

**WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

April 18, 2023

The Western Community College Area Board of Governors held a Special meeting at 2:36 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 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 11, 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 (arrived at 3:45 p.m.).....	Present
Lynne Klemke.....	Present (via Zoom)
Allan Kreman.....	Present
Kimberly Marcy (arrived at 4:25 p.m.).....	Present (via Zoom)
William Packard.....	Present
Thomas Perkins.....	Absent
Coral Richards.....	Present
R. J. Savely, Jr.....	Present
Richard Stickney.....	Present

Dr. Thomas Perkins notified the Board secretary he was unable to join the meeting because of personal health.

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 18, 2023 Special meeting.

Ms. Richards MOVED to approve the agenda for the April 18, 2023 Special meeting. SECONDED by Dr. Packard. The vote was, Yes: Anderson, Crouse, Kreman, Packard, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Guzman-Gonzales, Marcy, Perkins. Motion carried.

Comments from Dr. Angela Provart, Pauly Group President

Chair Klemke welcomed Dr. Provart and asked that she address the purpose of the meeting.

Dr. Provart explained that she will share the reference check results for the three finalist candidates for the College President position. Results of the surveys completed by WNCC employees and community members will also be shared.

Discussion of Finalist Candidates 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.

Chair Klemke explained that Dr. Provart will share reference check and survey results for the finalist candidates. Mr. Kelly, College attorney mentioned that Board member notes are not considered a public record.

Chair Klemke entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session for discussion of reference check and survey results for finalist candidate Dr. George McNulty.

Executive Session

Mr. Kreman 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 reference check and survey results for finalist candidate Dr. George McNulty. An Executive Session was necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals. SECONDED by Ms. Richards.

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

Chair Klemke stated that the reason for the Executive Session was for the purpose of discussion of reference check and survey results for finalist candidate Dr. George McNulty. The Executive Session was necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals. The Board of Governors and those so named in the motion adjourned to an Executive Session at 2:42 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 3:33 p.m.

Open Meeting

Chair Klemke declared the Open meeting in session at 3:35 p.m.

Executive Session

Ms. Richards 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 reference check and survey results for finalist candidate Mr. Greg Dart. An Executive Session was necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals. SECONDED by Mr. Stickney.

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

Chair Klemke stated that the reason for the Executive Session was for the purpose of discussion of reference check and survey results for finalist candidate Mr. Greg Dart. The Executive Session was necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals. The Board of Governors and those so named in the motion adjourned to an Executive Session at 3:37 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 4:18 p.m.

Open Meeting

Chair Klemke declared the Open meeting in session at 4:21 p.m.

Executive Session

Dr. Packard 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 reference check and survey results for 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 individuals. SECONDED by Mr. Stickney.

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

Chair Klemke stated that the reason for the Executive Session was for the purpose of discussion of reference check and survey results for finalist candidate Mr. Todd Brand. The Executive Session was necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals. The Board of Governors and those so named in the motion adjourned to an Executive Session at 4:33 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 5:36 p.m.

Open Meeting

Chair Klemke declared the Open meeting in session at 5:37 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:38 p.m.

F. Lynne Klemke, Chairperson
WCCA Board of Governors

Susan L. Verbeck, Secretary