

CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2024

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. 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 Administration Office Board Room at Central Community College, 3134 W. Highway 34, Grand Island, Nebraska.

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

Chair Tom Pirnie called the June 20, 2024, meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., with 10 board members present.

ROLL CALL

Aerni – absent	Keller – present
Borden – present	Novotny – present
Buss – present	Pirnie – present
Cowan – present	Quick – present
Davis – present	Skiles – present
Heiden – present	

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Pirnie asked college representatives to introduce guests and staff members.

REVIEWING CLAIMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Diane Keller will review the claims prior to the Aug. 15, 2024, board meeting in Grand Island.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pirnie requested that members of the audience register with Scott Miller if they wanted to address the board during the Public Participation segment.

REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF CONSENT ITEMS

Pirnie asked board members for items in the consent agenda they would like to move to discussion of consent/action items.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included:

1. Agenda for June 20, 2024.
2. Minutes of the May 16, 2024, Board of Governors meeting.

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3. Claims for the period from May 1 through May 31, 2024.
4. Financial report as of May 31, 2024.
5. Purchases:

Monument Sign Replacement: The College President recommends acceptance of the low acceptable bid from Mid Plains Construction Company of Grand Island, Nebraska, for \$135,566.00 to provide the labor and materials for the monument sign replacement on the Grand Island Campus.

Rush Drive Lighting Replacement: The College President recommends acceptance of the low acceptable bid from Access electrical systems for \$157,220.00 to provide all labor and material to replace the street and sidewalk lights on Rush Drive on the Columbus campus.

6. Personnel: None.
7. 2025 Board of Governors meeting dates.
8. CCC athletics move from Region 9 and the Nebraska Community College Athletic Conference to Region 11 and the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference in Fall 2025.
9. Amendment to the CCC Foundation agreement.
10. Lease agreement with the Albion Economic Development Corporation for use of office space.
11. Amendment to the 2024-25 capital improvement budget.
12. MOU with Valley County Economic Development to create a shared position at the Ord Center.

MOVED BY HEIDEN, SECONDED BY NOVOTNY to approve the claims, with the exception of payments to themselves, and also to approve the other consent items.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Novotny – aye
Buss – aye	Pirnie – aye
Cowan – aye	Quick – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – aye	

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PARNERSHIP/OWNERSHIP

Student Success and Enrollment Management Report

Luz Colon-Rodriguez presented the following information on CCC's counseling and prevention education services:

- A 2022-23 Healthy Minds student survey found decreasing rates of positive mental health and increasing rates of depressive symptoms, anxiety symptoms and suicidality. Eighty percent of students reported academic impairment due to mental health concerns.
- In the Healthy Minds faculty and staff survey, three-fourths of faculty reported having one-to-one conversations with students regarding mental health. The same proportion stated they were likely to reach out to students in distress, but only half of them had a good idea of how to recognize this distress.
- About one in three currently enrolled students said they are considering dropping out of their program before completion because of emotional stress or struggles with their mental health. Women were twice as likely as men to consider stopping out.
- CCC's counseling services include individual, group and crisis counseling; licensed providers at the Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings campuses; specialized services; and a telehealth option. There are no session limits or cost for students.
- Utilization of services at CCC increased by 25 percent in the past three years. The average wait time is five days for the first therapy appointment but less than 24 hours for crisis appointments.

Dr. Beth Klitz highlighted the following:

- The college has a new bookstore partnership with Barnes & Noble College. B&N personnel will arrive at the campuses the week of June 24, but faculty textbook adoptions and staff hirings are already underway.
- The Chartwells Food Service is implementing 200-meal and 300-meal plans to provide greater flexibility to students. Chartwells also has increased its scholarship fund from \$6,000 annually to \$12,000 annually.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Scott Miller stated no one had signed in for Public Participation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pirnie stated there was no need for an executive session.

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS

College President Permission for July Purchases

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Because the CCC Board of Governors won't meet in July 2024, the board hereby authorizes Dr. Matthew Gotschall to approve any needed action items from June 20 through Aug. 15, 2024. He will provide the board with a summary of all actions taken under this authority at the Aug. 15, 2024, board meeting.

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY DAVIS to authorize actions by the College President to approve any needed action items from June 20 through Aug. 15, 2024.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Novotny – aye
Buss – aye	Pirnie – aye
Cowan – aye	Quick – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – aye	

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General Operational Budget Tentative Approval

Tentative approval is requested for the operational budget of \$71,559,699. Final approval for this budget will be acted upon on at the September 2024 meeting, following a public hearing.

MOVED BY DAVIS, SECONDED BY NOVOTNY to give tentative approval for the \$71,559,699 operational budget.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Novotny – aye
Buss – aye	Pirnie – aye
Cowan – aye	Quick – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – aye	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Approval of College President's Contract

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY BORDEN to allow the board chair to negotiate with the college president and to sign the presidential contract for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 contract years.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Novotny – aye
Buss – aye	Pirnie – aye
Cowan – aye	Quick – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye

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Heiden – aye

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REPORTS

Student Success Report

Dr. Candace Walton shared the following highlights from the graduate outcomes report:

- During the 2023-24 academic year, 2,061 degrees, diplomas and certificates were awarded to 1,493 unduplicated students.
- Ninety-eight percent of graduates indicated they either had completed their educational goal or were continuing their education.
- Ninety-two percent said they were satisfied or very satisfied with their entire educational experience at CCC. Ninety-four percent of employers were satisfied or very satisfied with the preparation of CCC graduates.
- One hundred eighty-two students received academic transfer degrees. The top five colleges receiving CCC academic transfer students were the University of Nebraska-Kearney, 40 percent; University of Nebraska-Omaha, 10 percent; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 10 percent; Wayne State College, 6 percent; and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, 5 percent.
- Graduates were 49 percent female and 51 percent male. The youngest award recipient was 17 and the oldest was 76.

Dr. Gotschall's Report

Dr. Gotschall reported the following:

- The Nebraska Postsecondary Education Coordinating Commission held its May meeting at CCC-Columbus. Attendees were very impressed with the new Center for Science and Technology, including the VR/XR lab.
- I continued to meet with potential donors for the possible Holdrege relocation and with owners of the proposed site.
- Doug Pauley and I attended a regional National Science Foundation meeting in Omaha. I also participated in a follow-up meeting with the Peter Kiewit Foundation regarding Nebraska Math Readiness project. Several from CCC attended an update meeting with the Susan T. Buffett Foundation.
- Marcie Kemnitz and I toured the newly remodeled Boarders Inn in Grand Island and saw its new rooms and conference space for holding area events.
- Attended bookstore update and hosted CCC budget, Grand Island Economic Development, and Coursera partner meetings.
- Hosted Grand Island Children's Museum planning meeting.
- Participated in National Incident Management System training along with about 50 other CCC employees from across our area.

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- Participated in quarterly UNK/UNMC/CCC facilities update meeting.
- Participated in CCC Foundation budget, personnel and quarterly meetings.
- In July, CCC-Grand Island will host about 150 invited areawide leaders to campus to discuss workforce development initiatives. Invitations sent by Nebraska Economic Development Office with input from the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, governor's office, and regional planning leadership group.
- I was appointed to a three-year term on AACC's Small and Rural College Commission, beginning July 1, 2024.

Select updates provided by area vice presidents include:

- Over 21 CCC faculty will be participating in an AI workshop in Grand Island.
- About 40 Grand Island Adult Education students took a field trip to Stuhr Museum. For many of them, this was their first visit to a museum. They loved getting the opportunity to learn more about local history.
- The NE Enterprise Fund is working on a collaboration to bring the B.A.I.L. (Banker, Accountant, Insurance, Lawyer) panel program to Grand Island, Kearney and Hastings.
- The CCC-Hastings Entrepreneurship Center director position has been accepted by Scott Snell with a start date of June 10. The CCC-Kearney Entrepreneurship Center director position has been accepted with a start date of July 1. The MOU with Valley County Economic Development and Ord Chamber has been reviewed by CCC. This shared position will bring business coaching to the area. Columbus Entrepreneurship has secured a \$5,000 grand prize for the Big Idea competition.
- A shooting sports coach was hired in Hastings, and new men's basketball and men's golf coaches have been hired in Columbus.
- Some arts, sciences and business faculty writings/presentations include:
 - Dr. Susan McDowell presented "Using Rubrics as a Source of Connection Humor and Learning" at the Teaching Professor Conference.
 - Venus King published her first book, "What I Would Have Told Her."
 - Dr. Linda Wilke-Heil published her first book, "Murder in the Land of Broken Promises."
 - Dr. Yunteng He published an article, "Four Steps to Promote Student Success in College Classrooms," in Faculty Focus.
 - Jeff Schultz presented his paper "Teaching How Key Events and Lessons Learned from The Civil Rights Era of the 50s and 60s, Connects with Modern Social Movements: A community college experience," at the National Social Science and Technology Conference.
 - Emily Mach was a featured presenter at both the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology Conference in January and the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Teaching Conference in April.
- First-year nursing students Nichole Phipps and Caroline Siems were awarded the DAISY Award from CHI-St Francis Medical Center due to exemplifying the characteristics of

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caring and compassion along with exemplary skills when caring for patients. This is the first year that student nurses were eligible to be nominated.

- CCC-Columbus hosted a summer nursing camp in June that included over 12 participants.
- Ninety-four first-year nursing students have been admitted for the three campuses for fall.
- Six students completed a phlebotomy course in Hastings with another course scheduled for Grand Island this summer.
- The occupational therapy assistant program is hosting 30 students this summer for a “Getting it Write” handwriting camp.
- The Kearney and Holdrege centers each had nine students pass their psychomotor EMT testing. Columbus had 22 pass psychomotor testing.
- CCC is partnering with Bryan GI Regional for a second nurse assistant night class with the hospital coving tuition for students.
- Dental hygiene instructor Patty Kirkegaard was elected vice president of the Nebraska Dental Hygienists’ Association.
- Eight students completed a medical technology pathway in May in conjunction with Grand Island Senior High. Eleven initially signed up for 2024-25.
- Eight students completed Advanced Manufacturing Plastic Engineering Technology certificates from CCC-Columbus.
- A successful diesel technology camp was completed with Verizon Technology on the Hastings Campus.
- Multiple CCC faculty and students are attending the National SkillsUSA competition in Atlanta, Ga., this month.
- Kim Ottman, disability services director at CCC-Grand Island, has been elected president of the Western Iowa and Nebraska Association of Higher Education and Disability, WINAHEAD, by her peers. She will serve a four-year term on the executive board. She also will serve as the affiliate representative to the National AHEAD office. AHEAD is the leading professional membership association for individuals committed to equity for persons with disabilities in higher education.
- The Financial Aid Cycle II scholarship application process has closed, with applications doubled from last year. This was anticipated, so some funds were held back to help with the increase.
- The veteran services staff recently attended an Open Hangar Event at the Air National Guard base in Lincoln. CCC, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, UNO Aviation, Wayne State College and Southeast Community College were on site to engage and discuss college options for not only serving airmen, but also for about 250 Junior ROTC students from eastern Nebraska high schools.
- In May 2024, the job board saw significant activity with the addition of 22 new employers and 143 job postings. The CCN online job board currently hosts 2,362 employers, 909 students and 1,619 alumni.
- The Columbus Campus has 138 students confirmed for housing for the fall semester with only 17 spots remaining. Another mailing will be sent to students who applied for

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admissions and indicated an interest in living on-campus. A wait list will be started if the remaining spots fill.

The following reports were also submitted for board review:

- Enrollment Report
- Grants Report
- Purchasing Report

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY HEIDEN, SECONDED BY SKILES to adjourn.

Aerni – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Novotny – aye
Buss – aye	Pirnie – aye
Cowan – aye	Quick – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – aye	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Pirnie declared the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.