



NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 13, 2020

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.

The Northeast Community College Board of Governors met for its regular session Board Meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2020 in Suites F & G of the Lifelong Learning Center, located on the campus of Northeast Community College. Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Norfolk Daily News on Friday, August 7, 2020 and on the Northeast Community College website.

AREA BOARD

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Leah A. Barrett, President
John Blaylock, Executive Vice President
Amanda Nipp, Vice President of Student Services
Dr. Karen Severson, Interim Associate Vice President of Human Resources
Paul Feilmeier, Vice President of Technology Services
Dr. Tracy Kruse, Associate Vice President of Development and External Affairs
Dr. Michele Gill, Interim Vice President of Educational Services
Coleen Bressler, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services

Jim Curry, Director of Public Relations
Diane Reikofski, Executive Assistant to the President
Lauren Wagner, *Norfolk Daily News*
Cody Ronnfeldt, WJAG/KEXL/KQKX Radio
Scott Gray, General Counsel

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Chairperson Anderson convened the regular meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

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Jeff Scherer MOVED to adopt the Agenda of the August 13, 2020 Regular Meeting as distributed. Carol Sibbel SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, and Willers

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, and Petersen

MOTION CARRIED

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Chairperson Anderson advised 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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Del Ames MOVED, and Nicole Sedlacek SECONDED the motion to approve the Minutes of the July 16, 2020 meetings as follows:

1. Regular Meeting
2. Student Success Committee Meeting
3. Finance Committee Meeting
4. Governance Committee Meeting
5. Facilities Committee Meeting
6. External Relations Committee Meeting

Voting Yes: Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, and Ames

Voting No: None

Abstain: Willers

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, and Petersen

MOTION CARRIED

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A report from President Leah Barrett included the following:

- The U.S. Department of Education has approved the renewal of Northeast Community College's TRIO program. The program, funded by a \$1.3 million five-year grant, is designed to provide individualized support and assistance to students who may have faced challenges in completing their education.
- Northeast Community College began the Fall 2020 academic year with a two-day, all-college In-Service. Virtual sessions were held the week of August 10th.
- Students of Northeast Community College will have an opportunity to gain additional credits between the upcoming fall and spring semesters during a special session of optional classes. The Intersession, which will feature a diversity of classes, will run from November 30-January 15, with a break for the holidays in late December and early January. Registration will begin in October.
- Northeast Community College launched a new mobile responsive and engaging website that will better serve the college, future students, and the communities across northeast and northcentral Nebraska.
- Security Bank of Laurel, Allen, Coleridge, Osmond and Hartington has thrown its support behind new agriculture facilities at Northeast Community College with a \$25,000 pledge.
- Northeast Community College business students walked away with national recognition during a competition against their peers from other two-year and four-year colleges and universities across the United States and Puerto Rico this summer. Six members of the College's Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Team placed in several areas in the 2020 National PBL State Leadership Experience and Business Competition after showcasing skillsets they gained in college.
- Members of the graduating class of Northeast Community College's physical therapist assistant (PTA) program are now prepared to enter the profession. The thirteen students from the Class of 2020 participated in an appropriately socially distanced recognition ceremony on August 10, where they received their PTA pins before family, friends, faculty and staff.
- New Student Orientation, which is typically held on the Sunday prior to the first day of classes, has been redesigned this year to be offered in a virtual online environment through Canvas instead of as an on-campus event. All 862 new students (to date) have been registered for this free virtual experience.
- A final virtual New Student Family Forum session was held on August 5. Over 80 families attended this last session to learn more about the services offered to assist Northeast students. Northeast staff members were on hand to discuss topics such as Financial Aid, Academic Support, TRIO, Disability Services, Career Services, Student Health Nurse, Counseling, Student Activities, On-Campus Housing and more.

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Steve Anderson, NCCA Board of Directors representative, reported that their August 3rd meeting was held virtually. The NCCA 2020-2021 budget was approved.

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Carol Sibbel MOVED and Donovan Ellis SECONDED the motion to acknowledge and accept the Monthly Financial Report for July 31, 2020 and claims paid in July 2020 as follows:

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| General Funds | \$ 1,517,248.72 |
| Auxiliary Funds..... | \$ 624,865.41 |
| Grants and Contracts | \$ 29,364.48 |
| Scholarships and Financial Aid..... | \$ 0.00 |
| Student Loans..... | \$ 0.00 |
| Student Clubs | \$ 250.02 |
| Other Agencies..... | \$ 1,400.00 |
| Capital Improvement..... | \$ 81,566.72 |
| Restricted Plant | \$ 1,369,480.17 |
| Debt Service..... | \$ 994,152.50 |
| Payroll Fund..... | \$ <u>2,715,302.05</u> |
| TOTAL CLAIMS PAID..... | \$ 7,333,630.07 |

Voting Yes: Ellis, Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, and Anderson

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, and Petersen

MOTION CARRIED

12699

Gene Willers, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, MOVED to approve an additional one (1) percent increase in the total 2020-2021 budget limit authority. Jeff Scherer SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Robinson, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, and Ellis

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, and Petersen

MOTION CARRIED

12700

Gene Willers MOVED to accept the Statements of Reimbursable Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Student Enrollment and Reimbursable Educational Units (REU) Audit Report for June 30, 2020 and 2019. Julie Robinson SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, and Robinson

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, and Petersen

MOTION CARRIED

12701

Del Ames, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee, MOVED to approve the recipients for the Alumni Hall of Success and Distinguished Service awards. Names of the award winners will not be disclosed until the recipients have been properly notified. Nicole Sedlacek SECONDED the motion

Voting Yes: Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, and Scherer

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, and Petersen

MOTION CARRIED

12702

MOTION was made by Julie Robinson, member of the Governance Committee, to approve the employment of Scott Gray, Vice President, Administrative Services, effective September 1, 2020. Del Ames SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Scherer, and Sedlacek

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, and Petersen

MOTION CARRIED

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In other business, Chairperson Anderson recognized staff member birthdays for the month of August.

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At 3:21 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.

Steve Anderson, Chairperson
Northeast Board of Governors

Julie Robinson, Secretary
Northeast Board of Governors