

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 20, 2024

1. Call to Order

The four hundred and eleventh regular meeting of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, March, 20, 2024, in person on the Fall River campus located at 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, in the John J. Sbrega Health & Science Building (J-137, Clinical Conference Room). The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m.

Trustees present: Joan Medeiros, Chair; Jeffrey Karam, Vice Chair; Valentina Videva Dufresne, Secretary; Frank Baptista; Renee Clark; Pamela Gauvin; Joseph Ferreir~~2~~neretreat

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- With the possibility of free community college in FY25 the Colleges may not have local control over setting fees in the future. Management feels it is important to position ourselves in the middle of the 15 schools and not be so focused on being in the bottom third as we have been for decades when students bore the greater brunt of the cost.
- Inflation continues to be a problem in constraining costs. FY25 will include an increase in faculty salaries of over 8%.
- Bristol was once a leader in the amount of reserves among the 15 community colleges. We are now #8