

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, May 14, 2020

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Del Ames, Chairperson	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Nicole Sedlacek	PRESENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

**STAFF**

Dr. Leah Barrett
Dr. Michele Gill
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

Donovan Ellis	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	ABSENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Carol Sibbel	PRESENT
Gene Willers	ABSENT

**MINUTES**

1. Dirk Petersen, member of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 11:40 a.m. via Zoom video conferencing, pursuant to the Executive Order issued on March 17, 2020 by Nebraska Governor, Pete Ricketts.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the April 9, 2020 meeting as distributed.
3. President Barrett provided an update on presidential activities that occurring to keep her engaged with elected officials. Letters are being sent to senators to update them on what is happening at Northeast Community College, how CARES Act funding is being utilized, and to remind them of the community college role after the pandemic.

Conversations have been held with leaders of other Nebraska institutions of higher education to prepare our institutions and partner after things return to normal. President Barrett visited with Mike Flood last week to brainstorm and partner with the local initiative, Growing Together.

President Barrett also reported that the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) will also be involved with discussions to expand rural broadband.

4. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 12:04 p.m.

**Mission**

Northeast Community College is dedicated to the success of students and the region it serves.