

**WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

INFORMAL MEETING

MINUTES

August 21, 2024

The Western Community College Area Board of Governors held an Informal Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 in the Pioneer Residence Hall Conference Room at Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1409 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, August 13, 2024.

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

AREA BOARD

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| Karen S. Anderson, Chairperson | Present |
| Linda A. Guzman-Gonzales | Present |
| F. Lynne Klemke | Present |
| Allan D. Kreman | Present |
| Lori J. Liggett | Present |
| William M. Packard | Present |
| Coral E. Richards..... | Present |
| R. J. Savely, Jr..... | Present |
| Marjorie A. Schmidt | Present |
| John P. Stinner, Vice Chairperson | Present |

Quorum

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

Board Chairperson Comments

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available on the table at the back of the room.

Community Comments

Chair Anderson asked for comments from the community. Pursuant to Board Policy BP-106, Chair Anderson reminded community members who wish to make comments will be limited to a five-minute presentation. There were no public comments.

Western Community College Area Board of Governors Retreat

Chair Anderson asked Board members to share the number of years they have served as a member of the Board of Governors along with some personal information.

Topics of discussion included:

Board Responsibilities

- protect the institution
- ensure fulfillment of the mission
- strategically plan for the College's future

Board Action

- establishing a strategic plan
- setting policy
- carrying out fiduciary responsibilities
- hiring and supervising a chief executive officer (president)
- providing institutional oversight

Effective Boards

- function as one unit when making decisions through a culture of civility
- work in concert with the CEO (president)
- set policy to provide standards and guidance for the institution
- attend to their own education and development as a group

Historic Perspective (2014 to present)

Ms. Klemke, past Board chairperson shared information regarding past issues with HLC and accreditation and how the Board stepped up to take a more active role in accreditation and implementation of policies. Additional discussion included the Covid period, past Capital Campaign and renovation of the main campus, shared governance work, implementation of a new strategic plan, presidential searches and past consultants and their purpose.

Discussion of Proposed 2024-2025 WCCA Budgets

Ms. Koski, Vice President of Administrative Services reviewed the 2024-2025 Preliminary Capital Improvement Fund Budget. A breakdown of external/internal expenditures was provided. Total budget expenditures for 2023-24 were \$19,123,617 and 2024-25 is currently at \$16,372,801.

Discussion of 2024 Budget and Special Tax Hearing Timeline for FY25

Ms. Koski reviewed the timeline for preparation and presentation of budget information along with specific submission deadlines.

Board member Comments

Chair Anderson thanked Board members for their input at the meeting and mentioned a group photo is scheduled at the conclusion of the Regular meeting.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 1:00 p.m., Pioneer Residence Hall Conference Room, Scottsbluff Campus, 1409 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, NE.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:03 p.m.

Karen S. Anderson, Chairperson

Susan L. Verbeck, Secretary