

**WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**April 13, 2023**

The Western Community College Area Board of Governors held a Special meeting at 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023 in the Coral E. Richards Boardroom at Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1601 East 27th Street, in the City of Scottsbluff, in the County of Scotts Bluff, in the State of Nebraska, as per the publicized notice in the Star-Herald on Tuesday, April 3, 2023.

A current agenda was available in the Board Secretary's office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.

**Roll Call**

**Board of Governors**

Karen Anderson.....	Present
Margaret Crouse.....	Present
Linda Guzman-Gonzales.....	Present
Lynne Klemke.....	Present (via Zoom)
Allan Kreman.....	Present
Kimberly Marcy.....	Present (via Zoom)
William Packard.....	Present
Thomas Perkins.....	Present
Coral Richards.....	Present
R. J. Savely, Jr.....	Present
Richard Stickney.....	Present (via Zoom)

**Quorum**

Chair Klemke declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

**Community Comments**

Chair Klemke asked for comments from the community. Pursuant to Board Policy BP-101, Chair Klemke reminded community members who wish to make a comment that each speaker will be limited to a five-minute presentation. There were no community comments.

**Board Chairperson Comments**

Chair Anderson announced that for public information, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available on the table at the back of the room.

Chair Klemke announced that the Board reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary for any item on the agenda per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Klemke entertained a motion for approval of the agenda for the April 13, 2023 Special meeting.

Ms. Guzman-Gonzales MOVED to approve the agenda for the April 13, 2023 Special meeting. SECONDED by Dr. Packard. The vote was, Yes: Anderson, Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **Comments from Dr. Angela Provart, Pauly Group President**

Chair Klemke welcomed Dr. Provart and asked that she address the process for the meeting.

Dr. Provart explained that at this meeting, Dr. Todd Brand, the third of the three finalist candidates for the College President position, will be interviewed. The interview questions were previously forwarded to Board members for their review and each candidate will be asked the same questions.

### **Interview and Discussion of Finalist Candidate for College Presidency**

Board members were informed that multiple executive sessions were possible and in the public interest regarding individual candidates for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

Dr. Provart welcomed candidate, Dr. Todd Brand and explained that each Board member will ask a specific question and that ninety minutes was allowed for the interview. A copy of the interview questions was placed on the table for reference by the candidate. Ms. Anderson, Chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, was asked to start the interview process.

At the conclusion of the interview, Chair Klemke entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session with the candidate.

### **Executive Session**

Ms. Richards MOVED that the Board of Governors move into an Executive Session with Dr. Todd Brand, finalist candidate, Mr. Philip Kelly, College attorney, Ms. Susan Verbeck, Board secretary, Ms. Kathy Ault, Human Resources Executive Director, Ms. Lisa Gion, Human Resources Assistant Director, and Dr. Angela Provart, Pauly Group President, for the purpose of additional discussion with the candidate. An Executive Session was necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and that the individual had not requested a public meeting. SECONDED by Mr. Kreman.

The vote was, Yes: Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Anderson, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Chair Klemke stated the reason for the Executive Session was for the purpose of additional discussion with finalist candidate, Dr. Todd Brand and that the Executive Session was necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. The Board of Governors and those so named in the motion adjourned to an Executive Session at 11:23 a.m.

The Executive Session ended at 11:42 a.m.

### **Open Meeting**

Chair Klemke declared the Open meeting in session at 11:43 a.m.

Chair Klemke explained that the Board of Governors and those so named would enter into an Executive Session for discussion of finalist candidate, Dr. Todd Brand.

Ms. Guzman-Gonzales MOVED that the Board of Governors move into an Executive Session with Mr. Philip Kelly, College attorney, Ms. Susan Verbeck, Board secretary, Ms. Kathy Ault, Human Resources Executive Director, Ms. Lisa Gion, Human Resources Assistant Director, and Dr. Angela Provart, Pauly Group President, for the purpose of discussion of finalist candidate, Dr. Todd Brand. An Executive Session was necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and that the individual has not requested a public meeting. SECONDED by Ms. Anderson.

The vote was, Yes: Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Anderson, Crouse, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Chair Klemke stated that the reason for the Executive Session was for the purpose of additional discussion of finalist candidate, Dr. Todd Brand and that the Executive Session was necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. The Board of Governors and those so named in the motion adjourned to an Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

The Executive Session ended at 12:20 p.m.

### **Open Meeting**

Chair Klemke declared the Open meeting in session at 12:21 p.m.

### **Next Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, Coral E. Richards Boardroom, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:23 p.m.

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F. Lynne Klemke, Chairperson  
WCCA Board of Governors

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Susan L. Verbeck, Secretary