

**Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees
January 10, 2017
Dolores Kaufman Boardroom**

Board Meeting Minutes

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 10, 2017 in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

Those members attending were Lowell Kautz, Kriss Hovis, John Patrick, George Nash, Mike Varney, and Jim Willox. Angie Chavez and Marilyn Fisher participated by telephone.

ACTION: At 4:00 p.m., Mr. Patrick moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel; seconded by Mr. Varney. Motion carried unanimously.

The executive session closed at 5:05 p.m. and the Board proceeded to dinner.

At 5:45 p.m., Board President Kautz reconvened the regular meeting.

ACTION: Mr. Varney moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Mr. Nash seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

In addition to his written update, President Patterson informed the Board the faculty will be back on campus on Wednesday, the College will close for Martin Luther King Day, the Foundation will be kicking off the ATEC capital campaign on Thursday night, and the legislative session begins on Wednesday.

ACTION: The Board considered the consent agenda. Mr. Varney moved and Ms. Hovis seconded to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the December 13, 2016 meeting and executive session, and the resignation of Mike Durfee. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Laher presented the financial report. Ms. Hovis moved to approve the financial report; second by Mr. Patrick. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: The Trustees were informed Andy Espinoza and Peggy Knittel had submitted their letters indicating their intent to retire early per Board Policy 3.17. Mrs. Chavez moved to approve early retirement requests of Andy Espinoza and Dr. Peggy Knittel and thank them for their service; seconded by Mr. Varney. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: At last month's board meeting, Trustee Hovis was appointed to serve as a board representative to the Foundation. There was confusion on which trustee term was up for reappointment and it should have been Trustee Patrick's term instead of Trustee Kautz. The Board can appoint up to three representatives to the Foundation. After discussion with Mr. Hansen and Mr. Kautz, it was agreed to bring to the Board for consideration the reappointment of Trustee Patrick and Trustee Kautz as board representatives to the Foundation. In the future, all board representatives will be appointed at the December organizational meeting. Ms. Fisher moved to approve the reappointment of John Patrick and Lowell Kautz as board representatives to the Foundation; second by Mr. Varney. Motion passed unanimously.

Updates were provided by Institutional Development, Student Services, Academic Services, Human Resources, Faculty Senate, Staff Alliance as well as an update on current construction projects.

Under Trustee Topics, Mr. Kautz informed the Board a special board meeting is scheduled for January 27, at 2:00 p.m. to meet with Dr. Nolte the presidential search consultant. Trustee Kautz requested trustees let Holly know if they plan to attend the WACCT Conference and Legislative Reception.

In addition, Trustee Kautz presented Trustee Varney with a certificate for being EWC's nominee for the WACCT Trustee Leadership Award.

ACTION: At 6:35 p.m., Ms. Hovis moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel; Mrs. Chavez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The executive session closed at 8:20 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened.

ACTION: Mr. Patrick made a motion to hire the Office of Administrative Hearings to handle the remaining grievances. Mr. Varney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Holly L. Branham

Lowell Kautz, President

Marilyn Fisher, Secretary