

CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes
May 16, 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 at Central Community College-Kearney, 1215 30th Ave., Kearney, Nebraska.

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

Chair Tom Pirnie called the May 16, 2024, meeting to order at 1:08 p.m., with seven board members present.

ROLL CALL

Aerni – absent	Keller – present
Borden – absent	Novotny – absent
Buss – present	Pirnie – present
Cowan – absent	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

Linda Heiden will review the claims prior to the June 20, 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.

Roger Davis asked for Parental Leave be moved to the discussion of consent/action items.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included:

1. Agenda for May 16, 2024.

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2. Minutes of the April 18, 2024, Board of Governors meeting.
3. Claims for the period from April 1 through April 30, 2024.
4. Financial report as of April 30, 2024.
5. Purchases:

Nursing simulator: The College President recommends purchase of the simulator for the nursing program at the Columbus Campus.

Community education brochures: The College President recommends acceptance of the quote from Midwest Connect in the amount of \$52,528.00 for the printing and mailing of the community education brochures.

Washers and dryers for the dorms: The College President recommends accepting pricing from Jetz Service Company Inc. for the student dorms on the Columbus and Hastings campuses.

6. Personnel: None
7. Parental leave: Moved to Discussion of Consent/Action Items
8. Conflict of interest: It is the intent of the Board of Governors to avoid conflicts of interest concerning actions that may be construed as inappropriate due to special interests represented on the board or any employee of Central Community College.
9. Kearney E-ship Center: The proposed lease agreement is with the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, State Building Division, for 182 square-feet of office space in the Kearney Entrepreneurship Center, 319 W. 11th St. The lease would run from May 17, 2024, to April 30, 2025, at a rate of \$18 per square-foot.
10. 2025-26 and 2026-27 college calendars.
11. November meeting date change: The College President requests approval to move the November 2024 CCC Board of Governors meeting from Nov. 21 to Nov. 14 because of a national conference scheduling conflict.

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 – absent	Keller – aye
Borden – absent	Novotny – absent
Buss – aye	Pirnie – aye

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

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

PARNERSHIP/OWNERSHIP

Community and Workforce Education Report

Dr. Kelly Christensen introduced the following speakers:

- Becky Fausett, adult education director, said the program is serving 2,268 students from 49 countries who speak 51 languages. Of these students, 80 percent are taking English as a second language classes and 20 percent are taking GED classes. The program has started enrolling the students at the same time, so they are part of a cohort that works together. The number of cohorts has varied from CCC location to location, but next year, all cohorts will begin in July and January.
- Kara Greenwalt, student and enrollment services director, focused on the on-campus housing for full-time CCC students at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. For additional fees, they can also have a meal plan and parking permit and have access to counseling, the wellness center and student events. During the past year, the Kearney Center held 38 activities and events for current students and hosted 731 potential new students through individual visits, group tours and admissions events. CCC students used 746 food items and 568 hygiene items from the Kearney Food and Hygiene Pantry.
- Katie Holmes, student services specialist, talked about the National Society of Leadership and Success, which is the country's largest leadership honor society. CCC students involved in the organization learn how to discover and achieve their dreams through participation in leadership training, speaker broadcasts and networking teams.
- Marni Danhauer, dean of community and workforce education, said the numbers continued to grow for workforce education, which includes nursing assistant, medication aide, industrial, advanced manufacturing design technology, leadership, and environmental health and safety classes. The department has 10 full-time trainers. The department is also seeing exploding enrollments in Early College classes, for which high school students can earn both high school and college credit.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS

Program Reviews

Drs. Candace Walton, Nate Allen and Sara Kort presented information on the diesel technology, media arts and medical laboratory technician programs, which are undergoing their seven-year review as required by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

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MOVED BY DAVIS, SECONDED BY BUSS to approve continuation of CCC's diesel technology program.

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

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY DAVIS to approve continuation of CCC's media arts program.

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

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY KELLER, SECONDED BY QUICK to approve continuation of CCC's medical laboratory technician program.

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

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Parental Leave

The college human resources department has recommended a parental leave policy be added as an employee benefit. This benefit would apply for both natural birth and adoption. In the past three years, 24 women and 10 men would have qualified for this benefit. If approved, the benefit would begin for staff members on July 1. For faculty members, the benefit can be considered during their next round of contract negotiations.

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MOVED BY DAVIS, SECONDED BY KELLER to approve the new parental leave policy.

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

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

Dr. Gotschall's Report

Dr. Gotschall reported the following:

- Great commencement activities this past week with over 500 students participating! Thanks to those able to attend in person and in spirit.
- Continue with various budget meetings collegewide regarding changes to personnel wages, equipment, grant requests, supplies, travel and operations. Attended the pre-audit planning meeting. Overall budget coming together for tentative board approval at June meeting.
- Transportation campaign leadership meetings and industry open house have been well received with positive progress being made on financial pledges, industry input and construction plans.
- Attended the Beam Raising at the University of Nebraska-Kearney for the Rural Health complex with positive interactions with now University President Jeff Gold, retiring UNK Chancellor Kristensen and many of our community and legislative partners who were in attendance.
- Attended two culinary student “final” meal events, attended the associate degree in nursing pinning ceremony for our 60 graduates and continued to reach out to my assigned “success coach” students who were completing the semester. Met with advisors planning the national SkillsUSA event for our 10 CCC students who qualified.
- Watched the esports championships in which two of our teams won national championships.
- Issued and signed contracts for faculty renewals, participated in several dean of student interviews, and held employee open forums in Hastings, Grand Island, Columbus and Area Office. Attended All-College Faculty Senate spring meeting.
- Participated in two days of meetings with Holdrege community members seeking feedback on a possible relocation, conducted a local radio interview on the topic and met with possible donors.
- Hosted a meeting with the State Chamber and Nebraska Economic Development regarding the Governor's Regional Workforce Development initiative that the

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community colleges will be involved with along with over 100 community members across the CCC service area.

- Attended American Association of Community Colleges, Higher Learning Commission and ASU+GSV conference on artificial intelligence and educational technologies in education. Shared reports of contacts and possible resources for our continued AI exposure for faculty and employees as well as updates on accreditation since we will be hosting site team in March 2025.
- Interacted with some of the over 700 5th grades students who attended the Groundwater Festival on the Grand Island Campus this week.
- Participated in the Crime House Open House and Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours celebration, as well as the Pirnie Inclusive Playground ribbon cutting, and a major donor visit in Kearney prior to the Buffalo County Economic Development annual meeting.
- Attended the Grand Island and Columbus Chamber of Commerce annual meetings/banquets.
- Attended Aksarben Annual Stakeholders Meeting and received notice of a \$50,000 donation from Aksarben for scholarships for career/technical students at CCC.
- Participated in the NCCA Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-State ceremony and lunch where the governor spoke and five students from CCC were recognized. Also participated in the quarterly NCCA board meeting and several community college president's meetings. Participated in Grand Island Senior High's apprenticeship signing ceremony and will be hosting a meeting in June with over a dozen area superintendents regarding continuation of our Nebraska Math Readiness grant initiative.
- Attended CCC-Columbus Fine Arts Show and spring music concerts.
- Participated in the Virtual Nebraska Manufacturing Roundtable meeting as well as minutes compilation for the Nebraska Manufacturing Advisory Council meeting. CCC-Columbus is hosting a statewide Future of Nebraska Manufacturing Conference on May 16.

The following reports were also submitted for board review:

- Enrollment Report
- Grants Report
- Purchasing Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pirnie requested an executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues after a short break at 2:36 p.m.

MOVED BY KELLER SECONDED BY BUSS that the Board of Governors recess the regular meeting in order to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Aerni – absent
Borden – absent

Keller – aye
Novotny – absent

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

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Pirnie reconvened the regular session of the Board of Governors meeting at 2:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY DAVIS to adjourn.

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

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Pirnie declared the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.