



**EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2020, 3:00 pm / ZOOM**

Statement

Eastern Wyoming College will be an innovative learning environment for academic excellence and community enrichment that champions student success.

Vision

College Mission

Student success is our first priority; as a learning community, we provide opportunities that enable students to achieve their goals and enrich our unique region through work, partnerships, and student achievement.

The EWC Board of Trustees met on September 28, 2020, at 3:00 pm, for a Special Meeting in the Delores Kaufman Boardroom. Board members present were Bob Baumgartner, Randy Adams, John Patrick, Judith Bartmann, Mike Varney, Tom John McCreery, and Jim Willox (zoom), Colby Ochsner-absent.

ACTION: Trustee Patrick made a motion to approve the Special Meeting agenda with the added discussion concerning the Gillette College application. Trustee McCreery seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation: Mr. Roger Humphrey presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Eastern Wyoming College Review of Draft Strategic Goals and the Executive Summary for the Strategic Plan 2020-2025. This plan included Institutional Key Performance Indicators, Baseline conversion, retention, persistence and completion rates and target information.

Added Topic to Agenda, Gillette College Application – Trustee Patrick:

Trustee Patrick addressed the Board with concerns and information regarding the proposed Gillette College application. Trustee Patrick brought forward a prepared statement on his perception of this new application. He expressed concerns about the current financial instability of our State and the continued budget cuts that community colleges are currently facing. His intention was to provide the Board with information regarding this subject and to ask the Board what the appropriate response should be. Dr. Travers will write a letter to Mr. Rob Dennis of the Wyoming Community College Commission with a brief discussion on where EWC stands with this situation. The response letter is due by September 30th. The WCCC will be holding an online comment period from Oct. 9th to Oct. 23rd and a public listening session on October 10th from 2:00-4:30 pm for information on the Campbell County Community College District.

Chairman Baumgartner stated that we would add this topic to the October Board meeting and discuss strategies and options to respond as a Board on this subject.

Discussion: Dr. Travers presented a PowerPoint presentation on Legislative training for the Board and Legislative talking points. She also provided the Board with District and Service Area Legislators to contact and provide them with positive and informative information on Eastern Wyoming College and what the college has to offer students.

ACTION: Trustee Bartmann made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Trustee McCreery seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Bob Baumgartner, Chair

Sally Watson, Executive Assistant

Colby Ochsner, Secretary