

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

**Monday, September 26, 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, Chris M. Bott, Douglas S. Bishop, Kenneth E. Warner, Andrew K. Robitshek

Trustees absent: Kennard R. Weaver

Also present: President Nick Nissley, Lynne Moritz, Diana Fairbanks, Troy Kierczynski, Mark Liebling, Lindsey Lipke, Kyle Morrison, Todd Neibauer, Jennifer Hricik, Stephen Siciliano, Jason Slade, Nick Roster, Ed Bailey, Lindsey Lipke, Scott Swan, Patti Burgess, Nancy Schulte, Hans Van Sumeren, Tom Mair, Ann Rogers

REVIEW OF AGENDA—The agenda was accepted as presented.

STRATEGIC FOCUS—Future Focused Education—Jason Slade, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, and Stephen Siciliano, Vice President of Educational Services, summarized the progress made on strategy one and adjustments made to the metrics analyzed for each objective within the strategy.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Program Focus: Great Lakes Water Studies Institute (GLWSI)—Hans Van Sumeren, Director of GLWSI, and Ed Bailey, Program Director of the Marine Center, highlighted the comprehensive work of the water studies institute. As a part of strategy 5, objective two for NMC Next, Bailey emphasized the program review initiated by President Nissley. Partnerships with Greenspire High School and Discovery Pier, as well as a national marketing and recruiting plan, are two methods being pursued to achieve the goal of filling all course sections. The Marine Center offers professional and technical training, including continuing education, conferences, events, and webinars. Bailey reviewed partnerships and highlighted the Lakebed 2030 objective of mapping the Great Lakes by the year 2030.

Faculty Report: Equity Grading in Anatomy and Physiology—Dr. Nick Roster, Instructor and Assessment Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the history of grading and the three pillars of Equity Grading—accurate, bias resistant, motivational. According to this approach, grading must use calculations that are mathematically sound, easy to understand, and correctly describe a student's level of academic performance.

Enrollment Report—Todd Neibauer, Vice President for Student Services and Technologies, reviewed the fall enrollment report, highlighting the enrollment data of other Michigan community colleges and noting the elaborated housing data.

FY 2023 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan Overview—Troy Kierczynski, Vice President of Finance and Administration, stated the memo included in this month's packet is a prelude to next month's presentation of the Capital Outlay Plan. Kierczynski provided an update on the current Capital

Outlay project, the Osterlin Student Services Hub, which the Joint Committee on Capital Outlay will hold a hearing on September 28 in Lansing.

PUBLIC INPUT—There was public input offered by Ann Rogers.

UPDATES

President's Update—President Nick Nissley began his update by acknowledging kudos to the Great Lakes Culinary Institute received from the Detroit Red Wings Team Performance Dietician after GLCI provided meals for the team's training camp in Traverse City. In addition to reviewing fall semester welcome events, Nissley discussed the Aviation growth plan and provided updates on Capital Outlay, NMC Foundation's Strategic Planning process, and the state's Funding Formula Task Force. Lastly, Nissley acknowledged that 14 of the Traverse City Business News' "40 Under 40" honorees this year are NMC alumni.

Board Chair Update—Chair Rachel Johnson reminded trustees to complete their presidential evaluation survey by the deadline of this Friday, September 30, and noted she welcomes feedback on the process. Johnson invited trustees to share their memories in recognition of former trustee K. Ross Childs, who passed away on September 7, 2022.

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

- Minutes of the August 22, 2022 regular meeting
- Financial Report—*Troy Kierczynski, Vice President of Finance and Administration*
- PRMC Report—*Diana Fairbanks, Associate Vice President of Public Relations, Marketing, and Communications*
- Foundation Report—*Jennifer Hricik, Interim Associate Vice President for Resource Development and Executive Director of Foundation*
- Board Policy Committee—*Chris Bott, Committee Chair*
- Fellows Nominating Committee—*Ken Warner, Committee Chair*
- Presidential Performance and Compensation Committee—*Rachel Johnson, Committee Chair*

ACTION ITEMS

Local Strategic Value Resolution—On a motion by Ken Warner, seconded by Laura Oblinger, the Board adopted the Local Strategic Value Resolution, as presented, certifying that Northwestern Michigan College meets the best practice standards required by the appropriations law for fiscal year 2023. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

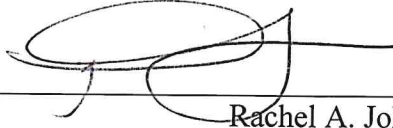
Board Policies—On a motion by Doug Bishop, seconded by Andy Robitshek, the following policies were adopted on a first-reading basis by a unanimous vote: Policy B-100.00 Board of Trustees Delegation to the President, Policy B-101.00 President's Role and Job Description, and (amended) Policy C-104.00 Institutional Effectiveness Criteria.


NMC Foundation By-laws—On a motion by Chris Bott, seconded by Doug Bishop, the Board unanimously approved the amended NMC Foundation Bylaws as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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 7:35 p.m.

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

SIGNED  _____
Rachel A. Johnson, Chair

ATTESTED  _____
Andrew K. Robitshek, Secretary