

CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes
November 14, 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 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 Tom Pirnie called the Nov. 14, 2024, meeting to order at 1 p.m., with 10 board members present.

ROLL CALL

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| Aerni – present | Keller – present |
| Borden – present | Novotny – present |
| Buss – absent | Pirnie – present |
| Cowan – present | 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 Aerni will review the claims prior to the Jan. 16, 2025, board meeting in Grand Island.

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.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included:

1. Agenda for Nov. 14, 2024.
2. Minutes of the Oct. 17, 2024, Board of Governors meeting and work session.
3. Claims for the period from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31, 2024.
4. Financial report as of Oct. 31, 2024.

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5. Purchases:

Bobcat replacement, Hastings: The College President recommends accepting this quote to purchase a Bobcat with accessories from Central Nebraska Bobcat, in the amount of \$66,978.09, to replace the inoperable Bobcat on the Hastings Campus.

Used semi-tractor for the diesel technology program, Hastings: The College President recommends the search and purchase of a vehicle, meeting the specifications designated above, in an amount not to exceed, \$35,000 for a used semi-tractor for the diesel technology program.

Construction manager at risk, Holdrege: The College President recommends acceptance of the bid from Sampson Construction for construction manager at risk for the Holdrege project.

6. Personnel:

Gerald Huismann, Hastings: The College President recommends that Gerald Huismann be offered the position of construction technology instructor at the Hastings Campus, effective Nov. 1, 2024.

Raven King, Hastings: The College President recommends that Raven King be offered the position of automotive technology instructor at the Hastings Campus, effective Nov. 11, 2024.

7. 2025 NCCA dues

8. NCCIT membership renewal

9. Claims Reviewers for 2025

10. Raider Ready fee

11. CCCEA Letter of Intent

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

Aerni – aye
Borden – aye
Buss – absent
Cowan – aye
Davis – aye
Heiden – aye

Keller – aye
Novotny – aye
Pirnie – aye
Quick – aye
Skiles – aye

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PARNERSHIP/OWNERSHIP

Grand Island Campus report

Aimee Steinhardt-Duysen, Grand Island entrepreneurship director, shared the impact the center is making. Currently, 35 businesses are worked with, and the six private offices are full, with a waiting list. Co-working and networking use is also on the rise. Big Idea Grand Island was held on Nov. 4 and, thanks to the Central Nebraska Growth Foundation, was able to increase the award amounts this year. Steinhardt-Duysen introduced Laura McAloon, Grand Island city administrator, to share information about a National League of Cities collaborative project to help qualified cottage businesses scale up their businesses through a \$2,000 gift and four weeks of basic business training.

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS

Financial Audit Report

Kim Pearson from Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, shared the opinion from the independent audit. The opinion on both the financial statements and compliance testing is unmodified, which is the best result of an audit. Board of Governors will vote to accept the audit once the full report is complete and available.

Authorization for College President to Approve Actions in December 2024

Since the Board of Governors doesn't meet in December, Joel King asked for this authorization so Dr. Gotschall could address an issue if it might arise during the month.

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY DAVIS to authorize the College President to approve actions during December 2024.

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| Aerni – aye | Keller – aye |
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REPORTS

Student Success Report

Brian McDermott, college effectiveness research director, gave a report on CCC's Quick Facts sheet, including its history and its components: basic service area population and student

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enrollment breakout; graduate account and awards granted; student demographics; and graduate employment, economic impact and stakeholder perception data. He also covered modes of delivery and additional graduate outcomes data.

Dr. Gotschall's Report

Dr. Gotschall reported the following:

- As we finish this year, my special thanks go to all the board members for your service and support to CCC. I appreciate Tom Pirnie's leadership as chair, and we say goodbye to Sam Cowan after 16 years of "always early" and engaged involvement, serving two cycles through all officer positions, John Novotny who joined us in 2017 and got through all officer positions in just eight years, and to Dan Quick who joined in 2023, but we will continue to appreciate his knowledge as he rejoins the Nebraska legislature in January.
- Rita Skiles led the NCCA annual meeting this month in Norfolk. At that meeting, Jackie Zeckser, early childhood instructor, Mary Young, athletic director, and Quinn Webb were recognized by NCCA as CCC's Outstanding Faculty, Administrator/Staff, and Alumni, respectively. Sam, Dan and John also participated in part of the conference.
- CCC hosted the state community college faculty and chief academic officers for the annual Nebraska Transfer Initiative day where faculty met to update common course syllabi and competencies. We were happy several representatives from UNL, UNO and UNK were present.
- I was invited to and attended the Aksarben Ball in late October where community colleges were each recognized with a \$50,000 scholarship for workforce development. CCC is endowing \$20,000 for future years and spending \$30,000 over the next few years to promote InternNE and high demand/wage/skill programs. A follow-up meeting occurred with Aksarben staff coming to the Grand Island Campus.
- Negotiations with the CCCEA faculty group have begun so regular meetings with our administrative team before and after to promote productive sessions.
- CCC will be hosting a second annual statewide ELEVATE conference on apprenticeships on Nov. 19 in Kearney. Over 100 participants are expected with sessions on starting and implementing apprenticeship programs and speakers including Nebraska Chamber and Nebraska Economic Development.
- Was honored to attend the Nebraska Trucking Association annual banquet where Tom and Sue Pirnie were recognized for their outstanding service and support of community. A video was created highlighting their leadership in the CCC-inspired inclusive playground in Grand Island. Traci Skalberg and I were interviewed as part of the video.
- Attended a meeting to report on our annual activities with the Walter Scott Pathway Scholars program. They are very pleased with the accomplishments of our students to date and we discussed additional ways the foundation could support our students, Hastings Campus and CCC.
- Participated in a Columbus Campus Open Forum, attended a CCC volleyball game, ate with CCC Foundation/Columbus retirees, and took in the CCC play held outdoors at Frankfort Square Park in downtown Columbus. All great events!

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- Participated in a “Road to Property Tax Reform” day-long meeting and follow-up webinar discussing the opportunities and challenges of Nebraska property tax laws along with past, present and future possibilities to improve.
- Participated in the Nebraska Chamber Education Council meeting suggesting policies for education for the upcoming legislative session.
- Attended the groundbreaking for the Grand Island EPIC Children’s Museum. They are close to their overall \$10 million campaign goal.
- CCC received another \$50,000 check from the Gene Haas Foundation to support scholarship for our advanced manufacturing students. I attended the event with students, administrators, faculty and foundation representatives when the “big check” was presented.
- CCC was featured in a national webinar by Ellucian (our management database software) for implementing p-card purchasing and electronic requisitions, approvals, processing, vendor payment and reporting – a first in the world for their company. Nice recognition for our purchasing and IT department personnel.
- Continued planning for participation in Postsecondary International Network meeting this month and traveled to Washington, D.C., for the AACC Small and Rural Colleges Commission meeting.
- After the NCCA event in Norfolk, I traveled to Holdrege for the Phelps County Development Corp annual meeting where several of our Holdrege area partners were present along with the governor, Nebraska Economic Development and PCDC Hall of Fame inductees.
- Invited and attended a UNL Education Administration event in Lincoln and met with interim dean of College of Education who remains interested in transfer pathways with CCC.
- Hosted my quarterly President’s Quality Action Council meeting attended by representatives of faculty, staff, administration and students invited from across CCC area where reports were given on collegewide strategic initiatives.
- Participated in a Listening Session at our new Albion Educational Hub. Fantastic turnout of community members with many ideas of how CCC can help their community. Topics included training/educational spaces, community partners, courses needed and employee gaps along with an assessment of current offerings by others so we don’t duplicate efforts.
- The open house/ribbon cutting at the Red Cloud Education Hub is tonight, Nov. 14.
- Stopped in on the final selection of our construction manager at risk interviews and provided input on next steps for a request for proposal for housing options in Grand Island.
- Signed an updated transfer agreement with Clarkson College.

Reports from area vice presidents included:

- MEDT Hematology classes have been participating in the Cell Bowl 2024, sponsored by “The Lab Lady Gill,” a professor from the College of Southern Maryland. This six-week

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competition has regionals, playoffs and second-chance events. The players are student groups from medical lab programs across the country. They are quizzed on identifying cells from the body, including white blood cells, red blood cell, accurately and rapidly. As of this week, the Central Community College MLT Raiders are tied for the JV Second Chance event. This is the longest our students have stayed in the event, over the last few years.

- The pharmacy technician reaccreditation virtual visit is scheduled for Jan. 31.
- The occupational therapy assistant program was notified that Methodist College was granted approval to have a bridge program. This means our students can matriculate to Methodist and receive a master's degree in occupational therapy.
- We have started offering CPR classes at our Red Cloud location. The two classes were well attended. We will continue to offer them consistently.
- The ACEN Board of Commissioners emailed the final recommendation for accreditation status to the program. As expected, the program has had conditions removed and remains in good standing for accreditation. All requirements to meet ACEN Policy #9 have been updated and completed. The State Board of Nursing released quarterly NCLEX reports (July – September). PN pass rates are 100%. RN pass rates are 93%.
- Lexington Public Schools is interested in creating a high school cohort for the para certificate beginning in January 2025.
- Business advisory committee meetings were held on all three campuses. Common themes included the need for improved technology skills particularly the ones needed for remote work. Feedback was positive on the program revision and the new student learning outcomes for degree.
- Faculty and staff working on creating an open access AI course for all CCC students continues. The faculty who are leading the process are actively working on evaluating materials on Coursera and other open sources to design our CCC course. Several staff will be attending an Immigration Journey event in Grand Island hosted by the Multicultural Coalition.
- The NJCAA announced on Nov. 1 that Mary Young was inducted into the NJCAA Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Mary!
- Big Idea Grand Island was a huge success with a \$10,000 first prize and full house at the event. Big Idea Columbus is Nov. 14 with a large crowd expected. Hastings and Kearney will be looking at future events in cooperation with community partners.
- The fall band concert was held Nov. 3 at CCC-Columbus, the choir concert was Nov. 7 at United Methodist Church in Columbus. Both groups will be involved in the Sounds of the Season concert at 3 p.m. on Dec. 8 on campus.

The following reports were also submitted for board review:

- Enrollment Report
- Grants Report
- Purchasing Report

INFORMATION

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Dr. Gotschall asked board members to consider serving as treasurer or as an alternate Nebraska Community College Association representative for 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY AERNI, SECONDED BY BORDEN to adjourn.

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ADJOURNMENT

Pirnie declared the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.