



NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Prior to convening the meeting Chairperson Anderson welcomed everyone back following the hiatus due to COVID-19. The Board of Governors felt it important to meet in person to discuss strategic topics.

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.

The Northeast Community College Board of Governors met for its regular sessions Board Meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2020 in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center, located on the campus of Northeast Community College. Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Norfolk Daily News on Friday, June 5, 2020.

AREA BOARD

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Leah A. Barrett, President
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. Karen Severson, Interim Associate Vice President of Human Resources

Jim Curry, Director of Public Relations
Diane Reikofski, Executive Assistant to the President
Lauren Wagner, *Norfolk Daily News*
Cody Ronnfeldt, WJAG/KEXL/KQKX Radio

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Chairperson Anderson convened the regular meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

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Gene Willers MOVED to adopt the Agenda of the June 11, 2020 Regular Meeting as distributed.
Nicole Sedlacek SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, Robinson, Scherer,
Sedlacek, Sibbel, and Willers

Voting No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

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Chairperson Anderson advised that 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 Jeff Scherer SECONDED the motion to approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2020 meetings as follows:

1. Regular Meeting
2. Finance Committee Meeting
3. Facilities Committee Meeting
4. External Relations Committee Meeting
5. Governance Committee Meeting
6. Student Success Committee Meeting

Voting Yes: Anderson, Ellis, Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek,
Sibbel, Willers, and Ames

Voting No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

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Dr. Leah Barrett reported the following:

- Northeast’s Fall 2020 semester will begin a week early, August 17th, and conclude on Wednesday, November 25th.
- Northeast’s 47th annual commencement ceremony was held on May 16th in a virtual format.
- Associate degree nursing and practical nursing students received their nursing pins during a special virtual ceremony in May. Forty practical nurse and 35 associate degree nursing students were recognized.
- Paul Feilmeier has been hired as the next vice president of technology services.
- Tracy Kruse, associate vice president of development and external affairs, has been selected for the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s next Leadership Nebraska class.
- Northeast employees have come together to produce facemasks for their colleagues at the college. The goal is to produce 2,060 cotton masks so each employee has several to utilize. The effort has been led by members of the Professional/Managerial Association.
- Northeast Building Construction instructors, Roger Walker, Ryan Hobza, and Curtis Brandt were among faculty members and others on campus to finish the work on two 1,620 square foot student-built homes that will be auctioned on June 27th.
- Northeast’s Drafting program’s annual bridge competition was held in May. Joseph Guenther of Norfolk claimed this year’s top honor with his bridge holding 391.1 times its weight.
- Colleen Barnes has been appointed by Governor Pete Ricketts to the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice.
- Sixty-four Northeast Community College student-athletes who participated in programs in the spring were recognized as Academic All-Region performers by the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference. A student must have earned a 3.5 and above grade point average to receive this recognition.

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Steve Anderson, NCCA Board of Directors representative, reported that Greg Adams will continue to advocate for Nebraska’s community colleges when the Legislature reconvenes sometime in July. The quarterly meeting will be held in August but unsure that at this time where and how the meeting will be conducted.

The NCCA office in Lincoln was damaged as a result of the recent riots in Lincoln. Mr. Adams is working with insurance to get the building repaired.

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Jeff Scherer MOVED and Gene Willers SECONDED the motion to acknowledge and accept the Monthly Financial Report for May 31, 2020 and claims paid in May 2020 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,670,150.18
Auxiliary Fund.....	\$ 416,326.61
Grants and Contracts	\$ 88,818.74

Scholarships and Financial Aid.....	\$	0.00
Student Loans.....	\$	0.00
Student Clubs.....	\$	4,335.00
Other Agencies.....	\$	11,057.58
Capital Improvement.....	\$	95,701.04
Restricted Plant.....	\$	873,405.81
Debt Service.....	\$	26,797.50
Payroll Fund.....	\$	<u>2,797,148.20</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID.....	\$	5,983,740.66

Voting Yes: Ellis, Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, and Anderson

Voting No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION was made by Carol Sibbel, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee, to approve the continuation of the General Education program at Northeast Community College for submission to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Julie Robinson SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, and Ellis

Voting No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

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Carol Sibbel MOVED to approve the continuation of the Community Health Workers certificate program at Northeast Community College for submission to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Arlan Kuehn SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Nelson, Petersen, Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, and Kuehn

Voting No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

12675

Gene Willers MOVED to authorize the use of cash on hand to continue the operations of the College pending final approval of the 2020-2021 budgets in September 2020. Donovan Ellis SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Petersen, Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Kuehn, and Nelson

Voting No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

12676

Gene Willers MOVED to approve the Resolution authorizing the issue of Limited Tax and Facilities Revenue Bonds Series 2020, with proceeds to be used to refund the Limited Tax and Facilities Revenue Bonds Series 2014, Series 2015, and Series 2015A at a date to be determined, and authorizes the College President to sign any related documents. Julie Robinson SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Kuehn, Nelson, and Petersen

Voting No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

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In other business, Chairperson Anderson acknowledge staff member birthdays for the month of June.

President Leah Barrett stated that a board meeting will be held in July and Thursday, July 16, 2020 was selected as the date for the meeting.

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At 3:32 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.

Steve Anderson, Chairperson
Northeast Board of Governors

Julie Robinson, Secretary
Northeast Board of Governors