

**WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

April 19, 2023

The Western Community College Area Board of Governors held a Special meeting at 10:18 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2023 in the Coral E. Richards Boardroom at Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1601 East 27th Street, in the City of Scottsbluff, in the County of Scotts Bluff, in the State of Nebraska, as per the publicized notice in the Star-Herald on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

A current agenda was available in the Board Secretary's office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.

Roll Call

Board of Governors

Karen Anderson	Present
Margaret Crouse	Present
Linda Guzman-Gonzales	Present
Lynne Klemke	Present (via Zoom)
Allan Kreman	Present
Kimberly Marcy	Present (via Zoom)
William Packard	Present
Thomas Perkins	Absent
Coral Richards	Present
R. J. Savely, Jr.	Present
Richard Stickney	Present

Dr. Thomas Perkins notified the Board secretary he was unable to join the meeting because of personal health.

Quorum

Chair Klemke declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

Community Comments

Chair Klemke asked for comments from the community. Pursuant to Board Policy BP-101, Chair Klemke reminded community members who wish to make a comment that each speaker will be limited to a five-minute presentation. There were no community comments.

Board Chairperson Comments

Chair Klemke announced that for public information, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available on the table at the back of the room.

Chair Klemke announced that the Board reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary for any item on the agenda per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

Approval of the Agenda

Chair Klemke entertained a motion for approval of the agenda for the April 19, 2023 Special meeting. Mr. Kelly, College attorney, requested removal of item F(3) College President Recommendation. Mr. Kelly explained that the college president recommendation should be made at the April 19, 2023, 1:00 p.m. Regular Board meeting.

Dr. Crouse MOVED to approve the amended agenda for the April 19, 2023 Special meeting. SECONDED by Ms. Guzman-Gonzales. The vote was, Yes: Anderson, Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Perkins. Motion carried.

Comments from Dr. Angela Provart, Pauly Group President

Chair Klemke welcomed Dr. Provart and asked that she address the process for the meeting.

Dr. Provart explained that the strengths and weaknesses of each finalist candidate will be discussed. At the conclusion of discussion, Board members should be ready to make a recommendation for the College President.

Discussion of Finalist Candidates for College Presidency

Board members were informed that multiple executive sessions were possible and in the public interest regarding individual candidates for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

Chair Klemke entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session for discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the three finalist candidates, Dr. George McNulty, Mr. Greg Dart, and Dr. Todd Brand.

Executive Session

Dr. Crouse MOVED that the Board of Governors move into an Executive Session with Mr. Philip Kelly, College attorney, Ms. Susan Verbeck, Board secretary, Ms. Kathy Ault, Human Resources Executive Director, Ms. Lisa Gion, Human Resources Assistant Director, and Dr. Angela Provart, Pauly Group President, for the purpose of discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the three finalist candidates. SECONDED by Ms. Guzman-Gonzales.

The vote was, Yes: Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Anderson, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Perkins. Motion carried.

Chair Klemke stated the reason for the Executive Session was for the purpose of discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of each finalist candidate and that the Executive Session was necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individual(s). The Board of Governors and those so named in the motion adjourned to an Executive Session at 10:23 a.m.

The Executive Session ended at 12:16 p.m.

Open Meeting

Chair Klemke declared the Open meeting in session at 12:17 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, Coral E. Richards Boardroom, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:17 p.m.

F. Lynne Klemke, Chairperson
WCCA Board of Governors

Susan L. Verbeck, Secretary