



**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, October 10, 2019**

Prior to convening the meeting, Chairperson Anderson led the assembly in pledging their allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

**AREA BOARD**

Steve Anderson, Chairperson.....Present  
Arlan Kuehn, Vice-Chairperson ..... Absent-Excused  
Julie Robinson, Secretary.....Present  
Del Ames .....Present  
Donovan Ellis.....Present  
Dr. Terry Nelson ..... Absent-Excused  
Dirk Petersen..... Absent-Excused  
Jeffrey Scherer ..... Absent-Excused  
Carol Sibbel .....Present  
Gene Willers .....Present

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Schram, Interim President  
Mary Honke, Interim President  
John Blaylock, Executive Vice President  
Dr. Michele Gill, Interim Vice President of Educational Services  
Coleen Bressler, Interim Vice President of Finance and Facilities  
Amanda Nipp, Vice President of Student Services  
Dr. Tracy Kruse, Associate Vice President of Development and External Affairs  
Eric Johnson, Associate Vice President of Center for Enterprise  
Dr. Karen Severson, Interim Associate Vice President of Human Resources  
Jim Curry, Director of Public Relations  
Diane Reikofski, Recording Secretary  
Brenda Sock, Technology Services Executive Assistant  
Andrew Smith, Student Leadership Association president  
Greg Adams, NCCA Executive Director

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission</b></p> <p>Northeast Community College is dedicated to the success of students and the region it serves.</p>
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Emily Case, *Norfolk Daily News*  
Cody Ronnenfelt, WJAG

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Chairperson Anderson convened the regular meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

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Del Ames MOVED to adopt the Agenda of the October 10, 2019 Regular Meeting as distributed.  
Jeff Scherer SECONDED the motion

**Voting Yes:** Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Sibbel, and Willers

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

12563

Chairperson Anderson noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the tables at the back of the room. No constituents were in attendance to address the board with a public comment.

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Gene Willers MOVED, and Donovan Ellis SECONDED the motion to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2019 meetings as follows:

1. Regular Meeting
2. Student Success Committee Meeting
3. External Relations Committee Meeting
4. Finance Committee Meeting
5. Facilities Committee Meeting
6. Governance Committee Meeting
7. Special Meeting of October 2, 2019
8. Special Meeting of October 7, 2019
9. Special Meeting of October 8, 2019

**Voting Yes:** Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Sibbel, Willers, and Ames

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Mary Honke, Dr. Michele Gill, and Amanda Nipp provided verbal reports of campus-wide accomplishments, activities, and events.

Andrew Smith, Student Leadership Association (SLA) president, reported that student leadership members recently participated in a retreat. A cookoff was held during the retreat which really brought members together. Other team-building activities were held throughout the weekend.

SLA discussed options for a legacy project and have identified establishing a Frisbee golf course on campus. SLA is in the process of seeking proper permissions to accomplish this project.

At the end of October SLA will sponsor a booth during the Spooktacular event that will be held at the Ag Complex. This year’s theme will be Scooby Doo.

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Greg Adams, Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Executive Director, reported that the NCCA Office is the system gateway for Nebraska’s community colleges. Nebraska has six individual community colleges that are statutorily independent of each other. Daily he answers questions from government offices, senator offices, industry offices, etc. to answer questions about community colleges or directs them to the institution that can answer their inquiry.

Mr. Adams encouraged board members and administrators to spend time and build relationships with their local senators prior to the start of the legislative session. As legislation is being discussed, the relationships provide an avenue for the senators to reach out for additional information and influences how the senators vote.

Mr. Adams spoke of constructive meetings he has been a part of related to opportunities for community colleges and state colleges to work together. Plans have been made for future discussions to continue.

In an attempt to avoid conflict with the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, the Legislative Day in Lincoln will be held later in February.

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Julie Robinson MOVED, and Del Ames SECONDED the motion to acknowledge and accept the Monthly Financial Report for September 30, 2019 and claims paid in September 2019 as follows:

General Fund .....	\$ 1,529,403.99
Auxiliary Fund.....	\$ 495,602.45
Grants and Contracts .....	\$ 28,687.63

Scholarships and Financial Aid.....	\$	57,752.00
Student Loans .....	\$	1,175.00
Student Clubs.....	\$	2,821.83
Other Agencies .....	\$	17,727.92
Capital Improvement .....	\$	330,355.12
Restricted Plant.....	\$	775,084.18
Debt Service .....	\$	27,227.71
Payroll Fund .....	\$	<u>2,921,328.33</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID.....	\$	6,187,166.16

**Voting Yes:** Ellis, Robinson, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, and Anderson

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Julie Robinson, MOVED, with regret, to accept the resignation from Keith Harvey, Board of Governors District II representative, effective October 1, 2019. Donovan Ellis SECONDED the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Robinson, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, and Ellis

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

12569

Julie Robinson, member of the Governance Committee, MOVED to accept the SECOND READING and approve revisions to BP-3610, Grant Development, Management, and Compliance. Gene Willers SECONDED the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, and Robinson

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

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In other business, Chairperson Anderson extended his appreciation to Board members, staff members, and the student who served on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, and to everyone who attended the open forum sessions and provided their feedback to The Pauly Group regarding the presidential candidates. Mr. Anderson stated that the Board of Governors has been trying to keep this search process as transparent as possible. At this point, the Board will

continue reference checking, etc., and hopes to provide additional information on the presidential candidates in the next few weeks.

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In other business, Chairperson Anderson recognized board and staff member birthdays for the month of October.

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At 5:10 p.m., with no further business to discuss, it was UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY VOICE VOTE to ADJOURN the meeting.

*Minutes prepared by Diane Reikofski, Recording Secretary.*

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Julie Robinson, Secretary  
Northeast Board of Governors

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Steve Anderson, Chairperson  
Northeast Board of Governors