



**MINNESOTA STATE**  
Board of Trustees

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**NAME:** Academic and Student Affairs Committee

**DATE:** June 20, 2023

**TITLE:** Mission Statement Change: Rochester Community and Technical College

- Proposed New Policy or Amendment to Existing Policy       Approvals Required by Policy       Other Approvals
- Monitoring/Compliance       Information

**PRESENTERS**

Jeffrey Boyd, President, Rochester Community and Technical College

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Morris Thompson, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Rochester Community and Technical College

**PURPOSE**

The mission statement is being presented for Board of Trustees approval. The mission statement meets the criteria in Board Policy 3.24 College or University Type and Mission, and System Mission, Part 4. Approval of College or University Mission.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

As the oldest public two-year college in Minnesota, Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC) has had a long history of education and service to the southeast region of Minnesota. The junior college was created on a motion by Dr. Charles Mayo in 1915 and the vocational-technical institute was created in 1969. Rochester Community and Technical College was established on July 1, 1996, when legislation required state community colleges and technical colleges located in the same city be merged into a consolidated college. The first mission statement following the merger was written in 1996, updated in 2000 and reaffirmed with no changes in 2012. Today, the institution serves 6,189 students while offering 48 credit-bearing certificate programs and 54 associate degree programs. RCTC also prides itself on the diversity of its student body with over 30% of the student population identifying as an ethnic or racial minority. As the institution begins its strategic planning process, it looks forward to increasing enrollment, student success, and meeting the needs of the workforce in Minnesota.

**Current Mission Statement:**

Rochester Community and Technical College provides accessible, affordable, quality learning opportunities to serve a diverse and growing community.

**Proposed Mission Statement:**

Rochester Community and Technical College empowers students to thrive in an ever-changing, diverse society by providing access to exceptional education.

**RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE MOTION**

Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the mission statement of Rochester Community and Technical College.

**RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION**

The Board of Trustees approves the mission statement of Rochester Community and Technical College.

*Date Presented to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee:* 6/20/2023

*Date Presented to the Board of Trustees:* 6/21/2023

*Date of Implementation:* 6/21/2023