

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES RETREAT AGENDA

Wednesday, August 21, 2024  
8:30-9:30 a.m.

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198 Herman Melville Blvd  
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m. – NOON	Board Development <i>w/ Dr. Francesca Purcell</i> , Senior Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education
	This interactive session will focus on evaluating Bristol's context within the national higher education landscape ahead; exploring strategies to strengthen board performance and impact; and taking stock of our board members' expectations and assessment.
NOON – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Bristol's Academic Programs – Relevance & Community Needs <i>w/ Vice President/ Chief Academic Officer Andrew Fisher and President Laura Douglas</i>
	How does Bristol ensure that its academic programs stay relevant and meet employer needs? This presentation will focus on the process Bristol uses to adopt new academic programs and the 5-year program review process we have developed to ensure that programs are relevant and produce graduates that meet industry needs.
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Preparing for a New President <i>w/ Dr. Francesca Purcell</i> , Senior Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education
	This discussion will focus on the institution's imminent leadership transition including how Trustees can support and connect the new president to Bristol's various communities; set expectations and norms while allowing for new approaches; and monitor/measure performance and outcomes.
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Board Operations and Reminders <i>w/ Board Chair, Joan Medeiros and Board Liaison, Lucinda Poudrier-Aaronson</i>
4:00 p.m.	Wrap-up & Adjourn