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REDISTRIBUTE PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD MEMBER ELECTORAL DISTRICTS ("ZONES")

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STRATEGIC THEME: Enterprise: Cultivate a long-term sustainable college enterprise

REPORT: ORS 341.175 provides that Oregon Community Colleges "shall adjust the boundaries of zones established within a district as necessary to make them as nearly equal in population as is feasible according to the latest federal census." PCC requested from the Portland State University Population Research Center ("PRC") a Redistricting Study and Proposal for two scenarios for new boundaries for its board member electoral districts ("zones") that meet the ORS requirements, which is required every 10 years after the release of US Census data. County Election Offices need sufficient time to implement the new boundaries and the redistricting process must be completed prior to the first date a board candidate can file for the May 16, 2023 Special District Election.

The decision about where the new boundaries fall is a decision of the PCC Board of Directors. To aid the Board, the PRC developed a Geographic Information System (GIS) workflow to (1) determine the current population of each board member zone and the total population of the district and (2) adjust boundaries of the current districts so as to make zones as equal in population as feasible, and such that the spread between the lowest and highest population zones is under 10%. The PRC presented the Board with two options on how the zone boundaries could be redrawn. The first proposal, "Plan A" attempts to preserve the current boundaries as much as possible, "Plan B" reconfigures board member zones more significantly along school district and neighborhood boundaries. These options were presented by the PRC at the Board work session in March 2022. A public hearing

was held at the April 21, 2022 Board Meeting. No public comment was provided during the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt Plan B for redistricting the board member electoral districts given that a primary objective of the redistricting is to reconfigure board member zones to better align with school district and neighborhood boundaries and no contrary public comment was received at the April 21, 2022 public hearing.