



**Eastern Wyoming College
Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022, 11:00 am
Dolores Kaufman Board Room**

Members present: Bob Baumgartner, Randy Adams, John Patrick, Kurt Sittner, Tom John McCreery, Judith Bartmann, and Jackie Van Mark

Bob Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

Trustee Van Mark moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Patrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Statement by Board Chairman Bob Baumgartner

Chairman Baumgartner stated that the Board took action on April 15, 2022, in an Emergency meeting for continuity of Leadership. HLC states that there must be a seamless transmission between the resignation of the current president and the appointment of an interim president. The Board called this meeting to ratify the actions of the meeting on April 15, 2022.

Public Comments

Public comments were received from Suzey Delger, Karen Posten, Glen Morovits, Jan lilitweit, Katie Brigham, Aaron Bahmer, Kim Russell, Margaret Farley and Deb Ochsner.

The subject of comments ranged from the need to offer Zoom for all the Board Meetings from here on out, reevaluating the governance rules, why the public was not notified of the meeting on Friday, and the fear of retaliation if anyone was to approach a Board member with concerns.

Trustees VanMark and McCreery expressed to the group that the employee concerns were valued and they will do everything they can to improve the communication at the College. Chairman Baumgartner stated that his hope is that everyone can move forward and work together.

Trustee McCreery moved to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and to consider or receive information classified as confidential by law pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§16-4-405(a)(ii)(ix)(x) Trustee Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session began.

Trustee Patrick moved to adjourn Executive Session. Trustee Van Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

Trustee Adams moved to approve the ratification to consider and act upon the acceptance of Dr. Lesley Traver's resignation of College President, effective immediately. Trustee VanMark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Adams moved to approve the ratification to consider and act upon the appointment of Dr. Richard Patterson as the Interim College President, effectively immediately. Trustee McCreery seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee VanMark moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee McCreery seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Bob Baumgartner, Board Chair

Randy Adams, Secretary

Sally Watson, Executive Assistant