



Eastern Wyoming College  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2022, 5:45 pm

The Board of Trustees met for dinner at 5:00 pm. Members present: Bob Baumgartner, Kurt Sittner, Judith Bartmann, Tom John McCreery, Mike Varney and Jim Willox. John Patrick and Randy Adams were absent.

The meeting began at 5:45 pm. Coach Tom Andersen introduced the EWC Men's Basketball Team. Each member stated where they were from and what their major was.

Ms. Holly Lara, HR Director, introduced new employees to EWC, which included Mr. Todd Ascherl - Chemistry Instructor, Mr. Zane Freouf - Custodian/Grounds, Ms. Beth Martin - Art Instructor, Ms. Amy Palmer - Cook, and Mr. Matt Scott - Precision Agriculture Instructor.

**ACTION:** Trustee Bartmann moved to approve the February 8, 2022, Agenda with the Addendum to the Consent Agenda. Trustee McCreery seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Travers informed the Board of the upcoming WACCT meeting and reception on Feb. 24-25<sup>th</sup> at LCCC in Cheyenne. She will be attending Legislative sessions from Feb. 28 to March 4<sup>th</sup>. Important issues presented will be sustainable funding for community colleges and raises for community college staff.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Trustee McCreery moved to approve the February 8, 2022, Consent Agenda, which included Minutes from the January 11, 2022, Board Meeting, the resignation of Ms. Dantia Palmer, Custodian, the resignation of Ms. Holly Lara, Director of Human Resources, the resignation of Mr. Dante Geoffrey, and the appointment of Mr. Chris Reyes, Custodian.

**Comment:** Trustee Sittner stated that his name was left out of the January minutes.

**ACTION:** Trustee McCreery moved to amend the motion to approve the January minutes with the addition of Kurt Sittner's name. Trustee Sittner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT - Kwin Wilkes**

Mr. Wilkes presented information on the February Fiscal Report. He stated he will be able to close Fiscal Year 2020 in Colleague. April may be the earliest that the audit can be done. Cares Money II has been approved and he is waiting for documentation. We were awarded \$735,000. We are currently in the process of developing lists and criteria for spending that money.

**Comment:** Chair Baumgartner would like a trustee on the Budget Review Committee. Trustee McCreery volunteered to be on the committee.

**ACTION:** Trustee Bartmann moved to approve the February Fiscal Report. Trustee McCreery seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Trustee Varney moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Tom Andersen to the position of Men's Head Basketball Coach effective immediately. Trustee McCreery seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

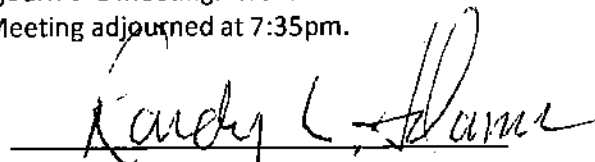
1. Mr. Keith Jarvis updated the Board on Construction and Major Maintenance. The ATEC wall paper has been installed. Other updates included the campus access control, the card reader, replacing the outdated video system in Eastern Hall, Johnson Controls installing room controls, the fire alarm update, the Eastern Hall emergency backup generator, the activity center chiller replacement, work orders, and the labor shortage report.
2. Dr. Margaret Farley updated the Board on the Douglas Campus. Margaret and Jim Willox spoke about the EDA Grant plans from the Architect for the Douglas campus. Additions of classrooms, and storage will be a big part of the design. Part of the money can be for programing. We have proposed a Construction Technology Program to be added to our campus programs. We need a letter of support from the Board of Trustees for this grant. The top number is \$3 M for the grant. Both high schools have credentialed instructors and equipment to use and share. Goshen County Economic Development may be a support option too. Converse County may take the lead on this.
3. Ms. Kelly Strampe updated the Board on Faculty Senate. Kelly introduced herself and gave a brief history of her professional career at EWC. Kelly talked about different incentives for faculty and stated that in her 11 years here at EWC she has not had a salary increase. The morale is low because of low salaries and expressed that additional faculty would be a great help with overload.
4. Mr. John Hansen updated the Board on Institutional Development and the Foundation. John spoke about the Dow market. The Sagebrush & Roses live auction brought in \$31,000 and the sponsorship raised \$37,000. There were about 360 attendees.
5. Ms. Holly Lara updated the Board on Human Resources. There are 17 benefitted vacancies. There are 32 applicants for college president and will close on Friday. The committee will meet on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> and will select candidates for video interviews. There will be instructor positions to approve at the March Board meeting.
6. Ms. Callie Allred, Staff Alliance President introduced herself to Board.

## TRUSTEE TOPICS

Trustee Bartmann stated that she and Trustee McCreery will be attending the WACCT meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> and also the breakfast meeting the next day in Cheyenne.

**ACTION:** Trustee Bartmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sittner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

  
Bob Baumgartner, Board Chair

  
Randy Adams, Secretary

  
Sally Watson, Executive Assistant