

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes**  
**February 16, 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 Hall Student Union, Cottonwood Room, at Central Community College-Hastings, 550 S. Technical Blvd., Hastings, Nebraska.

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

Chair Rita Skiles called the Feb. 16, 2023, meeting to order at 1 p.m., with seven board members present.

**ROLL CALL**

Aerni – absent	Keller – present
Borden – present	Novotny – present
Broekemier – absent	Pirnie – present
Cowan – present (arrived 1:11 p.m.)	Quick – present
Davis – absent	Skiles – present
Heiden – absent	

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Skiles asked college representatives to introduce guests and staff members.

**REVIEWING CLAIMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Michelle Broekemier will review the claims prior to the March 16, 2023, board meeting in Grand Island.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Skiles 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**

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 Feb. 16, 2023.

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2. Minutes of the Jan. 26, 2023, Board of Governors meeting.
3. Claims for the period from Jan. 1 through Jan. 31, 2023.
4. Financial report as of Jan. 31, 2023.
5. Purchases:

**Automotive Equipment, Hastings:** The College President recommends the search for and purchase of six used vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 to meet the needs of the Automotive Technology Program.

6. Personnel: None.
7. Policies and Procedures: Updates to Category 1: Introduction and Definition of Policy and Procedures.

Borden had reviewed the January claims and found them in order. MOVED BY BORDEN, 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
Broekemier – absent	Pirnie – aye
Cowan – absent	Quick – aye
Davis – absent	Skiles – aye
Heiden – absent	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

**PARNERSHIP/OWNERSHIP**

**Foundation Report**

Traci Skalberg, executive director of the Central Community College Foundation, presented the following:

- The foundation’s consolidated assets stood at \$39.4 million as of Jan 31, 2023.
- New college-wide funds include the Regenerative Ag Conference Fund, Wolfe Family Student Success Fund and Jones Family Fund. New Hastings Campus funds are the Brennan Culinary Remodel Project Fund and Walter Scott Jr Career Pathway Fund.
- New college-wide scholarships are the Moors Family Scholarship and Kitson Family Scholarship. Other new scholarships are the Sanders Family Scholarship and the Thomas (TJ) Wrigley, Jr. Memorial Scholarship at the Columbus Campus and the Stueven Health Sciences Scholarship at the Grand Island Campus.

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- She gave updates on the Hastings and Columbus major gifts campaigns, Generations of Impact Project, Pacesetter/Employee Appeal, yearend appeal, alumni giving and the Pirnie Inclusive Playground.
- Upcoming events include Alumni Weekend Feb. 24-26 in Columbus, community giving days on May 4 in Grand Island and Hastings and the Pro-Am Golf Tournament on Sept. 18 in Hastings.

**Hastings Campus Report**

Campus President Dr. Chris Waddle complimented the media arts students on the 2021-22 Hastings Campus annual report they produced.

Alison Feeney, associate dean of skilled and technical sciences, talked about the new Walter Scott Jr. Career Pathway program. The first cohort of 19 students started on Jan. 5, and selection for the next cohort will begin in March. A unique aspect of the program at CCC is that it is the first community college in which the Walter Scott Jr. Foundation has included a residential component. She said the program teaches students leadership, encourages them to get out into the community and work with others on campus, and provides them with guaranteed job placement after graduation.

Two students involved in the first cohort addressed the board. Domenic Hyson of Fairbury is enrolled in the heavy equipment operator technician program. He said he knew he didn't want to be in a four-year college and found out about CCC at Husker Harvest Days. He said the pathway keeps him motivated and it includes workshops, one of which featured married couples who spoke about how to have a healthy relationship. Mario Garza is a welding major from Alliance. He said he attended Mount Marty University, but it didn't feel right. He realized he could play football or be a welder. After visiting several colleges, CCC was the one he believed had the people who would put him in the right direction. He has enjoyed the community events planned through the pathway and its emphasis on showing up and getting better.

Also addressing the board was Jeff Schneider, superintendent of Hastings Public Schools. He talked about the partnerships HPS has with CCC, going back to about 2010 when HPS received zero applications for an auto instructor who had retired. CCC stepped up and offered to provide the instructor; HPS pays the tuition for the dual credit courses. The next step was a partnership consisting of HPS, CCC and Hastings area manufacturers that resulted in advance manufacturing for dual credit. Students can graduate from HPS with 12 credits from CCC.

He said barriers do exist. Some people ask why students don't just attend CCC if they want college credit. He pointed out 64% of HPS students qualify for free/reduced lunch and may not have the transportation to get out to the campus. Also, HPS students may find that their high school and CCC class schedules may conflict with each other. Another barrier can be CCC and HPS processes that don't always match. He said the two institutions work together to overcome any challenges.

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HPS students can now also take construction and certified nursing assistant classes, although the CNA students don't get HPS credit, only CCC credit. He ended by thanking CCC for this partnership, that has grown from 40 to 212 students getting dual credit.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**DISCUSSION OF CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS**

**Tuition, Fees, Board and Room Rates for 2023-24**

Joel King reported that tuition will increase by \$2 per credit hour, the room rate by 3% and the board rate by 6%. Fees will remain the same.

MOVED BY BORDEN, SECONDED BY QUICK to accept the tuition, fees, room and board rates for 2023-24.

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

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**Capital Improvement Budget**

Craig Boroff gave an overview of the projects included in the capital improvement budget. The College President asked for tentative approval of the 2023-24 capital improvement budget so these projects can be started. Official approval of the budget is set for September.

MOVED BY KELLER, SECONDED BY BORDEN to give tentative approval to the capital improvement budget.

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

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**Grand Island Road**

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Craig Boroff gave an overview of the project. The College President recommends acceptance of the low acceptable bid from Elsbury Construction Company in Grand Island for \$808,396.07 to provide the labor and materials for the paving and utility work on the Grand Island Campus.

MOVED BY NOVOTNY, SECONDED BY PIRNIE to accept the bid from Elsbury Construction Company to provide the labor and materials for paving and utility work on the Grand Island Campus.

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

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**HVAC**

Craig Boroff said that the HVAC systems for three dorms on the Hastings Campus need to be replaced. The project also will include ceiling replacement and LED lighting updates in all three dorms and creation of a meeting room in the Valley Residence Hall for a Scott Scholars meeting room. The project will be presented for a vote at the March board meeting.

**REPORTS**

**Student Success Report**

Dr. Candace Walton presented information from the Voluntary Framework of Accountability, which gets its data from a six-year cohort (students who started in fall 2015) and a two-year cohort (students who started in fall 2019).

These success measures showed:

- Central’s students continue to outperform IPEDs national average.
- Central’s students who arrive with a planned program/career direction complete their program in shorter time and higher rate.
- Central’s students who are exploring higher education and transfer out achieve high success rates.
- Student enrollment behavior has changed over the years and Central remains a flexible, reliable, and local option for our community.

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**Dr. Gotschall's Report**

- The Columbus Campus will host the CCC Alumni weekend Feb. 23-25 with an open house downtown, campus tours, basketball games, athletic hall of fame and fine arts concerts.
- Diane Keller and I attended the hearing regarding LB893 concerning removal of community college board taxing authority. I also visited with a few area senators to share concerns expressed by opponents and the NCCA.
- I attended the AACC/ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. last week and stopped by the offices of Sen. Fischer, Sen. Ricketts and Rep. Flood. Flood will be touring CCC-Columbus campus on Feb. 23.
- CCC was host to the Nebraska Transfer Initiative group representing faculty from all the state's community colleges to articulate courses for transfer to Nebraska four-year colleges and universities.
- I attended the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting as well as had some visits with members of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce prior to attending the legislative hearings.
- I participated in a successful Ord Center Open House that was attended by college and community members.
- I welcomed all the full-time CCC faculty involved in our annual Data Day when programs review assessment data regarding student learning.
- I participated in several community investment presentations as part of the Heartland United Way board.
- Several arts and sciences faculty replacement positions are in progress: speech instructor (any campus); math instructor (Hastings); biology instructor (Hastings); and biology/chemistry instructor (Columbus).
- Adult Education successfully added four new English as a second language classes this year (Arapahoe, Holdrege, Hall County Corrections and Schuyler Family Literacy) and is currently serving 42 students in these classes. As of Jan. 25, we have 1,580 students. Last year in total, we served 1,732.
- Overall, CCC has 120 student athletes of which 86 are Nebraska residents. The Institutional GPA for Fall 2022 student athletes was 3.22 with 1,578 credits completed.
- Team and individual fall accomplishments: Women's Soccer Region 9 Division II Champions; Men's Soccer Region 9 Division II Champions; and Volleyball Region 9 Division II Champions. In Esports, The Call of Duty Vanguard team finished their regular season 6-1 and finished in 5th place in the single-elimination playoffs; the Call of Duty Gunfight team had an undefeated regular season, finishing 7-0, and took 5th place in their single-elimination playoff; and the Rocket League finished their regular season 6-1 and took 9th place in the single-elimination playoffs; Ivan Lopez was named NJCAA Division II 3rd Team All-American (first ever for soccer). Head men's basketball coach, John Ritzdorf, had his 50th career coaching win in the fall and Athletic Director and Head Women's Volleyball coach, Mary Young, had her 750th career coaching win in the fall. E-Team Fundraising has been successful, bringing in \$25,545 from seven teams.

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- I will be presenting an ARPA request for funding to the Grand Island City Council on Feb. 28 for assistance with the infrastructure project today. Olson Engineering group estimates over \$500,000 could be eligible from the city funds if approved.
- Veterans Military and Resource Center (VMRC) Coordinator Shawn Patsios had a meeting with UNK Veteran's Center to enhance our relationship through event partnership and resource and knowledge sharing meetings. Local recruiters, the UNK SVO and CCC's VMRC will have a meeting to discuss VA and Tuition Assistance updates, new programs and ways we can help local service members understand and use their earned educational benefits.
- The VMRC reports Spring 2023 outreach is underway. Out of the 125 college-wide military-connected students enrolled in this spring term, we have 30 first-time students to contact to help them integrate into college and extend our services. Our recovery outreach is directed to 65 military-connected students who did not return this spring after attending in Fall 2022 and 38 military-connected students who have not registered since Spring 2022. At least 20% of each group of non-returning students will be contacted by phone to find out what issues might exist and if we can mitigate or resolve them. Personal contact will also help identify any trends we may need to address for future terms. An additional group for recruitment involves Army National Guard Soldiers who recently left service. The local recruiter provided a list of 68 Nebraska Guardsmen who we will contact to discuss available education benefits, programs at CCC and our plethora of services for helping ensure their educational success.
- Nearly 40 students made visits to the CCC-Grand Island Food and Hygiene Pantry, with eight first-time stops. The pantry shared out 352 food items and 101 hygiene items. Despite the snow days, we still surpassed last year's totals for the month.
- All three CCC career and employment services directors are now certified as Global Career Development Facilitators.
- Virtual simulated nursing clinical days are being developed through the use of ATI-built scenarios. Faculty will be able to choose from a menu of approved simulations for each year and will receive guidance on how to facilitate them. These simulations will be used for late starts on clinical days due to weather. Additionally, to promote retention and remediation for students, the faculty schedule will reflect open labs on each campus. The purpose is to have the skills areas open for students to have access to equipment to practice skills or speak with an instructor on a concept that does not quite make sense.
- The health sciences programs will participate in the combined Nursing and Health Sciences Career Fair held at College Park on March 15. Students will have the opportunity to meet with potential employers.
- Offering multiple entry points into the Medical Lab Technician program showed initial success. Eight students started the program through the traditional entry point in August, and six started the program through the new January entry point. This brings the total program enrollment to 20 students for the 2022-2023 academic year. We are very excited about the growth potential.
- Both first- and second-year dental hygiene students have started seeing patients in the dental hygiene clinic on the Hastings Campus for the spring semester. In addition, the

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second-year students are providing dental hygiene care at area schools, Head Start facilities, nursing home facilities, Third City Clinic, and Heartland Health clinic.

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 PIRNIE to adjourn.

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

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Skiles declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.