

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, June 11, 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. Tracy Kruse
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**MINUTES**

1. Del Ames, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 1:49 p.m., in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the May 14, 2020 meeting as distributed.
3. On Friday, Governor Ricketts is scheduled to provide more details regarding the Nebraska Department of Economic Development Grant that had been made available as part of the CARES Act. Currently, to be eligible for the funds, each Nebraska community college is required to answer a set of 40 extensive questions, the Department of Economic Development would need to approve each certification that individual colleges offer, and funds received are to be spent by the end of the year. The limited time factor could cause challenges with spending the funds. Greg Adams, NCCA Executive Director, has been in contact with the Governor's Office to inquire about the details.

In late May, President Barrett sent letters to elected officials to make them aware of what is happening in the community college world. She has received responses from several senators who have stated that they are appreciative of the information and that they will continue to advocate for community colleges.

Steve Anderson reported that this morning ACCT presented their preliminary budget to the Board of Directors. ACCT is realizing a decrease in revenues. ACCT will continue with the Leadership Congress this fall but they are expecting a 50% attendance. Mr. Anderson

**Mission**

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

requested additional information on ACCT's Governance Leadership Institute that will be held virtually in August. ACCT has also frozen institutional fees as well as salaries, benefits, and travel for staff.

The NCCA Board of Directors meeting will be held in August and the annual meeting is scheduled to be held this fall in Scottsbluff. Greg Adams has informed the Board of Directors that Nebraska's economic forecasting board meets later this fall and he will have a better idea at that time how state funding could be impacted.

4. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 2:07 p.m.