



NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 2020

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, July 16, 2020 in Suites F & G of the Lifelong Learning Center, located on the campus of Northeast Community College. Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Norfolk Daily News on Friday, July 10, 2020.

AREA BOARD

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Leah A. Barrett, President
Amanda Nipp, Vice President of Student Services
Dr. Karen Severson, Interim Associate Vice President of Human Resources
Dr. Michele Gill, Interim Vice President of Educational Services
Coleen Bressler, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services
Jim Curry, Director of Public Relations
Diane Reikofski, Executive Assistant to the President
Carla Streff, Director of Extended Campus-West Point
Lynn Daberkow, Extended Campus Administrative Assistant
Paul Feilmeier, guest

Lauren Wagner, *Norfolk Daily News*
Cody Ronnfeldt, WJAG/KEXL/KQKX Radio

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Chairperson Anderson convened the regular meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

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Carol Sibbel MOVED to adopt the Agenda of the July 16, 2020 Regular Meeting as distributed. Del Ames SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, and Sibbel

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Willers

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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Nicole Sedlacek MOVED, and Del Ames SECONDED the motion to approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2020 meetings as follows:

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

Voting Yes: Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, and Ames

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Willers

MOTION CARRIED

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A report from President Leah Barrett included the following:

- Northeast’s Nexus Project Campaign has received several large contributions in recent weeks.
- Northeast Community College has received \$1.7 million through the CARES Act, with a minimum of \$864,000 to be awarded in the form of emergency aid to students that will assist them with extra costs as a result of the campus closure and moving to remote learning due to

the Coronavirus pandemic. As of July 14, Northeast has distributed \$570,444 to meet requests from students.

- Northeast Community College in Norfolk hosted the annual Big Bang Boom Independence Day fireworks extravaganza on Saturday, July 4th. Committee organizers asked Northeast for permission to hold the display on the Norfolk campus this year in order to abide by social distancing recommendations due to the COVID-19 pandemic while allowing for optimal viewing of the display across the city and surrounding area.
- A graduate of Northeast Community College, Dr. Jeremy Young of Elgin, has been installed as the president of the Nebraska Veterinary Medicine Association for 2020.
- The Educational Services Division held the first of three in-service sessions for more than 300 part-time and early college faculty members. The sessions are held to allow early college and adjunct faculty the opportunity to engage with their colleagues and become better prepared for new teaching experiences.
- Virtual new student registration continues throughout the summer. Northeast offered a virtual family forum session in June that featured a discussion with over 40 families of first-year students about the many support services available to help students achieve success.

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Steve Anderson, NCCA Board of Directors representative, reported that their next meeting will be held in Lincoln on August 3rd. Approval of the NCCA 2020-2021 budget will be considered. Greg Adams continues to work on legislation at the local level. Early indications are that community college funding will not be impacted until January.

The ACCT board meeting in September will be held virtually.

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Donovan Ellis MOVED and Jeff Scherer SECONDED the motion to acknowledge and accept the claims paid in June 2020 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 2,026,137.23
Auxiliary Fund.....	\$ 211,993.31
Grants and Contracts	\$ 47,605.37
Scholarships and Financial Aid.....	\$ 375.00
Student Loans	\$ 0.00
Student Clubs.....	\$ 3,250.81
Other Agencies	\$ 5,670.98
Capital Improvement	\$ 83,493.51
Restricted Plant.....	\$ 939,330.15
Debt Service	\$ 1,206,366.06
Payroll Fund	\$ <u>2,705,897.61</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID.....	\$ 7,230,120.03

Voting Yes: Ellis, Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Ames, and Anderson

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Willers

MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION was made by Julie Robinson, member of the Governance Committee, to approve the employment of Paul Feilmeier as the Vice President of Technology Services, effective July 27, 2020. Nicole Sedlacek SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Ames, Anderson, and Ellis

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Willers

MOTION CARRIED

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Julie Robinson MOVED to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Faculty Association for allocation of contract days. Del Ames SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, and Robinson

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Willers

MOTION CARRIED

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In other business, Chairperson Anderson thanked President Barrett, administration, faculty, and staff for all that they are doing in these unprecedented times. He appreciates that a quality education and safety of students and staff are paramount in the decision making.

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At 3:18 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