

**Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees**  
**October 11, 2016**  
**Dolores Kaufman Boardroom**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 11, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. Prior to the regular meeting, the Board held an executive session at 3:30 p.m. to conduct a personnel hearing. At 5:45 p.m., the executive session was closed and the Board proceeded to dinner in the cafeteria.

Those members attending were Angie Chavez, George Nash, Mike Varney, Marilyn Fisher, and John Patrick. Those members absent were Lowell Kautz and Julie Kilty.

The meeting was opened at 6:15 p.m. Vice President Patrick presided over the meeting.

Human Resources Director Meyer introduced new employees Dean Gorsuch, welding instructor and Wendy George, counseling and disabilities coordinator.

Kim Russell, Student Senate sponsor introduced the Civitas recipients. The Student recipients were: Brittany Sauer, Warren Hays, Emma Rogers, Kyle Leoffler, Bryce Funk. The Staff recipients were: Kim Russell and Kyle Rice, Julie Sherbeyn, Marcella Schweitzer, John Hale, and Marisol Chavez. The Group recipients were: Sage Martin, Blaine Wilker, and Emily Reed; Zach Smith and Mai Lee Olsen; Cheer Squad/Spirit Team; Resident Assistants Kyle Nicolls, Tayler Hallums, Colton Borm, Danielle Long, Megan Beaver, Ali Hajenga, Josh Montel, Chelsi Law and Diandra Turner; and Food Service.

Jessica Rossi, Student Senate president presented the update.

Golf Coach Zach Smith introduced the members of his golf team.

As a result of the executive session running late, the Audit Report was presented by Wayne Herr from McGee, Hearne & Paiz, LLP during the regular meeting.

**ACTION:** The agenda was considered by the Board. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented; seconded by Mr. Varney. Motion carried unanimously.

In addition to his written update, Dr. Patterson noted Governor Mead plans to tour the Douglas Campus and nursing program on November 2, next week he will be attending the Wyoming Community College Commission meeting and the Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees Policy Summit in Laramie. He further noted the Governor has stated he is not anticipating any more cuts in this fiscal year but the legislature will review the budget during the session. There is still lots of uncertainty. CTEC beam signing scheduled for October 17 and 18 with the topping out ceremony scheduled for October 19.

**ACTION:** The Board was requested to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Nash moved and Ms. Fisher seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting and executive session, the FY-16 audit report, and the ratification of the appointment of Linda Day to the position of Families Becoming Independent (FBI) Coordinator. Motion was unanimously passed.

**ACTION:** Mr. Laher presented the financial report. He thanked the auditors and commended the staff for the good report. In addition, Mr. Willox presented a financial report for the Douglas Campus Construction project. EWC will be due a refund of \$163,811.04. Mr. Varney moved to approve the financial report, as presented. Ms. Chavez seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

**ACTION:** The Board was requested to consider revisions to Board Policy 1.0 College Mission and Strategic Directions. The revisions to the Policy include moving the strategic directions to an Administrative Rule and adding the Vision Statement to the Policy. In addition, the strategic directions were updated to reflect the latest version approved by the Board in October of 2015. Mrs. Chavez moved to approve on first reading the revisions to Board Policy 1.0 College Mission & Strategic Directions and associated Administrative Rule, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Nash and the motion was carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Dr. Patterson requested the Board consider sending an official request to the Foundation to assist in a fundraising campaign for construction of the Ag facility. Mr. Patrick suggested Dr. Patterson send a letter to the Foundation requesting their assistance. He further suggested a review by Mr. Evans prior to sending the letter. Ms. Fisher moved to approve requesting Foundation assistance with fundraising for the agriculture facility, as presented. Mrs. Chavez seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

Updates were provided by Student Services, Academic Services, Faculty Senate, Institutional Development, and Staff Alliance. In addition, a presentation was provided on the progress of the CTEC and other construction projects.

Under Trustee Topics, the Board took the following action:

**ACTION:** Ms. Fisher moved to appoint Lowell Kautz to serve as the hearing officer. Seconded by Mr. Varney; unanimously passed.

The Trustees held a discussion on whether there is a need to change the Douglas Campus name to the Converse County Campus. Dr. Patterson explained there are some inconsistencies relating to titles versus campus name. Mr. Willox indicated he will visit with the Advisory Council to see what their thoughts are related to the name of the Douglas Campus.

**ACTION:** The Board held a discussion on who should be EWC's nominee for the WACCT Trustee of the Year Award. Ms. Fisher moved to approve appointing Mike Varney as EWC's nominee; second by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Willox requested the Board take some time to consider how to make the welding program at the Douglas Campus become the next gold standard program for Douglas. Dr. Patterson indicated the administration is having those same discussions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Holly L. Branham

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Lowell Kautz, President

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Marilyn Fisher, Secretary