

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 19, 2024
Timothy J. Nelson Innovation Center
Room 106/107**

CALL TO ORDER—Chair Laura J. Oblinger called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present: Laura J. Oblinger, Chris M. Bott, Kennard R. Weaver, Kenneth E. Warner, Andrew K. Robitshek

Trustees remote: Douglas S. Bishop from Bonita Springs, FL, due to medical reasons

Also present: President Nick Nissley, Lynne Moritz, Molly Norville, Diana Fairbanks, Hollie DeWalt, Todd Neibauer, Marcus Bennett, Troy Kierczynski, Stephen Siciliano, Kyle Morrison, Jamie Gallagher, Bill Marsh, Jordan Ascione-Broad, Mark Keely, Merek Roman (via zoom), Pam Horne (via zoom)

REVIEW OF AGENDA—The agenda was accepted as presented.

Trustee Bishop attended remotely due to a medical condition, and therefore, could participate and vote in compliance with the NMC Board of Trustees bylaws and the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

DISCUSSION

Review of Trustee Selection Process—Chair Laura Oblinger reviewed the vacancy selection process.

Candidate Presentations and Clarifying Questions—Six candidates submitted applications according to the call for nominations; application materials were reviewed by trustees in advance of the special meeting. All six candidates gave brief presentations to the Board as to why they should be selected and addressed any clarifying questions.

PUBLIC INPUT—There was no public input offered.

DISCUSSION/ACTION—Trustees recognized the impressive slate of candidates and encouraged those not selected to fulfill the current vacancy, to consider running in the 2024 election. There will be three terms on the November ballot: two six-year terms and the remainder of Trustee Johnson's term (through December 31, 2026). In an adjustment to the planned process, candidates were respectfully asked to leave the room while the Board shared their verbal poll and discussed the candidates.

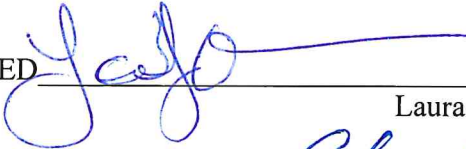
Discussion and Verbal Poll for Top Three Candidates—Each trustee verbally shared their top three candidates, in rank order, recorded by Molly Norville, Office Manager of the President's Office. As the verbal poll resulted in a clear first preference, candidates were invited back into the meeting room.

ACTION

Board Appointment—Ken Warner made a motion, seconded by Chris Bott, that Bill Marsh be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Northwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees per the Michigan Community College Act. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT—The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

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

SIGNED  _____
Laura J. Oblinger, Chair

ATTESTED  _____
Chris M. Bott, Secretary