



NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Prior to convening the meeting, Chairperson Steve 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.....	Present
Del Ames	Present
Donovan Ellis.....	Present
Dr. Terry Nelson	Absent-Excused
Dirk Petersen.....	Present
Jeffrey Scherer	Present
Nicole Sedlacek	Present
Carol Sibbel	Present
Gene Willers	Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Leah A. Barrett, President
Paul Feilmeier, Vice President, Technology Services
Scott Gray, Vice President, Administrative Services
Amanda Nipp, Vice President, Student Services
Dr. Tracy Kruse, Vice President, Development and External Affairs
Dr. Michele Gill, Vice President, Educational Services
Dr. Karen Severson, Interim Associate Vice President, Human Resources
Jim Curry, Director of Public Relations
Diane Reikofski, Executive Assistant to the President
Dr. Michael Cooper, Instructor/Director of Veterinary Technician program
Pauline Mphwiyo, Criminal Justice student
Lauren Wagner, *Norfolk Daily News*
Cody Ronnenfelt, WJAG

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Notice of the Regular Meeting is published on the Northeast Community College website and was published in the *Norfolk Daily News* on Friday, May 2, 2021. Chairperson Steve Anderson convened the Regular Meeting at 3:47 p.m. in Suites F & G of the Lifelong Learning Center.

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Jeff Scherer MOVED to adopt the Agenda of the May 13, 2021 Regular Meeting. Del Ames SECONDED the motion, noting updated dates in the announcement section of the Agenda.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

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Chairperson Anderson noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the table at the back of the room. No constituents were in attendance to address the board with a public comment.

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Donovan Ellis MOVED, and Julie Robinson SECONDED the motion to approve Minutes of the April 8, 2021 meetings as follows:

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

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

Voting No: None

Abstain: Ames and Sibbel

Absent: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

12810

President Leah Barrett introduced Pauline Mphwiyo, a Northeast Community College student who has been named to the 2021 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-Nebraska Academic Team. Erika Ramirez

has also been named to the PTK All-Nebraska Academic Team but was unable to attend today's meeting.

Typically, the PTK All-Nebraska Team is recognized annually in Lincoln. Due to the pandemic, the event was not held so Pauline was invited to today's board meeting to receive her medallion and certificate. Pauline will receive her associate degree from Northeast Community College next weekend and plans to transfer to Wayne State College, potentially to study pre-law, with a long-term goal of becoming a lawyer.

President Barrett provided the following report:

- Unveiled Northeast's strategic direction, *envision*. **Envision** what we can accomplish when we are all inspired, challenged, and working together.
 - Our Vision: Empower every person in our region to achieve their academic and workforce development goals.
 - Our Strategic Priorities:
 - Student Pathways to Success
 - Excellence and Innovation in Educational Programs
 - Rewarding and Inspirational Place to Work
 - Effective Resource Management
 - Our Values: Basic and fundamental beliefs which describe our motives behind purposeful action.
 - We Champion Student Success. Create an inclusive and welcoming environment that provides multiple pathways and services to meet all students where they are and help them meet their educational goals.
 - We Practice Continuous Improvement. Use data informed approaches to increase effectiveness, efficiency, and satisfaction through assessment of processes, program, and services.
 - We are Mindful Stewards of Resources. Focus on the efficient management of our funds, workforce, facilities, land, and technology.
 - We Build Partnerships and Collaborations. Leverage the skills and knowledge of our students, co-workers, and trusted partners to advance our mission.
 - We aspire to create an inclusive, diverse culture. Foster a culture where every person is heard, engaged, and feels valued. Communicate with transparency, assume positive intent, and be open to different perspectives, and ideas.
- Use of CARES Act/Covid Funds:
 - Northeast Community College will use student aid and most of its institutional allocation from the federal government to ensure that enrolled students have enough resources to attend during the next academic year. Several new financial aid resources are being made available to assist students, grant aid through the American Rescue Plan Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, the newly released College Access scholarship, Nebraska Career Scholarships and free summer tuition. The aid is on top of Pell Grants and other scholarships that students may have already received. More information may be found online at <https://northeast.edu/tuition-relief>.
 - Students who enroll in summer credit classes at Northeast Community College this year will be offered free tuition. Northeast wants to help its students who have been negatively affected by the pandemic and this is one way of helping them stay on track or assist new

students beginning their education. Free tuition is available to anyone who registers for credit classes at Northeast this summer. This includes high school students who want to get ahead, current students or students from other colleges who want to transfer credits.

12811

Steve Anderson, NCCA Board of Directors representative, reported that their quarterly meeting was held on May 3rd in Lincoln. He was unable to attend in person so participated via Zoom. The Board of Directors regrettably accepted the resignation of Greg Adams, NCCA Executive Director, effective December 31, 2021. Mr. Anderson stated that Mr. Adams' knowledge of how the legislature works has been valuable; he has been a tremendous ally of the community college system. The search process will begin soon to fill the position.

The NCCA Annual meeting will be held October 3-4, 2021 in Scottsbluff. The next quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held in August at which time the NCCA budget will officially be approved.

Steve Anderson and Gene Willers serve as Northeast's NCCA representatives. Any Northeast board member interested in participating in the NCCA Board of Directors should reach out to Steve or Gene.

12812

Dirk Petersen **MOVED** to approve the continuation of the Horticulture and Golf Course Management program at Northeast Community College for submission to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Gene Willers **SECONDED** the motion.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

12813

Donovan Ellis, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee, **MOVED** to approve the continuation of the Veterinary Technology program at Northeast Community College for submission to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Del Ames **SECONDED** the motion.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

12814

Donovan Ellis, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee, MOVED to approve the continuation of the Health Information Management Systems (HIMS) program at Northeast Community College for submission to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Nicole Sedlacek SECONDED the motion.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

12815

Dirk Petersen, Chairperson of the Governance Committee, MOVED to approve the president’s contract for 2021-2024. Jeff Scherer SECONDED the motion.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

12816

Dirk Petersen MOVED to approve the deletion of BP-5820, Residence and Use of Service and Therapy Animals and Pets. Carol Sibbel SECONDED the motion.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

12817

Gene Willers MOVED, and Del Ames SECONDED the motion to acknowledge and accept the Monthly Financial Report for April 30, 2021 and claims paid in April 2021 as follows:

General Funds.....	\$ 1,927,066.76
Auxiliary Funds.....	\$ 230,448.60
Grants and Contracts	\$ 77,702.60

Scholarships and Financial Aid.....	\$	3,250.00
Student Loans	\$	0.00
Student Clubs.....	\$	3,000.36
Other Agencies	\$	16,087.24
Capital Improvement	\$	6,243.00
Restricted Plant.....	\$	695,208.62
Debt Service	\$	0.00
Payroll Fund	\$	<u>2,827,088.28</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID.....	\$	5,786,095.46

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

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Chairperson Anderson recognized board member birthdays for the month of May.

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At 4:17 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