Bellingham Technical College names Kimberly Perry as president

The Bellingham Technical College board of trustees named Kimberly Perry as the next president of the college at a special meeting Thursday, June 4.

She will begin work at BTC on July 20. Current President Patricia McKeown will retire at the end of June 2015.

“I believe that two-year colleges play a vital role in today’s society,” Perry said in a prepared statement. “BTC has an excellent reputation of delivering quality programs and services to its students.”

Since July of 2011, Perry has served as superintendent/president of Butte-Glenn Community College District in California’s Sierra Nevada foothills. Before that, she was vice president of academic affairs at Los Angeles City College.

She also served six years as vice president of instruction at Reedley College in Reedley, Calif. She began at Reedley College as a dean of instruction, where she was responsible for career technical education programs, the International Student Exchange Program, and state and federal grants dealing with workforce development.

Perry began her career in education as a high school agriculture and natural resources instructor in Fremont, Calif.

Perry received her doctorate in education from the University of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., and her master’s degree from University of California, Davis.

Perry and her husband, Ellis Evans, look forward to moving to the Bellingham area. They both enjoy musical theater, country music, fine dining, and spending time with their pets.