# BELMONT COLLEGE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**Minutes of June 25, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Belmont College District Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 p.m., on June 25, 2026, at Belmont College in the Board room.

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| Call to Order | Mrs. Gates, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. |
| Roll Call | Cory DelGuzzo – Present<br>Elizabeth Gates – Present<br>Mark Macri – Present<br>Richard Myser - Present<br>Anita Rice – Present<br>Mark Romick - Present<br>Kurt Smith - Present<br>Melissa Smithberger – Present<br>James Tennant - Present<br><br>There being a quorum, the meeting proceeded. |
| Attendance | Carrie White, Heather Davis, Patricia Youmans, Chris Hoover, Jerry Ball, Dr. Paul Gasparro and Kristy Kosky. |
| Introduction of Visitors | N/A |
| Approval of Agenda | Mrs. Gates amended the agenda to move agenda item D-1, Election of New Board Members/Resolutions to the top of the agenda.<br><br>Mrs. Gates pulled consent agenda items C-1, 2026-2027, Budget, D-2, Election of Officers, D-3, Election of Executive Committee, D-4, Foundation Board Representative, D-5, Heritage Tree Nominations, and D-6, Employee Emeritus for further discussion.<br><br>Mrs. Gates then asked for a motion to approve the agenda.<br><br>Dr. Macri motioned, seconded by Mr. Myser, to approve the agenda. All ayes; motion carried. |
| Agenda Item D-1 | Dr. Macri reported that the Selection Committee has recommended Mr. James Tennant and Mr. Kurt Smith for election to the Board of Trustees, both for a term beginning April 19, 2026 – April 18, 2029. |

Mrs. Gates asked for a motion to elect Mr. James Tennant and Mr. Kurt Smith to the Board of Trustees for a term beginning April 19. 2026 – April 18, 2026.

Mr. Myser motioned, seconded by Mrs. Smithberger, to elect Mr. James Tennant and Mr. Kurt Smith to the Board of Trustees for a term beginning April 19. 2026 – April 18, 2026
All ayes; motion carried.

**Oath of Office**

Mr. DelGuzzo administered the Board of Trustees Oath of Office to Mr. James Tennant and Mr. Kurt Smith, for a three-year term.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Gates asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2026 meeting.

Mrs. Rice motioned, seconded by Mr. Myser, to approve the minutes of the March 2026 meeting.
Ayes; Mrs. Gates, Dr. Macri, Mr. Myser, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Smithberger.
Abstain; Mr. DelGuzzo, Mr. Romick.
Ayes have the majority; motion carried.

**Executive Session**

Mrs. Gates asked for a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of legal and personnel.

Mr. DelGuzzo motioned, seconded by Mr. Myser, to enter into executive session.
A roll call vote was taken.
All ayes; motion carried.
Executive Session began at 6:07 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken to come out of executive session.
All ayes; motion carried.
Executive session ended at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Gates asked for a motion to approve Dr. Gasparro to sign a legal and personnel contract with Now CFO, that was discussed in executive session.

Mr. Romick motioned, seconded by Mrs. Smithberger, to approve Dr. Gasparro to sign the contract with Now CFO.
All ayes; motion carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Gates asked for a motion to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda.

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| | Mr. DelGuzzo motioned, seconded by Mrs. Smithberger.<br>All ayes; motion carried. |
| Consent Agenda Item D-4 Heritage Tree Nominations | The Board discussed agenda item D-4, Heritage Tree Nominations.<br><br>Mrs. Gates put forth the recommendation of Mr. Paul Stecker, Foundation Board member, to be inducted to the Heritage Tree.<br><br>Mrs. Gates then asked for a motion to approve Mr. Paul Stecker for induction to the Heritage Tree.<br><br>Mrs. Rice motioned, seconded by Dr. Macri made to nominate Mr. Paul Stecker to the Heritage Tree.<br>All ayes; motion carried. |
| Consent Agenda Item D-4 Foundation Board Representative | The floor was opened for nominations for the representative to the Foundation Board.<br><br>Mrs. Gates nominated Mr. Myser, seconded by Dr. Macri.<br>All ayes; motion carried. |
| Consent Agenda Item D-6 Employee Emeritus | Dr. Heather Davis asked the Board for consideration of Mr. Christopher Clantz and Ms. Cindi Yanez for the title of Professor Emeritus.<br><br>Mr. Romick motioned, seconded by Mr. Myser to accept the nomination of Mr. Christopher Clantz and Ms. Cindi Yanez for the title of Professor Emeritus.<br>All ayes; motion carried. |
| Presidents Report | Kristy Kosky provided an update on the new executive offices/board room.<br><br>Mr. Chris Hoover provided an update on CCP and academics.<br><br>Dr. Heather Davis provided an update on human resources, workforce, facilities and finance. |
| Comments from the Chair | Mrs. Gates announced that we will extend an invitation to the OACC to attend the November 19, 2026 Board meeting. |

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| Next Meeting | August 8, 2026<br>Board Retreat/Evaluation of the President<br>Executive Offices/Board Room – 331.<br>9:00 a.m. |
| Adjournment | Mrs. Gates adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. |

Elizabeth F. Gates

Elizabeth F. Gates, Chair

Paul F. Gasparro

Paul F. Gasparro, President

Date Approved: 9 / 24 / 26