



EWC Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes

November 12, 2024

I. Chairman VanMark called the meeting to order.

II. Approved the November 12, 2024 Agenda.

Motion: Randy Adams moved to approve the November 12, 2024 meeting agenda. Seconded by Rick Vonburg. Motion passed.

III. Introductions

1. Dr. LeAnne Smith was honored at the Board Meeting for the Wyoming Department of Education's Innovative Educator of the Year. This prestigious award reflects the creativity, dedication, and exceptional impact on our students and college community.
2. Rodeo Coach Whit Peterson introduced the 2025 EWC Rodeo Team, highlighting their academic achievements and the challenges they face as student athletes. He also mentioned the team's fundraiser, is November 22nd.
3. Mr. Korell presented information on the EWC Volleyball team and their awards along with Coach George Hamilton's award for Coach of the Year.
4. The EWC Student Senate Officers introduced themselves and presented information on the activities they have been involved in the last few months.

IV. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

V. Administrative Reports

1. Dr. Hawes presented information on the Crosswalk for Strategic Goals, President's Goals and KPIs, and the Alignment of BP 1.0 & AR 1.0.1 with President Goals & KPIs.
2. Dr. Hawes and Trustee Katherine Patrick informed the Board about their recent trip to Seattle, Washington for the 2024 ACCT Conference Overview. Trustee Patrick provided an overview of her findings and ideas from the conference.
3. Dr. Hawes introduced Ferrilli members, Susan Kannewischer, Emily Baker and Kimberly Steele. Ferrilli consultants are working to improve operational efficiency and optimize the use of the Colleague system. Susan is working closely with the financial aid office to streamline processes, automate tasks, and better utilize the system's capabilities.
4. Dr. Hawes informed the Board of the transition from OnBoard to Diligent Community platform that will be instigated next month.
5. Chief Financial Officer, Kwin Wilkes presented the October monthly financial report, which provided an unaudited update regarding revenues and expenditures for the operational and auxiliary funds.

VI. Board Consent Agenda - The consent agenda was approved with the following ratifications:

1. Ratification of the October 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes.
2. Ratification of the October 2024 Expenditure Report.
3. Ratification retirement for Mr. Tyler Vasko as of December 13, 2024.

Motion: Bob Baumgartner moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Rick Vonburg. Motion passed.

VII. Board Approval of Action Items

1. **Approved the repeal of Strategic Priorities and KPIs for FY20-25.**

Motion: Randy Adams made a motion to repeal the Strategic Priorities and KPIs for FY20-25. Seconded by Bob Baumgartner. Motion passed.

2. **Approved the New KPIs for FY25.**

Motion: Doug Mercer moved to approve the New KPIs for FY25. Seconded by Rick Vonburg. Motion passed.

3. **Approved the Zero-Sum Budgeting process for FY25.**

Motion: Rick Vonburg moved to approve the Zero-Sum Budgeting process for FY25. Seconded by Bob Baumgartner. Motion passed.

4. **Approved the First Reading of Board Policy 2.3 Communicable Disease**

Motion: Katherine Patrick moved to approve the first reading of Policy 2.3 Communicable Disease. Seconded by Randy Adams. Motion passed

5. **Approved to ratify the purchase of the Polaris Utility Vehicle from Frank Powersports originally approved not to exceed \$50,000; current invoice totaled \$50,958.94. The new approval is for \$958.94.**

Motion: Rick Vonburg moved to approve the ratification of the purchase of the Polaris Utility Vehicle from Frank Powersports with an additional expense of \$958.94. Seconded by Katherine Patrick. Motion passed.

VIII. Departmental Reports

Dr. Farley provided an update on the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) process and policy changes, including the institution's responsibility to determine faculty qualifications.

Dr. Hawes stated there is a potential impact of these changes on concurrent enrollment in high schools and the need for a work session to review the institution's matrix for faculty qualifications.

IX. Trustee Topics

1. Mr. Jim Willox discussed the financial situation regarding the EWC-Douglas expansion, stating that they are 98% confident they can make up the \$231,000 shortfall. He concluded by stating that they are in a good position to meet their deadline of late December. Mr. Willox wanted to inform the Board and get their opinion on this process. The Board was in agreement with Jim's information. Clarification was made by Attorney Metzler there was no need for a motion and approval as this was only informational.

2. Ms. Dami Metzler announced her departure from Coal Creek Law and stated the new attorney would be introduced at the December meeting.
3. Trustee Sitter appreciated the personal note from LCCC regarding our students and commended the college for receiving a heartfelt message.
4. Trustee Baumgartner heard positive things about EWC hosting the Goshen County Cattlewomen.
5. Trustee Vonburg is on the Communications Committee and wants to get the word out on the positive things EWC is doing.
6. Trustee Patrick spoke more about the ACCT Conference and had Sally send information to the Board for further review.

X. Adjournment to Executive Session


1. Executive Session - Wyo. Stat § 16-4-405 (a)
Wyo. Stat. § 16-4-405 (a)(iii) - - Potential Litigation

Motion: Trustee Baumgartner moved to adjourn into Executive Session. Seconded by Doug Mercer. Motion passed.

No actions took place after Executive Session.



Jackie Van Mark, Chairman



Randy Adams, Secretary



Sally Watson, Executive Assistant