
2. A given policy may be monitored in one or more of three ways:
 - A. Internal report: Disclosure of compliance information to the board from the President, or his/her designee.
 - B. External report: Discovery of compliance information by a disinterested, external auditor, inspector or judge who is selected by and reports directly to the board. Such reports must assess executive performance only against policies of the board, not those of the external party unless the board has previously indicated that party’s opinion to be the standard.
 - C. Direct board inspection: Discovery of compliance information by a board member or the board as a whole. This is a board inspection of documents, activities or circumstances directed by the board which allows a “prudent person” test of policy compliance.
3. Upon the choice of the board any policy can be monitored by any method at any time. *Ends* and *Executive Limitations* shall be monitored annually in the Mission Fulfillment Report and Budget Presentations.
4. The board will conduct a formal evaluation of the President annually. This evaluation will focus on the monitoring data on *Ends* and *Executive Limitations* policies provided during the intervening year. However, the

board's evaluation may also include pre-determined criteria based on the board's expectations of the President's performance so long as such criteria have been specified one year in advance of the evaluation.

The results of the evaluation will be reported in open meeting with any necessary action to occur at that open meeting.