

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
Monday, April 25, 2022
NMC Hagerty Center, Room C**

CALL TO ORDER—Chair Rachel A. Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present: Rachel A. Johnson, Laura J. Oblinger, Andrew K. Robitshek, Kennard R. Weaver, Chris M. Bott

Trustees absent: Douglas S. Bishop

Trustees participating remotely: Kenneth E. Warner, from Seattle, WA

Also present: President Nick Nissley, Lynne Moritz, Diana Fairbanks, Troy Kierczynski, Mark Liebling, Lindsey Lipke, Kyle Morrison, Todd Neibauer, Rebecca Teahen, Patti Burgess, Keith Kelly, Laura Matchett, Kristina Jackson, Russell Schindler, Stephen Siciliano, Tony Jenkins, Alex Bloye, Jason Slade, Bob Verschave

REVIEW OF AGENDA—The agenda was accepted as presented.

STRATEGIC FOCUS: Student Engagement and Success—Jason Slade, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, and Todd Neibauer, Vice President for Student Services and Technologies, provided an update on the second strategy included in the NMC Next strategic plan. The Board requested some modifications to the data being presented, and other comparisons to community college peers, which will be followed up at a later date.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Program Focus: College for Kids—Laura Matchett, Director of Extended Education Services (EES), and Kristy Jackson, Program Coordinator, highlighted the College for Kids program, which is in its 45th year. Jackson reviewed the challenges overcome throughout the past two years, and shared numbers for the 2022 season: there are over 100 enrichment classes for ages 3-17 on four NMC campuses. EES partners with numerous youth organizations in the area and leverages internal partners, such as regular and adjunct instructors who instruct College for Kids classes.

Faculty Report: Engaging NMC in Traverse City's Startup Community—Keith Kelly, Business and Technical Instructor, and member of the TCNewTech Board of Directors, discussed his year-long project on engaging in the startup ecosystem in Traverse City. Student Shelby S, currently working as a surveyor, provided a pitch presentation on the startup for Rod Leviora, a device she invented to ease surveying. Shelby will present her formal pitch during the first Northern Michigan Startup Week in early May. Kelly reviewed the NMC Makerspace and Startup Seminar course, and their role in the development of Startup Week.

PUBLIC INPUT—There was public input offered by Russ Schindler.

UPDATES

President's Update—President Nick Nissley provided updates on college events, including the first face-to-face orientation in two years; state budget developments; community college BSN

legislation, and other projects seeking state funding. Nissley also elaborated on the Discovery Pier project and NMC Foundation governance and strategic planning project, both of which were mentioned in his mid-month update to the Board of Trustees included in the meeting materials. In response to a question, Nissley also discussed feedback from community partners, such as the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation.

Board Chair Update—Chair Rachel Johnson thanked Trustee Oblinger for participating in a recent tour with Rep. Frederick and reminded all trustees to review the upcoming events during the busy end-of-semester time frame. Johnson reported on the work of the Board’s Executive Committee at their recent meeting on April 19, 2022, which included the modifications to the Board meeting agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS—On a motion by Kennard Weaver, seconded by Laura Oblinger, the following items were approved by a unanimous vote as a group without discussion:

- Minutes of the March 21, 2022 regular meeting
- Foundation Report—Rebecca Teahen, Associate Vice President for Resource Development and Executive Director of Foundation, provided the Foundation Report for
- PRMC Report—Diana Fairbanks, Associate Vice President of Public Relations, Marketing, and Communications
- Enrollment Report—Todd Neibauer, Vice President for Student Services and Technologies
- Financial Report—Troy Kierczynski, Vice President of Finance and Administration

ACTION ITEMS

MACC Grant Application—On a motion by Laura Oblinger, seconded by Kenanrd Weaver, the Board authorized for the Dennon Museum Center at Northwestern Michigan College to submit an application for grant funding in the amount of \$30,000 for project support from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC) in the current round of FY23 grant applications.

Aviation Purchase— Chris Bott made a motion, seconded by Laura Oblinger, the Board authorized administration to purchase a Cessna Skyhawk 172S not to exceed \$450,000, funded from the Aviation Capital Equipment Fund.

East Hall Sprinkler System—On a motion by Andy Robitshek, seconded by Chris Bott, the Board authorized administration to enter into a contract with Johnson Outdoors the amount of \$54,935 to replace the sprinkler system in East Hall.

Innovation Center Dewatering Project—Laura Oblinger made a motion, seconded by Kennard Weaver, the Board to authorize administration to enter into a contract with Elmer’s Crane and Dozer, Inc. in the amount of \$516,280 (plus 10% contingency) to implement a permanent dewatering system for the Timothy J. Nelson Innovation Center. Trustee Weaver requested assurance the project will not impact neighboring residents adjacent to the property on Eastern avenue.

Closed Session—Laura Oblinger made a motion, seconded by Chris Bott, that the Board convene in closed session as permitted by Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268, to discuss strategy connected with the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements between the

College and the Michigan Education Association. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Yes—Kennard Weaver, Andy Robitshek, Laura Oblinger, Chris Bott, Rachel Johnson; No—none; and the Board went into closed session at 6:48 p.m.

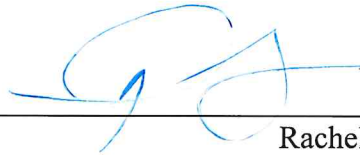
Reconvene Regular Meeting—On a motion by Kennard Weaver, seconded by Laura Oblinger, the closed session was adjourned and the open session was reconvened at 7:32 p.m. with the following roll call vote: Yes—Andy Robitshek, Chris Bott, Kennard Weaver, Laura Oblinger, Rachel Johnson; No—none.

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 7:33 p.m.

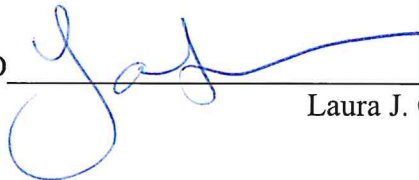
Recorded by Lynne Moritz, Executive Director of the President’s Office and Board Operations.

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Rachel A. Johnson, Chair

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Laura J. Oblinger, Vice Chair