

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes**  
**August 17, 2023**

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 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 Rita Skiles called the Aug. 17, 2023, meeting to order at 1 p.m., with nine board members present.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**POLICY ITEMS**

Jason Buss was installed as a new member of the CCC Board of Governors. He was approved at the June board meeting to fill the remainder of the term for Michelle Broekemier who resigned from her District 1 position in May.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Skiles asked college representatives to introduce guests and staff members.

**REVIEWING CLAIMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

John Novotny will review the claims prior to the Sept. 21, 2023, board meeting in Grand Island.

**REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Skiles 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 Aug. 17, 2023.

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2. Minutes of the June 15, 2023, Board of Governors meeting.
3. Claims for the period from June 1 through July 31, 2023.
4. Financial reports as of June 30 and July 31, 2023.
5. Purchases:

**Video Wall Replacement, Kearney:** The College President recommends acceptance of the low acceptable bid from Yandas Pro Audio and Video Company of Kearney for \$80,427.80 to provide the labor and materials for the video wall replacement at the Kearney Center.

6. Personnel:

**Matthew Strampher:** The College President recommends that Matthew Strampher be offered the position of areawide quality instructor, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

**Gaspard Mucundanyi:** The College President recommends that Gaspard Mucundanyi be offered the position of information technology and systems instructor in Columbus, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

**Samuel Matticks:** The College President recommends that Samuel Matticks be offered the position of auto instructor at Kearney High School, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

**Connie Hultine:** The College President recommends that Connie Hultine be offered the position of criminal justice instructor in Hastings, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

**James Davis:** The College President recommends that James Davis be offered the position of criminal justice instructor in Grand Island, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

**Erin Lesiak:** The College President recommends that Erin Lesiak be offered the position of psychology instructor in Grand Island, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

**Bethany Gifford:** The College President recommends that Bethany Gifford be offered the position of nursing instructor in Columbus, effective Aug. 21, 2023.

7. Policies and Procedures Updates: Awards Policy, Definition of Employee, and Drug and Alcohol-Free Policy and Procedure.
8. College Attorney Contract: A contract for legal services was signed with the current attorney for the CCC Board of Governors, Katherine E. Sharp. She is part of the Jarecki, Sharp and Petersen firm.

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9. Fine Arts Center Remodel: The College President recommends acceptance of the low acceptable bid from BD construction from Columbus for \$237,336.00 to provide the labor and materials for the fine arts and resource center remodel on the Columbus Campus.

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

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

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

**PARNERSHIP/OWNERSHIP**

**College Foundation Report**

Executive Director Traci Skalberg reported the following:

- The CCC Foundation Board of Directors has gained three new members: Justin Pfennig of Grand Island, managing partner at Dramco Tool; Jesse Trotter of Arcadia, vice president of Trotter Inc.; and Quelbin Izaguirre of Columbus, chief operating officer of NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska.
- Upcoming events include Community Appreciation Night, Sept. 7; Ram Run/Walk and CCC-Hastings Car Show, Sept. 9; and 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Pro-Am Golf Tournament, Sept. 18 in Grand Island.
- The latest edition of the Community Connection will be available soon.
- A successful groundbreaking ceremony was held July 24 for the Pirnie Inclusive Playground at Ryder Park in Grand Island.
- Campaigns that are underway include Generations of Impact, 2023 Pacesetter Appeal and a feasibility study for the Driving the Present/Shifting the Future Auto Training Center.

**DISCUSSION OF CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS**

**FTE/REU/RAE Report Acceptance**

Kim Pearson from Dana F. Cole and Company, Certified Public Accountants, presented the Statements of Reimbursable Full-Time Equivalent Student Enrollment and Reimbursable Educational Units report. The company has issued an unmodified audit report for Central Community College, the best rating it can award, for the years ending in 2022 and 2023.

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MOVED BY KELLER, SECONDED BY BORDEN to accept the 2022 and 2023 Statements of Reimbursable Full-Time Equivalent Student Enrollment and Reimbursable Educational Units as presented by Dana F. Cole & Company.

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

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**University of Nebraska-Kearney Rural Health Building Agreement**

The purposed of the agreement is to construct a dedicated CCC classroom in the new Rural Health Education Building at UNK, strengthening CCC’s existing partnership with UNK and the University of Nebraska Medical Center and enhancing CCC’s ability to present its health care degree programs.

MOVED BY AERNI, SECONDED BY DAVIS to enter into the agreement with UNK to build the dedicated CCC classroom in the new Rural Health Education Building and to authorize the college president and the board chair to make minor adjustments to the agreement.

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

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

**Automotive Training Center Program Statement**

The Hastings Automotive Careers Training Center Project consists of a complete replacement of the existing Transportation (Furnas) Building, on an adjacent site to Central Community College-Hastings. This project will provide new space to support the automotive and auto body technology programs. The college may keep the existing transportation building intact for educational use and provide flexible program space as campus wide needs are evaluated.

MOVED BY KELLER, SECONDED BY QUICK to accept the Automotive Training Center Program statement.

Aerni – aye	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Novotny – absent

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Buss – aye	Pirnie – absent
Cowan – aye	Quick – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – aye	

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**REPORTS**

**Student Success Report**

Brian McDermott, institutional research director, gave a report on CCC graduation trends and post-graduation outcomes. He covered the following:

- In the past four years, CCC has experienced a general increase in total awards from 1,229 to 1,406 (pre-audit), with a minor increase in unduplicated graduates from 1,507 to 1,534 (pre-audit).
- Most of these awards are certificates, and the highest rate of increase was in certificates.
- All academic divisions experienced some increase in the number of awards conferred in the past four years.
- CCC has experienced one of the largest increases in award generation in Nebraska colleges and universities.

**Dr. Gotschall's Report**

Dr. Gotschall reported the following:

July 2023

- CCC-Hastings hosted the Peter Kiewit Foundation summer board retreat, which included a tour of the Hamilton Building where they were a \$1 million lead donor.
- After winning first place in Nebraska SkillsUSA contests, Columbus student Brandon Berger placed fifth in Networking and Hastings student Adam Reinhard placed seventh in Diesel Equipment Technology at the National SkillsUSA contest in Atlanta. Several area high school competitors who were CCC early college students also placed in the top 10.
- Dental hygiene instructor Patty Kirkegaard has been elected to serve as vice president of the Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association. In addition, Vanessa Crookshank, a part-time dental hygiene instructor, was elected to serve as the association's treasurer. Dr. Wanda Cloet is serving on the test constructor committee for the American Dental Association National Board for Dental Hygiene.
- The medical assisting program had eight students complete their practicums in June. All are employed in clinics and are now applying for the credentialing exam (CMA, AAMA).
- Student Genisis Baar was named the Nebraska Champion for the Microsoft PowerPoint certification exam. She was unable to attend the national competition.

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- Dr. Yunteng He, chemistry instructor in Kearney, was awarded a Stanford EPIC Community College Faculty Fellowship.
- The Nebraska Math Readiness Project hosted high school teacher training for nine new schools that will be joining the project.
- Seventy middle school students attended the Verizon Innovation Learning camp at CCC-Hastings. More than 50 CCC employees assisted with the camp.
- Through our partnership with Hastings College that allows HC students to attend CCC classes, 27 students attended in Fall 2022 and 21 in Spring 2023.

**August 2023**

- Board members Diane Keller and Dan Quick attended the quarterly meeting of the NCCA board in Lincoln. Much discussion was held regarding legislative priorities for next year and property tax levies for 2024.
- CCC has been approved by the Coordinating Commission for \$4.7 million for the Hastings Automotive Training Center (pending official CCPE approval in September) and \$3.3 million for the Grand Island Welding Training Center.
- CCC received preliminary state aid numbers for next year of \$11,623,411. This is \$341,056 more than last year. Final numbers will come by September 1.
- Dr. Lauren Gillespie, CCC-Columbus biology instructor, won the ACCT Western Region Faculty Member of the Year Award and is eligible for the national award to be presented at the ACCT national conference in October. Although she took a teaching position at Anne Arundel Community College in Maryland in August, she will still represent CCC and the western region.
- The health information management services program submitted its annual assessment report to the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management. Notification has been received it was accepted without any revisions.
- Corey Hatt and Dr. Amy Mancini presented at the Nebraska School Administrators Conference in Kearney regarding Math Readiness Grant and gained two new districts as a result of this presentation.
- The adult education program held an instructor training day that included 46 staff and instructors in attendance. In program year 2023, CCC enrolled 2,263 students from 49 countries speaking 51 native languages.
- NJCAA Academic Teams included CCC's softball, volleyball, women's soccer, women's basketball, men's soccer and golf teams. Thirty-five individual student athletes earned NJCAA Academic Awards for GPA over 3.6 with 16 of those being 4.0. The Raiders won five of seven Region 9 championships in athletic competition.
- Super Tech, a diesel technology technician competition, was hosted by CCC-Hastings in July with recent CCC graduate Adam Reinhard winning the student division and scoring as top scorer in two of the 10 competition stations. Adam plans to attend UNL this fall in engineering with a long-term goal of working for CAT to design and build equipment.
- Troy Davis, advanced manufacturing instructor, led a Haas Teacher training for four high school or college instructors from New York, Minnesota and Missouri.

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- The criminal justice program will continue with a \$25,000 grant from All Within My Hands Foundation for the Metallica Scholars program. This is the third of five years the foundation has awarded funds to community colleges across the United States.
- CCC continues to implement the AACC and Google Serving Community Hub certificate program as one of only 20 community college partners and one of only 13 national community colleges awarded \$20,000 from AACC for Cyber Skills for All grant program.
- We were successful in hiring a full-time automotive instructor at Kearney Public Schools for the upcoming year and to get the credit pathway program back up and running.
- CCC in partnership with Becton Dickinson was awarded \$500,000 from the Department of Economic Development's Developing Youth Initiative to continue and expand the Mechatronics Early College iMec 2.0 program. This will add high school partnerships.

The following reports were also submitted for board review:

- Enrollment Report
- Grants Report
- Purchasing Report

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Skiles said there was no need for an executive session and requested a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY BORDEN, SECONDED BY HEIDEN to adjourn.

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

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Skiles declared the meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.