



**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

Prior to convening the meeting, Chairperson Anderson led the assembly in pledging their allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

**AREA BOARD**

Steve Anderson, Chairperson..... Present  
Arlan Kuehn, Vice-Chairperson ..... Present  
Julie Robinson, Secretary..... Absent-Guest via Zoom  
Del Ames ..... Present  
Donovan Ellis..... Present  
Dr. Terry Nelson ..... Present  
Dirk Petersen..... Present  
Jeffrey Scherer ..... Present  
Nicole Sedlacek ..... Absent-Guest via Zoom  
Carol Sibbel ..... Present  
Gene Willers ..... Absent-Guest via Zoom

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Leah A. Barrett, President  
Diane Reikofski

**Via Zoom connection**

John Blaylock, Executive Vice President  
Dr. Michele Gill, Interim Vice President of Educational Services  
Coleen Bressler, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services  
Amanda Nipp, Vice President of Student Services  
Dr. Tracy Kruse, Associate Vice President of Development and External Affairs  
Eric Johnson, Associate Vice President of Center for Enterprise  
Jim Curry, Director of Public Relations  
Lauren Wagner, *Norfolk Daily News*  
Cody Ronnfeldt, WJAG

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Chairperson Anderson convened the regular meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and thanked the media and staff for joining the meeting via Zoom in order to remain compliant with Governor Rickett's request to limit meeting attendance to 10 individuals. He thanked President Leah Barrett and staff for their work in their efforts to minimize risks related to the coronavirus pandemic.

President Barrett stressed that Northeast is committed to mitigating the coronavirus by using alternative forms of academic delivery. Faculty, staff, and the community are encouraged to check the Northeast website for updates related to the campus community.

12630

Jeff Scherer MOVED to adopt the Agenda of the March 17, 2020 Regular Meeting as distributed. Del Ames SECONDED the motion

**Voting Yes:** Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, Scherer, and Sibbel

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Robinson, Sedlacek, and Willers

**MOTION CARRIED**

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A copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the tables at the back of the room. No constituents were in attendance to address the board with a public comment.

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Del Ames MOVED, and Dirk Petersen SECONDED the motion to approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2020 meetings as follows:

1. Regular Meeting
2. Facilities Committee Meeting
3. Student Success Committee Meeting

**Voting Yes:** Anderson, Ellis, Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, Scherer, Sibbel, and Ames

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Robinson, Sedlacek, and Willers

**MOTION CARRIED**

12633

Dr. Leah Barrett provided a verbal report of campus-wide accomplishments, events, and activities.

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Steve Anderson, NCCA Board of Directors representative, reported that the next quarterly meeting will be conducted in Lincoln in May. This morning Steve had a discussion with Greg Adams, NCCA Executive Director, about how the coronavirus pandemic may impact the Nebraska Legislative session. Mr. Adams stated that the legislature has very strict guidelines on what they need to accomplish; when the legislature convenes for the year is set in the guidelines, however, Speaker Scheer has the ability to determine when to adjourn the session. Mr. Adams anticipates that the legislature will reconvene to handle the budget.

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Carol Sibbel, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee, MOVED to approve the new Drug and Alcohol Counseling Certificate program at Northeast Community College for submission to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Terry Nelson SECONDED the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Ellis, Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, Scherer, Sibbel, Ames, and Anderson

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Robinson, Sedlacek, and Willers

**MOTION CARRIED**

12636

Jeff Scherer, Chairperson of the Facilities Committee, MOVED to approve the Resolutions authorizing the sale of House #120023 Middle North and House #120024 North 2020. Dirk Petersen SECONDED the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, Scherer, Sibbel, Ames, Anderson, and Ellis

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Robinson, Sedlacek, and Willers

**MOTION CARRIED**

12637

Jeff Scherer MOVED to authorize the administration to negotiate a final Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Veterinary Technology and Farm Operations/Large Animal Buildings Project in an amount not to exceed \$19,748,049. Donovan Ellis SECONDED the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Nelson, Petersen, Scherer, Sibbel, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, and Kuehn

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Robinson, Sedlacek, and Willers

**MOTION CARRIED**

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At 3:19 p.m., with no further business to discuss, it was UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY VOICE VOTE to ADJOURN the meeting.

*Minutes prepared by Diane Reikofski, Recording Secretary.*

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Steve Anderson, Chairperson  
Northeast Board of Governors

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Arlan Kuehn, Vice Chairperson  
Northeast Board of Governors