

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2021**

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 March 18, 2021, meeting to order at 1 p.m., with 11 board members present. Board member Linda Aerni attended via teleconference.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Borden asked college representatives to introduce guests and staff members.

**REVIEWING CLAIMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Linda Heiden will review the claims prior to the April 15, 2021, board meeting in Grand Island.

**REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Borden 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 March 18, 2021.
2. Minutes of the Feb. 18, 2021, Board of Governors meeting.
3. Claims for the period from Feb. 1 through Feb. 28, 2021, totaling \$5,979,885.46.
4. Financial report as of Feb. 28, 2021.
5. Purchases:

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**Administration Building Roof Replacement, Columbus:** The College President recommends acceptance of the low bid from Tri-Cities Group in Grand Island for \$103,300.00 to provide the labor and material for administration roof replacement on the Columbus Campus.

**Anatomage Tables for the Columbus, Grand Island, Hastings and Kearney:** The College President recommends acceptance of this proposal from Anatomage Inc. with the technological help from SKC for \$398,899.81.

**Data Center Network Refresh, Columbus and Grand Island:** The College President recommends acceptance of the bids from Sirius Computer Solution Inc. in Omaha for \$572,568.52.

**Dorm Wireless Refresh, Columbus and Hastings:** The College President recommends acceptance of these bids for \$124,806.10 to refresh (110) wireless devices in the Hastings and Columbus dorm locations and the bid from Riverside Technologies Inc. in Omaha for \$241,045.00 to provide networking services on the Grand Island and Columbus data centers.

6. Personnel: None

Davis reviewed the claims prior to the meeting and stated everything was in order.

MOVED BY DAVIS, SECONDED BY SKILES 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	Miller – aye
Broekemier – aye	Novotny – aye
Cowan – aye	Pirnie – aye
Davis – aye	Skiles – aye
Heiden – aye	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

**PARNERSHIP/OWNERSHIP**

**Training and Development Report**

Kelly Christensen, dean of training, gave an update on the training and development division.

- The division relies on program income, which is used to provide business and industry workforce training, noncredit programming, trainers who are subject-matter experts, and GAP and Worker Training Program services through the Nebraska Department of Labor.

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- The division also includes leadership development, which offers training opportunities related to coaching essentials, communication skills, the Gallup StrengthsFinder, foundations of leadership and more.
- Josh Brandt, industrial technology trainer and coordinator at the Lexington Center, and current participants Leroy Connor and Marcus Wilcox, shared information about the Tyson Meats Training Program. The program takes nine to 10 months to complete but employees who successfully complete the program see an hourly wage increase of \$4. If these students decide to further their education at CCC, they can also earn credit for prior learning.
- Doug Pauley, associate dean of training and development, gave an update on IMec 2.0, an Independent Mechatronics Education Curriculum Project. The project came about as part of a National Science Foundation grant in collaboration with South Central College in Minnesota and has heavily relied on CCC's skilled and technical sciences division to help with creation. Beginning with the 2021 fall semester, the program will partner with six high schools in CCC's service area but assumes exponential growth over the coming years.
- Project PRIME: Plastics-Related, Innovative Manufacturing Education looks to the science behind plastic molding. They have had donations from companies such as Molex, RJG and BD Medical.

**Health Sciences Report**

Sarah Kort, dean of health sciences, and Becky Fausett, Project HELP director, presented about Project HELP (Health Education Laddering Program), a federally funded grant program.

- The program works with low-income individuals who want to get into health care.
- Project HELP is celebrating 10 years at CCC. Across the state of Nebraska, there have been 3,288 participants, with 82% of those enrolled at CCC. (CCC was the only college offering the program the first five years.) About 315 health care employers have hired Project HELP participants.
- "I am really grateful for the assistance I received from Project HELP and want as many students as possible to receive their support" – Amanda Rooker, past participant and current CCC nursing Instructor.

**DISCUSSION OF CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS**

There were no items to be brought to the board.

**REPORTS**

**Student Success Report**

Ron Kluck presented information about the Early College (dual-credit) program.

- Key participants include area high schools and the Nebraska Department of Education as well as many CCC departments: registration, student accounts, deans and associate deans, and Extended Learning Services.

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- CCC has approved the credentials of 167 high school teachers to teach dual-credit courses. The Department of Education has certified 117 full-time CCC faculty to teach dual credit high school courses.
- In the 2020-21 school year, 6,281 students are enrolled, up from 4,911 in 2017-18.
- In the 2021 spring semester, students enrolled from 81 high schools within the CCC service area and 13 non-CCC Service area high schools. Twenty home-schooled students also enrolled.

**Dr. Gotschall's Report**

Dr. Gotschall reported the following:

- The Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for March 26 at 11 a.m. for the Grand Island Campus' Center for Health and Technology building. Tours and demonstrations also will be held.
- COVID-related cases continue to decline for both employers and students compared to the beginning of the semester. Nearly 100% of the employees throughout our service area who wanted vaccinations have received the first dose.
- I have been providing legislative updates as requested to Greg Adams with the Nebraska Community College Association, primarily concerning use of federal relief aid and tax-funded expenditures.
- A sabbatical request from Allan Stenzel, mechatronics instructor in Columbus, was approved for the 2021 fall semester. His work will focus on multiple updates/videos of mechatronics concepts for use in courses and the federal iMec grant, meetings with business and other colleges with similar programs, and continuing education/professional development for him.
- An agreement has been signed for completion of a CCC-Grand Island Entrepreneurship Center in downtown Grand Island. Remodeling of the space will begin soon.
- CCC will receive an estimated \$8,176,000 as part of the recently passed American Recover Plan Act. Fifty percent (\$4,088,000) is required to be spent on direct student aid and is available through September 2023. We're still awaiting additional guidance from the U.S. Department of Education about institutional expenses and lost revenue allowances for these funds as well as the last CRRSAA relief funds awarded in January 2021.
- Sarah Kort has been promoted from associate dean of health sciences to dean of health sciences.
- Dr. Gotschall participated in a League for Innovation in Community College President's webinar to exchange ideas concerning the pandemic and eventual post-pandemic changes. He is set to assume the board chair position of the Heartland Area United Way in April 2021. He has hosted virtual and in-person open forums for Hastings, Area Office and Columbus staff this semester and will meet with Grand Island staff later in March.
- The \$4 million fundraising goal was reached in the CCC-Columbus campaign. Construction continues to progress despite snow and rains.

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- Skilled and technical sciences instructors Laurel Bain, Renee DeWyke and Amy Stuart participated in a Women in STS presentation for the Grand Island Career Pathway programs.
- The auto body program is expecting a record number of graduates and awards for the 2021 spring semester with 13 students set to graduate with associate of applied science degrees.
- The construction technology and electrical technology programs have been identified as pilot programs for new apprenticeship models and will include streamlined efforts between faculty, industry, and state and federal apprenticeship administrators.
- CCC counseling services is currently offering a support group for single parents. An LGBTQ+ support group will begin in late March via WebEx.
- The Veterans Military Resource Center is adding a new flag and emblem due to the creation of the sixth U.S. branch of service, Space Force, that has been created and is headquartered in Alabama. Outreach to the County Veteran Services Officers (CVSOs) is underway with VRMC staff planning to visit all 25 counties to meet, network and leave promotional and support materials.
- A virtual nursing job fair will be held March 18 with events planned throughout the day. A booklet of employers and employment opportunities will be shared in addition to video presentations, NCLEX application processes, ATI remediation and interviews. Ninety-eight new students have been accepted to begin the nursing program this fall.
- Campus visits, new student orientation, registration days and other enrollment management events continue to occur in person and virtually. The scholarship deadline was March 1 with slightly fewer completed applications received.
- In-person graduation ceremonies are being planned for Friday, May 7. Grand Island and Hastings commencements will both be held at the Heartland Events Center in Grand Island. The Grand Island ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. and the Hastings ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. The CCC-Columbus commencement will begin at 7 p.m. in the Raider Fieldhouse. The capacity at the Heartland Events Center will likely accommodate regular attendance crowds for both Hastings and Grand Island; at this time, we are considering reduced capacity in Columbus. Face coverings will be required for everyone attending commencement.
- JBS has announced its Better Futures program, wherein JBS will pay tuition for either its employees or their family members at CCC. Courses at both the Grand Island and Hastings campus qualify as they are within 25 miles of a JBS plant.

The following reports were also submitted for board review:

- Enrollment Report
- Grants Report
- Purchasing Report

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Borden stated there was no need for an executive session.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY DAVIS, SECONDED BY NOVOTNY to adjourn.

Aerni – aye	Keller – aye
Borden – aye	Miller – aye
Broekemier – aye	Novotny – aye
Cowan – aye	Pirnie – aye
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UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Borden declared the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.