

Dr. Karin Hilgersom

Dr. Karin Hilgersom serves as the president of Truckee Meadows Community College, an HSI serving the Reno-Sparks region. Dr. Hilgersom's doctorate in Educational Policy and Management and her Master's in Rhetoric and Communication were earned at the University of Oregon in 1994 and 1986, respectively.

The community college mission has been Dr. Hilgersom's lifelong passion. She began as a Communication Studies faculty member and taught thousands of students. Her administrative experience has included the supervision of executive leadership teams, academic programs, tutoring centers, community and extended learning, small business development centers, libraries, distance learning, capital projects, and campus IT. She has worked steadily to transform the lives of students at urban and rural community colleges and believes that workforce education is vital to the health of communities and regions. She spent most of her professional life in Washington State and served on leadership committees convened by the SBCTC.

Dr. Hilgersom has engaged with external and internal TMCC stakeholders and charted new directions for TMCC. These directions include a college-wide commitment to campus sustainability; new programs including bachelor's degrees in Nursing, Dental Hygiene, and Architecture; and growing excellent workforce training programs that respond to industry needs, including Tesla and Panasonic apprenticeships. She is also proud of major renovations to the TMCC library, now known as the Learning Commons (and centralized tutoring).

Dr. Hilgersom is active in the Reno/Sparks community. She serves ex-officio on the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) and PBS Reno. She is Board Chair for the nonprofit organization iCelerate, whose mission is to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She has been an active Rotarian for twelve years.