

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

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A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Monahan asked Rita Eyerly to call the roll:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristen DuPree, Treasurer
Adam Gotschall, Secretary
Theresa Love-Hug
Linda McDermitt, Assistant Secretary
Maureen Monahan, Chair
Zach Reinhardt
Tammy Wright
Zach Pechacek, Faculty Ex Officio
Eldaide Zulu, Student Ex Officio

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brad Ashby
Martha Bruckner
Phillip Klein
Fred Uhe, Vice Chair

Also Present: Randy Schmailzl, College President

Agenda Item 1 — Preliminaries

Agenda Item 1d — Announcement of Posted Location of Open Meetings Act

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chair reported that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act had been posted in the rear of the room.

Agenda Item 1e — Recording of Notice of Public Meeting

The Chair then reported on the recording of the Notice of Public Meeting and stated the following:

1. *Proof of Publication, pursuant to Policy 10503 of the Board of Governors, in the form of an affidavit of an employee of the Omaha World-Herald, to the effect*

that notice of this meeting was published in that newspaper on October 4, 2024, and on the Omaha World-Herald website Omaha.com from October 4 - 10, 2024.

2. Affidavit of College employee Rita Eyerly, to the effect that a copy of the published Notice of Meeting was transmitted to each member of the Board of Governors in a manner specified by Policy 10503 of the Board of Governors.

The notice of the meeting stated that an agenda for this meeting, kept continually current, was available for public inspection at the principal office of the Board of Governors, Building No. 30, 30th and Fort Streets, Omaha, Nebraska, by making prior arrangements by calling 531-622-2415.

Without objection, the Chair of the Board ordered that the affidavits be attached to the minutes of the meeting and made a part of the official proceedings of the Board of Governors.

Agenda Item 2 — Public Comments

Brenda Wolf, majority owner of Japp Brothers Grading, LLC, commented on the Sarpy County Campus project road grading bid process.

Agenda Item 3 — Report Agenda

Agenda Item 3a — Ex Officio Board Members' Reports

Student Ex Officio Representative Report

Zulu highlighted her written report, referencing a trip of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society members to Kansas City to represent the College's Beta Pi Beta Chapter.

Faculty Ex Officio Representative Report

Pechacek introduced Mike Flesch, project coordinator, who began the presentation on the Nebraska Math Readiness Project (NMRP). Flesch introduced Michelle Jansen-Griswold and Marcia Vergo, MCC math instructors and NMRP co-directors for MCC. NMRP has been operational since fall of 2015 and grant-funded since 2017. An external team of evaluators guides bi-weekly meetings for all participating colleges across the state of Nebraska. Over the years, MCC has maintained its own independent program, while other community colleges participated under a joint grant-funded program. Work is currently underway to find sustainable funding for the future. MCC's current involvement includes 15 school districts, 22 high schools and 329 students.

Through NMRP, students receive one-on-one help, learn time management and receive other encouragement to build their math skills. Approximately half of the MCC students are in the trades or business track, which includes pre-algebra and technical math or business math. Students in the academic track take pre-algebra, beginning and college algebra. All students share the same self-paced classroom at each school. The team reported on participation and outcome data for 2023-24, noting that 88% of enrolled

students completed at least one class and 72.7% are now considered college-ready. Flesch said the outcomes are outstanding for students who are traditionally underperforming in math classes, and who otherwise would have needed to start in developmental math classes at the college level.

The team noted future funding sources are being explored to keep the program viable. Vergo shared personal stories illustrating the value of the program. The university system has also benefitted from the consistent application of curriculum across the state.

Reinhardt commended the team on the program and shared a personal success story relating to math at MCC. Wright asked about “old math” versus “new math.” The team noted the difference is really how students are taught to process math problems. DuPree thanked the team for their work with this valuable program. She asked about the growth of the program. Flesch said the Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium (MOEC) has been instrumental in the growth of NMRP. Gottschall joined the other Board members in praising the program and thanking the team for their dedication.

Agenda 3b — Chair of the Board’s Report

Monahan reported that as she and others have been working on the presentation about Ooh de Lally, for the ACCT conference in Seattle, she has appreciated learning more of the impact of the MCC 180 Re-entry program on the participants and the community.

Agenda 3c — Board Members’ Reports

Wright reported on two events she recently attended.

Agenda 3d — President’s Report

Schmailzl introduce Daniel Mohr, veterans center director, who gave a brief introduction to the Veterans and Military Resource Center (VMRC). He stated that military veterans, spouses and children have access to the VMRC. The VMRC is able to provide academic support and point students to College and community resources.

Mohr invited the Board to attend the November 7, 2024, MCC Veterans Day Celebration at 10 am on the South Omaha Campus. He thanked the MCC administration and Board for their support in the VMRC growth.

McDermitt thanked Mohr and his staff for their unwavering support of veterans.

Schmailzl asked Jim Thibodeau, general counsel, to provide an update on the Elkhorn Valley Campus rezoning. Thibodeau reported that after years of work, the Omaha City Council finally approved the replating and rezoning of EVC from agricultural to R5 Urban Family Residential on October 8, 2024. This zoning designation is compatible with our use, and should open doors to the possibility of future development of EVC.

He added we are anticipating requests on the Agenda in November or December to grant two small easements on the Fort Omaha Campus in favor of the City of Omaha for traffic signal upgrades along 30th Street.

Agenda 3e — Regular Reports

No questions were asked. No comments were made.

Agenda 3f — Quarterly Reports

No questions were asked. No comments were made.

Agenda 3g — Dual Enrollment Report

Schmailzl introduced Jordan Pirtle, dean of secondary partnerships, to provide the annual report. She stated the role of her team is to coordinate all dual enrollment efforts with all high school partners. She noted the impact American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding made, which enabled MCC to offer tuition-free courses beginning in 2022-23, leading to increased enrollment.

She referenced additional programming at Blair High School, as an example of the unique way each school district applies the opportunity for their students. Pirtle stated MCC staff serve as embedded navigators within high schools, to support student participation. She underscored the importance of building relationships to grow the program, highlighting recent 40% growth in career academy programs.

Pirtle shared how two staff members developed Future Fridays, a new program within the career academies, which includes intentional programming on Fridays, such as study tips, career experiences, scholarship guidance, writing tips, and other support. The number of approved faculty continues to grow, which leads to consistent growth in credit hours available to students. Gateway to College and Northwest Early College programs were also highlighted.

Gottschall thanked her for the work her secondary partnerships team does. Monahan commented about how many people she knows who greatly appreciate the program.

Schmailzl added that we will be addressing this topic in the biennium budget request this coming year. We are reviewing cost-benefit factors to consider two decision points as the ARPA funding concludes: (a) go back to 50% tuition rate or (b) continue with the free tuition, knowing we have to be successful in the legislature. Gottschall commented on the importance of investment in education. Schmailzl commented on the return on investment for the state so far.

Agenda Item 4 — Consent Agenda Items

Items remaining on the consent agenda are 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 6f

Agenda Item 6 — Items Removed from Consent Agenda (if any)

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Agenda Item 6 — Action Agenda

Agenda Item 6a — Consideration of Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2024, Board of Governors Meeting, Board Doc. 8063

Agenda Item 6b — Consideration of Resolution Approving Personnel Appointments, Board Doc. 8064

WHEREAS, per Board Policy 60205, the Board of Governors shall have final approval of all full-time contracts for administrative, support and faculty personnel.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments and employment contracts be approved and/or ratified by the Board of Governors:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Accounting Instructor	Aaron Hill	12/02/2024	\$ 88,751.00
Accounting / Business Administration Instructor	Gay Lynn Brown	12/02/2024	\$ 99,270.00
Associate Dean of English and Humanities	Chad Jorgensen	10/16/2024	\$106,000.00
Pathway Coordinator	Corey Lynch	10/16/2024	\$ 67,686.01

Accounting Instructor - *The Instructor teaches a full range of accounting coursework with excellence and serves as an ambassador for the College at community outreach events. This position participates collaboratively in curriculum review and development, outcomes assessment, advisory council activities, projects, and other department or College activities. (Aaron Hill)*

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Associate Dean of English and Humanities - *The Associate Dean provides leadership and administrative support focused on faculty and student success,*

promoting excellence in teaching and learning. This position supervises full-time and adjunct faculty, communicates across academic areas and manages situations in a collaborative manner. (Chad Jorgensen)

Pathway Coordinator - *The Pathway Coordinator oversees the collaboration and recruitment of industry relationships for academic programming within the career and technical education area to improve enrollment, retention and completion rates. This position works directly with industry to increase the number of students involved in work-based learning opportunities. (Corey Lynch)*

Agenda Item 6c — Consideration of Resolution Establishing the College’s Academic Calendar for 2025-26, Board Doc. 8065

WHEREAS, *per board policy 40402 (Academic Annual Calendar and Course Offerings Schedule) the Board of Governors shall approve an annual calendar designating the length of academic terms;*

WHEREAS, *the College’s Academic Council, as well as College administration, has unanimously recommended the calendar under consideration;*

WHEREAS, *the calendar under consideration includes the required number of faculty work days and instructional days;*

BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area hereby authorizes the College to establish the 2025-26 Academic Calendar; same being identified as Board Document No. 8065a.*

Agenda Item 6d — Consideration of Resolution Rescinding the September 24, 2024 Selection of a Contractor to Provide Grading and Excavation Services at the Sarpy County Campus, Board Doc. 8066

BE IT RESOLVED, *that this Board of Governors hereby rescinds its approval of Agenda item 7g on its September 24, 2024, meeting Agenda, to wit: “Resolution Approving Contractor to Provide Sarpy County Campus Grading and Excavation”, and directs administration to rebid the project seeking bids/proposals from contractors interested providing excavation and grading services at the Sarpy County Campus.*

Agenda Item 6e — Consideration of Resolution Approving the Updated Makerspace Lease, Board Doc. 8067

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD *that it hereby approves the proposed one-year extension of the College’s lease Agreement (7th Amendment to Lease Agreement) with Future Forward, LLC, for approximately 7,200 ft² of space (suites 2 and 3B) for \$4,635 per month from July 1, 2024 until August 31, 2024, and approximately 10,180 ft² of space (suites 2, 3B, and 4-2) for \$6,267 per month from September 1, 2024, until June*

30, 2025, at the Makerspace, 1411 North 11th Street, hereby superseding the Lease Extension approved by the Board as Agenda item 6e at its July 23, 2024 meeting; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board authorizes the College President to execute the revised 7th Amendment to Lease Agreement between the College and Future Forward, LLC, with such modifications, changes, and amendments as the President, in consultation with college legal counsel, may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the College.

Agenda Item 6f — Consideration of Resolution Approving Renewal of Nutanix Hyperconverged Server and Data Storage Three-Year Support Agreement, Board Doc. 8068

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby approves renewal of the Nutanix Hyperconverged Server and Data Storage Solution support agreement for a term of three years, with an estimated cost of \$610,770.16, and authorizes the President to execute said Agreement, with such modifications, changes and amendments as the President, in consultation with College legal counsel, may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the College.

MOTION: Reinhardt moved to approve the consent agenda; DuPree seconded the motion.

Adam Gotschall, yes
Theresa Love-Hug, yes
Linda McDermitt, yes
Maureen Monahan, yes
Zach Reinhardt, yes
Tammy Wright, yes
Kristen DuPree, yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7 — Adjournment

MOTION: Reinhardt moved to adjourn the meeting; Love-Hug seconded the motion.

Theresa Love-Hug, yes
Linda McDermitt, yes
Maureen Monahan, yes
Zach Reinhardt, yes
Tammy Wright, yes
Kristen DuPree, yes
Adam Gotschall, yes

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Adam Gotschall, Secretary, Board of Governors

Date

AFFIDAVIT OF TRANSMISSION OF NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) SS
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

Rita Eyerly, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and states as follows:

1. That pursuant to direction received from the Chair of the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area, I caused the following Notice to wit:

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area will meet on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, commencing at 6:30 o'clock P.M. at the Fort Omaha Campus, 32nd & Sorensen Parkway, in the Mule Barn, Building 21, Room 112, Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continually current, is readily available for public inspection at the principal office of said Board of Governors, 30th & Fort Streets, Building 30, Omaha, Nebraska, during normal business hours.

Maureen Monahan
Chair, Board of Governors

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to be published in *Omaha World-Herald* on October 4, 2024; and that the order to said newspaper was made by electronic transmission on October 1, 2024.

1. That on October 3, a copy of such Notice was addressed and sent by e-mail or, if so requested, by personal delivery to each member of the Board of Governors.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Rita Eyerly

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 4th day of October, 2024

State of Nebraska – General Notary
JOLYNN EMERY
My Commission Expires
November 30, 2026

Jollynn Emery

Notary Public



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AFFIDAVIT

State of Pennsylvania, County of Lancaster, ss:

I, Yuade Moore, being of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath, hereby depose and say that I am agent of Column Software, PBC, duly appointed and authorized agent of the Publisher of Omaha World Herald, a legal daily newspaper printed and published in the counties of Douglas and Cass and State of Nebraska, and of general circulation in the Counties of Douglas, and Sarpy and State of Nebraska, and that the attached printed notice was published in said newspaper on the dates stated below and that said newspaper is a legal newspaper under the statutes of the State of Nebraska.

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(Signed) Yuade Moore

VERIFICATION

State of Pennsylvania
County of Lancaster

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Nicole Burkholder, Notary Public
Lancaster County
My commission expires March 30, 2027
Commission Number 1342120

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me on this: 10/04/2024

Nicole Burkholder
Notary Public

Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.