

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, March 11, 2019  
at Dennon Museum Center, Janis Room, 1701 E. Front Street, Traverse City, MI**

**CALL TO ORDER**—Chair Chris M. Bott called the regular meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. when the Higher Learning Commission Team arrived.

**ROLL CALL**

Trustees present: Chris M. Bott, K. Ross Childs, Rachel A. Johnson, Jane T. McNabb, Kennard R. Weaver

Trustees absent: Douglas S. Bishop, Michael Estes

Also present: President Timothy J. Nelson, Jerry Achenbach, Vicki Cook, Marguerite Cotto, Joy Evans, Diana Fairbanks, Holly Gorton, Mark Liebling, Rebecca Teahen, Dr. Leslie Bleskachek, Jeff Bradford, Cory Clasemann-Ryan, Kathy Parkison

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the special meeting was for the visiting Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation team to interview the NMC Board of Trustees. The HLC team explained this visit is a normal part of the accreditation process as verification of what the college has provided in written reporting already submitted to the HLC.

**DISCUSSION**


Questions focused on how the Board supports and measures the goals and work of the college. The discussion included the college's mission and strategic plan and goals, the day to day management of the college versus the role of the Board, orientation and professional development of trustees, as well as potential ethical concerns.


**PUBLIC INPUT**—There was no public input offered.

**REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS**—Confirmed requests made by the Board that require administrative follow-up for information to be provided to the Board at a later date.

**ADJOURNMENT**—The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Recorded by Holly Gorton, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees.

SIGNED   
Chris M. Bott, Chair

ATTESTED   
Rachel A. Johnson, Vice Chair