BELMONT COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes of January 22, 2026

The regular meeting of the Belmont College District Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 p.m., on January 22, 2026, at Belmont College in the Board room.

Call to Order	Mrs. Gates, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call	Allison Anderson – Present Cory DelGuzzo – Present Elizabeth Gates - Present Mark Macri – Present Richard Myser - Present Anita Rice – Present Mark Romick – Present Melissa Smithberger - Present Matt Steele - Absent There being a quorum, the meeting proceeded.
Attendance	Janet Sempkowski, Carrie White, Heather Davis, Patricia Youmans, Jerry Ball, Julie Keck (remote), Dr. Paul Gasparro and Kristy Kosky.
Introduction of Visitors	Mrs. Gates introduced Andrew Keck, Foundation Board member and representing Belmont College on an oil and gas lease. Mr. Keck attended remotely.
Approval of Agenda	Mrs. Gates amended the agenda to include an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal issues, and to move Agenda Item C-2, Mineral Rights Lease, to the top of the agenda. Mrs. Gates then asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. DelGuzzo motioned, seconded by Dr. Macri, to approve the amended agenda. All ayes; motion carried.
Approval of Minutes	Mrs. Gates asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2025 meeting. Mr. Myser motioned, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to approve the minutes of the November 2025 meeting. Ayes; Mrs. Anderson, Mr. DelGuzzo, Mrs. Gates, Mr. Myser, Mrs. Rice, Mr. Romick, Mrs. Smithberger.

Nays; None.
Abstain; Dr. Macri
Ayes have the majority. Motion carried.

Agenda Item C-2 Mineral Rights Lease

Andrew Keck provided the Board with an overview of a proposed oil and gas lease that the College received.

Mr. Myser asked for clarifications and additions to the lease for the protection of the College.

Executive Session

Mr. Keck agreed to make these additions and secure a revised lease for signature.

Mrs. Gates then asked for a motion to approve the lease once changes are made and a new lease received.

Mr. Myser motioned, seconded by Mr. DelGuzzo, to approve the lease once changes are made and a new lease received.
All ayes;
Motion carried.

Executive Session

Mrs. Gates asked for a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal issues.

Dr. Macri motioned, seconded by Mr. Myser, to enter into executive session.
A roll call vote was taken.
All ayes, motion carried.
Executive session began at 6:27 p.m.

Mrs. Gates asked for a motion to come out of executive session.

Mrs. Smithberger motioned, seconded by Mr. Myser to come out of executive session.
A roll call vote was taken.
All ayes, motion carried.
Executive session ended at 6:50 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Gates pulled agenda items B-1, November 2025 Financials and C-1, Election of the Selection Committee for discussion.

Janet Sempkowski provided an overview of the November 2025 Financials.

Dr. Macri, Executive Committee Chair, submitted three names for election to the selection committee. Those are:

Dan Stephens, Lauren Knight and Carolyn (Sue) White.

Mrs. Gates asked for a motion to approve Dan Stephens, Lauren Knight and Carolyn (Sue) White for election to the selection committee.

Mr. Myser motioned, seconded by Mrs. Rice to approve Dan Stephens, Lauren Knight and Carolyn (Sue) White for election to the selection committee.
All ayes;
Motion carried.

Mrs. Gates then asked for approval of the remainder of the consent agenda.

Mrs. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Smithberger to approve the remainder of the consent agenda.
All ayes;
Motion carried.

President's Report

Dr. White gave an overview on Academic and Student Affairs, provided an enrollment report and an update on the MOU's with other schools.

Jerry Ball provided clarification on the semester enrollment statistics.

Dr. Davis provided an overview of Operations, including the 331 property, the GO bus, and Human Resources.

Julie Keck provided a Marketing report, specifically the current geofencing statistics.

Comments from the Chair	Mrs. Gates reminded the Board members of their annual Financial Disclosure filing responsibility. Spring Break for the College is March 9-13, 2026.
Next Regular Meeting	March 26, 2026 Belmont College Board Room 6:00 p.m.
Adjournment	Mrs. Gates adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Elizabeth Gates

Elizabeth F. Gates, Chair

Paul F. Gasparro

Paul F. Gasparro, President

Date Approved: 3 / 26 / 2026