

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes**  
**September 25, 2025**

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>.

Treasurer Jason Buss called the Sept. 25, 2025, meeting to order at 1 p.m., with seven board members present.

**ROLL CALL**

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| Aerni – absent       | Keller – present |
| Borden – absent      | Pirnie – present |
| Broekemier – present | Skiles – present |
| Buss – present       | Smith – present  |
| Davis – absent       | Werner – present |
| Heiden – absent      |                  |

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Buss asked college representatives to introduce guests and staff members.

**REVIEWING CLAIMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Dann Smith will review the claims prior to the Oct. 16, 2025, board meeting in Columbus.

**REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Buss 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 Sept. 25, 2025.
2. Minutes of the Aug. 21, 2025, Board of Governors meeting.
3. Claims for the period from Aug. 1 through Aug. 31, 2025.
4. Financial report as of Aug. 31, 2025.

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5. Purchases:

**Physical Education Roof Replacement, Columbus:** The College President recommends acceptance of the low acceptable bid from Dynasty roofing from Grand Island for \$71,477 to provide the labor and materials for the replacement of the PEC roof on the Columbus Campus.

**Phelps Building, Phase 2, Hastings:** The College President recommends acceptance of the low acceptable bid from Scheele-Kayton construction for \$1,350,000 to provide all labor and material to remodel the Phelps building on the Hastings Campus.

6. Personnel: None

7. Sandra Borden Resignation: The CCC Board of Governors accepts the resignation of Sandra Borden from the board because she has moved out of the district. The board thanks her for her service.

8. Edgerton Agreement: The CCC Board of Governors authorizes the College President to sign the cooperative agreement with the Edgerton Education Foundation.

9. Grand Island Residence Hall Architect: The College President recommends acceptance of Wilkins ADP with the high score of 1,490 for the design of student dorms on the Grand Island Campus.

10. CCPE P-20 Agreement: The CCC Board of Governors authorizes the College President to sign the CCPE P-20 agreement with Foresight Law + Policy.

11. Red Cloud Sublease: The CCC Board of Governors authorizes the College President to sign the commercial sub-lease agreement with Discover Red Cloud for the Red Cloud Educational Hub.

12. CCC Education Association Letter of Intent: The CCC Board of Governor recognizes the Central Community College Education Association as the bargaining agent for full-time faculty for the 2027-28 contract year.

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

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| Aerni – absent   | Keller – aye |
| Borden – absent  | Pirnie – aye |
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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**DISCUSSION OF CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS**

**Board Action on Budget Items**

Joel King presented the following budget items for approval.

- A resolution that the 2025-26 property tax request be set at \$15,311,532.33.
- An additional 1% budget increase of restricted funds as shown on the 2025-26 Budget Form LC-CC.
- A budget of expenditures and revenues as represented within the State of Nebraska 2025-26 Basic Budget Form.
- That Central Community College retain the right to levy an amount up to the shortfall of the appropriations as certified by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in accordance with 85-1517(2)a.
- A property tax request of \$15,311,532.33.

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY SMITH to approve all the budget items.

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| Aerni – absent   | Keller – aye |
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**REPORTS**

**Dr. Gotschall's Report**

Dr. Gotschall reported the following:

- I have participated in several follow-up meetings regarding the Central Region: Six Regions, One Nebraska initiative focusing on three priority areas of Workforce/Entrepreneurship, Housing and Child Care. As of mid-September, the Central Child Care Champions have created 16 new licensed in-home child care businesses (most were operating unlicensed or staying at home with their own kids) and 174 NEW licensed child care spots in the Central Region since January along with \$40,000 in stipends infused into those new businesses. An agreement between CCC and Edgerton Explorit

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Center was recommended to the board today to advance the Workforce Initiative to get more trades career exposure into high schools statewide.

- Last week, Kelly Christensen, Beth Klitz and I attended the annual Postsecondary International Network on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. I presented on CCC initiatives and Kelly presented on the iMec program. One college has followed up regarding more information on iMec and much was learned about international education opportunities and challenges, artificial intelligence for educators, higher education funding, applied research, organizational culture, and involving indigenous populations and traditions in modern facilities and educational programming.
- Participated in a success kick-off event for the Scott Scholars program welcoming over 55 new and returning students to the program.
- Participated in the Foundation's event honoring donors of CCC's shotgun sports, met students and donors. Also participated in Foundation strategic planning events.
- Participated in the All-College Faculty Senate welcome and spent time at each of the campuses and centers (with the exception of Ord) during the first two weeks of classes.
- I was interviewed during the Nebraska State Fair and my wife and I were in charge of the CCC booth during afternoon of Memorial Day. Very happy with the dozens of CCC employees who assisted at both the State Fair and Husker Harvest to promote the college and reconnect with alumni and our community stakeholders.
- Met with website designers and reviewed initial plans and recommendations for our upgrades.
- Listened in on the architect interviews for the CCC-Grand Island housing project and reviewed final budget documents prior to hearing notices and board meeting.
- Presented at a Grow GI meeting regarding our workforce initiative of 6 Regions and was asked to speak to approximately 100 4-H extension educators during an annual training about adapting to change and remaining flexible in ever-changing times.
- Met with new UNK Chancellor Schnoor, gave him a tour of the UNK Center and discussed continued and new partnership opportunities. Reached out to UNL contacts about proposed elimination of the education administration department and impact on community college leadership programming they have and are doing in the state and region in addition to K-12 administration offerings.
- CCC was notified of a nearly \$1 million National Science Foundation grant to expand our iMec training format to adult education students over the next few years.

Reports from area vice presidents include:

- Business and education programs are both meeting with UNL and UNK on revised 2+2 pathways.
- Live Video classes in early childhood were launched this fall with students attending in Lexington, Kearney, Red Cloud and Ord.
- Libby, ebooks and audio books have been very popular with checkouts far exceeding expectations. Librarians will be looking at the best way to meet patron demand and expand the digital collection.

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- Student checkout computer demand exceeded supply, so waitlists and additional resources were deployed to seek to meet need while balancing need of students having own devices.
- A new ESL class was started in Cozad with nine students enrolled.
- Try outs for e-sports have been completed with 19 students selected to compete in four titles. Fall competition begins next week.
- Volleyball and men's soccer have both been ranked in the top 25 nationally so far this fall with strong female soccer performance as well. Fall golf and shotgun sports have started with softball and basketball teams beginning fall workouts. In total 144 student athletes including 33 international students representing 14 countries.
- CCC athletics partnered with wellness committees, student activities, counseling and prevention, and the Veterans and Military Resource Center across the college to stand together and break the stigma around suicide and mental health. The Raider Awareness Walk included walkers from across the college area.
- The Grand Island entrepreneurship center is busy with several new childcare providers seeking assistance with their new in-home businesses. 1 Million Cups is still going strong with an average of 25 attendees per week. Ten small trade business are being sought to upscale their business with six weeks of classes starting Oct. 2 in Grand Island
- Hastings entrepreneurship is working with five new business founders and with the community and workforce education department for workshops on AI.
- Kearney entrepreneurship already has 15 submissions for Big Idea presentations.
- OTHA instructor Libby Theoharis and OTHA program director Callie Bridges will be presenting to an OT doctoral program in September via WebEx. The program (University of Findlay) is a private institution in Ohio, which offers both a doctor of occupational therapy and a master of occupational therapy degree. This guest invitation came after they presented at a national conference earlier this year.
- UNMC's Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program has reached out to the health sciences division offering and seeking volunteer opportunities for CCC students who might consider participating as a Standardized Patient (SP) to gain experience in the sonography lab. There are one to two students to volunteer for each of the sonography labs (three labs per week for approximately two to three hours).
- Work is ongoing with Mary Lanning to review and update the partnership agreement for the RAD (radiologic technology) program.
- The program directors from the five accredited HIM programs in Nebraska met on Aug. 26 for the Nebraska Consortium. The Nebraska Health Information Management Association (NHIMA) Board of Directors will meet with CCC students in all of our programs on Sept. 24 via Zoom. It is a chance to network with our board and share their experiences with our students.
- Semester has had a successful start for nursing. There is a larger student population specifically in the second-year cohort. That cohort is sitting with 93 second-year students and 81 first-year students.
- Fall nursing rotations have been set up with several critical access hospitals including ones at Superior, Cozad and Lexington.

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- CCC has been approached about colocation of a community partner to the Red Cloud location. Agreement is being reviewed.
- CCC hosted a Fall Early College Coordinators meeting on Sept. 24 on the Columbus Campus with over 40 counselors/administrators attending.
- National Electrical Code Review workshops will be held on all three campuses and in Kearney. A fall industrial maintenance series will also be held in Hastings, Columbus and Kearney.

The following reports were also submitted for board review:

- Enrollment Report
- Grants Report
- Purchasing Report

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY SMITH, SECONDED BY BROEKEMIER to adjourn.

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Buss declared the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.