

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes**  
**January 20, 2022**

Public notice of the time and place of the Central Community College Board of Governors' meeting was given in advance to the board members, college administrators and the five daily newspapers within the 25-county area. The agenda was available to the public in the college president's office and on the CCC website, [www.cccneb.edu](http://www.cccneb.edu). The college adheres to the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is available in the college president's office.

The meeting was held in the Central Community College Administration Board Room, 3134 W. Highway 34, Grand Island, Nebraska.

All supplemental documents from this meeting are available at:  
<https://meeting.sparqdata.com/Public/Organization/CCC>.

Chair Sandra Borden called the Jan. 20, 2022, meeting to order at 1 p.m., with eight board members present.

**ROLL CALL**

Aerni – absent	Keller – present
Borden – present	Miller – absent
Broekemier – present	Novotny – present
Cowan – present	Pirnie – present
Davis – present	Skiles – present
Heiden – absent	

**POLICY ITEMS**

Borden announced the slate of officers for 2022. They are as follows:

- John A. Novotny, Chair
- Rita Skiles, Vice Chair
- Tom Pirnie, Secretary
- Linda Heiden, Treasurer

MOVED BY DAVIS, SECONDED BY COWAN to accept the slate of officers.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Miller – absent
Broekemier – aye	Novotny – aye
Cowan – aye	Pirnie – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – absent	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

New chair John Novotny presented outgoing chair, Sandra Borden, with an appreciation plaque for her service, dedication and leadership to the board.

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He also asked for volunteers and then appointed Diane Keller and Rita Skiles as Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) representatives and Michelle Broekemier, Roger Davis and Diane Keller as Enrollment and Financial Audit Committee members for 2022.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Novotny asked college representatives to introduce guests and staff members.

**REVIEWING CLAIMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Sandra Borden will review the claims prior to the Feb. 17, 2022, board meeting in Hastings.

**REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Novotny asked board members for items in the consent agenda they would like to move to discussion of consent/action items. Pirnie requested that the semi-tractor and truck driving equipment be moved.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Consent items included:

1. Agenda for Jan. 20, 2022.
2. Minutes of the Dec. 16, 2021, Board of Governors meeting.
3. Claims for the period from Dec. 1 through Dec. 31, 2021, totaling \$5,623,247.56.
4. Financial report as of Dec. 31, 2021.
5. Purchases:

**Semi-Tractor, Hastings:** The College President recommends the search and purchase of a vehicle, meeting the designated specifications and in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, for a used semi-tractor for the truck driving program.

**Truck Driving Equipment, Hastings:** The College President recommends the search and purchase of a trailer, meeting the designated specifications and in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, for a used trailer for the truck driving program.

6. Personnel: None.

MOVED BY SKILES; SECONDED BY KELLER to approve the claims, with the exception of payments to themselves, and also to approve the other consent items.

Aerni – absent  
Borden – aye

Keller – aye  
Miller – absent

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Broekemier – aye	Novotny – aye
Cowan – aye	Pirnie – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – absent	

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**PARNERSHIP/OWNERSHIP**

**Academic Education Report**

Dr. Amy Mancini, dean of academic education, reported about a course that was introduced a year and a half ago to address a shortage of substitute teachers because of an increase in teacher retirements, a decrease in retirees returning to substitute teach and a decline in graduates from teacher education programs. In Nebraska, individuals who have 60 college credits and complete a human relations course can earn a Local Substitute Certificate, which allows them to teach 90 days per school year for a district. CCC stepped up to get people through the process by offering a one-credit, two-week online human relations course. CCC has offered 26 sections of the class since the 2020 fall semester with an enrollment of 686 people.

**Capital Improvement Report**

Craig Boroff, college facilities manager, gave a report on ADA/hazardous material, capital improvement and revenue bond projects that are part of the 2022-23 budget.

**DISCUSSION OF CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS**

**Howard ADA Ramp/Railing Replacement**

The College President recommends acceptance of the low acceptable bid from Carmichael Construction for \$54,320.00 to provide all labor and material to replace the Howard ADA ramp and railing on the Hastings Campus.

MOVED BY DAVIS, SECONDED BY SKILES to accept the bid from Carmichael Construction for the Howard ADA ramp and railing.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Miller – absent
Broekemier – aye	Novotny – aye
Cowan – aye	Pirnie – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – absent	

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**Hastings Roof Replacements**

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The College President recommends acceptance of the low bid from Prairie View Roofing, from Kearney, Nebraska, for \$414,700.00 to provide the labor and material for the roof replacements project on the Hastings Campus.

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY DAVIS to accept the bid from Prairie View Roofing for roof replacement projects on the Hastings Campus.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Miller – absent
Broekemier – aye	Novotny – aye
Cowan – aye	Pirnie – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – absent	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

The following two items were moved by request from the consent items.

**Semi-Tractor**

The College President recommends the search and purchase of a vehicle, meeting the designated specifications and in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, for a used semi-tractor for the truck driving program.

MOVED BY PIRNIE, SECONDED BY BORDEN to approve the search for and purchase of a used semi-tractor for the truck driving program.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Miller – absent
Broekemier – aye	Novotny – aye
Cowan – aye	Pirnie – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – absent	

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**Truck Driving Equipment**

The College President recommends the search and purchase of a trailer, meeting the designated specifications and in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, for a used trailer for the truck driving program.

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY PIRNIE to approve the search for and purchase of a used trailer for the truck driving program.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
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Borden – aye	Miller – absent
Broekemier – aye	Novotny – aye
Cowan – aye	Pirnie – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – absent	

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**REPORTS**

**Student Success Report**

Dr. Janel Walton, dean of enrollment management, shared the following information:

- **Nebraska Career Scholarships Program:** The scholarships are designed to train students for high-wage, high-demand and high-skill careers. To be eligible, individuals must be first-time college students and new to the college they are attending. The exception is for early college students, who are eligible to attend the same institution once they are out of high school. The scholarship is worth \$5,000 a year and is renewable up to three years. Funds can be used for tuition; fees; required tools, equipment and books; and room and board. CCC requires recipients to be full-time students and to maintain a 2.0 GPA to continue to receive the funds. In the 2021 fall semester, \$77,381 was awarded to 33 students, and in the 2022 spring semester, \$102,535 has been awarded to 44 students.
- **JBS Better Futures Program:** The participation is limited to one team member or dependent per semester. They may attend classes at any CCC location. During the 2021 fall semester, 60 students participated in the program and JBS invested \$26,444 in their education. During the 2022 spring semester, 40 students are participating the program and JBS has invested \$15,723. These numbers are expected to increase as the spring semester progresses.

**Dr. Gotschall's Report**

Dr. Gotschall reported the following:

- The fall semester ended with us up in enrollment and that has carried over to the spring semester with official numbers coming out next week following free drop/add. We continue to see a trend of growing part-time, distance students.
- Unfortunately, COVID numbers are on the rise with both employees and students, yet we remain open and able to provide coverage as needed. Faculty, staff and administrators continue to do an excellent job of making adjustments and working to provide quality experiences even in pandemic times.
- Much of December and January has been spent with state legislative issues, bills and funding proposals due to a wide range of bills introduced to date or in development. These range from eliminating community college board levy authority for operating expenses to \$90 million in federal ARPA funds for community colleges, \$50 million in

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additional apprenticeship and internship funds, \$15 million for dual credit scholarships, moving Nebraska Career Scholarship funding from biennial appropriations to state law, to additional scholarships for nursing students.

- The NCCA Legislative Day is set for Feb. 3.
- I attended and thanked the governor personally at his GI Fly In, which followed his State-of-the-State address and where he announced including \$90 million for Nebraska community colleges as part of his ARPA budget request. That now goes to the legislature for changes or approval.
- I visited CCC-Lexington last week and spoke with the approximate 20 CCC employees participating in the eight-month Excellence in Leadership program that is designed to educate and inspire future leaders at CCC from all employee groups and all campuses.
- The AMDT faculty and students were featured in the MoldMaking Technology magazine for January 2022. Great testimonies and involvement of individuals affiliated with that program.
- I will attend the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., Feb. 6-9. The Rural Community College Association is also meeting on that last day in conjunction with ACCT to discuss funding opportunities for rural and small community colleges.
- The welding program and extended learning services department hosted a one-day short course on Saturday, Jan. 8, to provide training for the Nebraska Blacksmith's Welders and Machinists Association. Participants came from Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas.
- Heavy equipment operator students will be recognized Jan. 20 at the Nebraska Land Improvement Contractors Association (N-LICA) with scholarships. This has been an annual event and the recognition so greatly appreciated.
- The truck driving program is working with the Nebraska Department of Transportation to assist students with completing new federal regulations and guidelines that take effect in February 2022.
- The construction program will be completing their first townhomes as part of the Hastings Economic Development project. The goal is to have them finished in April with a sale occurring in May prior to starting on another townhome.
- Unfortunately, extreme cold weather caused pipes to freeze in the ceiling and caused damage to the Woodlands Dining area in Hastings. Temporary arrangements have been made for the hospitality and culinary students to use other rooms with the goal of getting back into that space by March.
- All program faculty from all campuses participated in annual Assessment of Student Learning meetings in January with final reports due in May. I appreciate the faculty and staff involved in documenting these important measures of student learning and success.
- An open house for the new Grand Island Entrepreneurship Center will be held Feb. 15. The time is still being finalized and will be held in cooperation with the chamber.
- CCC and Wayne State College will hold a signing ceremony Jan. 24 to announce a new transfer agreement designed to assist working adults complete bachelor of technology and other degrees.
- Dr. Wallace continues as a board member on the Hastings Economic Development Council as does Dr. Kemnitz on the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce Board and Dr.

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Fuchser on the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce Board. I appreciate their active involvement and leadership in these important community-based groups.

- CCC entered into an agreement with Harvard High School to loan some advanced manufacturing equipment to help build a manufacturing pathway.
- Health programs continue to work with collecting vaccination records or waivers from students and faculty. They're working with multiple clinical partners in Kearney, Columbus and Grand Island to remain in compliance with clinical requirements. They're also collecting other regular immunization documents for TB and flu, per clinical requirements. Nursing is preparing for the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) March 1-3. CCC received a good report from the state accreditation visit this fall. The fall nursing advisory board meeting was held Dec. 6, 2021.
- We will be opening summer registration as early as March with registration for the 2022 fall semester beginning in April to provide more time for students to plan for classes.

The following reports were also submitted for board review:

- Enrollment Report
- Grants Report
- Purchasing Report

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Novotny requested an executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues at 2:30 p.m.

MOVED BY BORDEN, SECONDED BY DAVIS that the Board of Governors recess the regular meeting in order to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues after a 10-minute break.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Miller – absent
Broekemier – aye	Novotny – aye
Cowan – aye	Pirnie – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – absent	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Novotny reconvened the regular session of the Board of Governors meeting at 2:48 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PIRNIE, SECONDED BY BORDEN to adjourn.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Miller – absent
Broekemier – aye	Novotny – aye
Cowan – aye	Pirnie – aye

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Davis – aye

Skiles – aye

Heiden – absent

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Novotny declared the meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.