

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS'  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 5, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Fort Omaha Campus, Building 21, Room 112.

Chair Uhe asked the Recording Secretary to the Board to call the roll:

**Members Present:**

Kristen DuPree  
Adam Gotschall, Secretary  
Phillip Klein  
Theresa Love-Hug  
Linda McDermitt, Assistant Secretary  
Maureen Monahan, Treasurer  
Zach Reinhardt  
Fred Uhe, Chair  
Tammy Wright  
Zach Pechacek, Faculty Ex-Officio Representative

**Members Absent:**

Brad Ashby, Vice Chair

**Also Present:** Randy Schmailzl, College President

**Agenda Item 1c—Pledge of Allegiance**

Uhe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Chair reported that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act had been posted on the room doors.

**Agenda Item 1e—Recording of Notice of Public Meeting**

The Chair reported on 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, a newspaper of general circulation within Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties, Nebraska to the effect that notice of this meeting was published in that newspaper on September 22, 2023, and on the Omaha World-Herald website Omaha.com from September 22-28, 2023.*

2. *Affidavit of College employee Julie Lanxon, to the effect that a copy of the published Notice of Meeting was transmitted to each member of the Board of Governors, on September 21, 2023, 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.*

## **Agenda Item 2—Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## **Agenda Item 3—Discussion**

### **Agenda Item 3a—College Planning**

Schmailzl stated a draft of the MCC facilities long-range plan will be presented during tonight's workshop. This long-range plan establishes a framework for decision-making going forward. The draft shared with the Board represents at least the fourth generation of this type of plan throughout the College's history. He stressed that this workshop was designed to afford the Board the opportunity to discuss planning for the future, ask questions, and discuss next steps. He turned the workshop over to Kay Friesen, vice president for operations, and Cathy Brown, director of planning and projects.

#### Facilities Long-Range Plan

Friesen and Brown shared some context about the College's history with previous master plans and presented a high-level overview of the current draft. Next year is the College's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which has provided staff an opportunity to uncover some interesting documents and reflect back on how far we have come. Some highlights included:

- A summary of an early 1980's Board meeting illustrating how the Board led a planning process that resulted in affirmation of a three-campus college, even as college programs and operations were just being established.
- MCC has not built a campus in 43 years.
- An excerpt from the very first long-range facility plan, which had many similarities with the document the Board is now considering. Much of the data and criteria considered during the planning back then are similar to those used for the current plan.

Friesen stated this next facilities long-range plan is intended to serve as the roadmap for the next 40 years.

Brown provided a high-level overview of the long-range facilities plan provided to the Board members. Some highlights included:

- The preplanning period began in February 2020.
- In fall 2022 Holland Basham Architects was hired to partner on this process.

- Meetings have been held with community groups, faculty and staff, students, and feedback received from high school partners.
- The document considered education trends and other environmental factors (i.e. economic impacts, technology, industry jobs, other issues that might effect education and how it is delivered).
- A list of areawide recommendations, which apply to the college as a whole and reflect top-level considerations for future planning. The seven areawide recommendations are: districts, partnerships, density, online campus, high school programming, transportation, and utilization.
- The plan also includes recommendations tailored towards specific campus needs.

Stressing that the current plan serves as a continuation of prior plans while creating a decision-making framework for the college, Brown reviewed how the decision-making process provides consistency across programs, campuses and new initiatives. Friesen added the Board and College have a unique opportunity to look at program partnerships and facility adjacencies in terms of convenience for students. Dave Friend, Chief of Police, shared an example of one such partnership involving the MCC Police Department that has been developing for several years. Friesen mentioned this current draft was created for existing campuses and centers, and the next draft will have an additional section called “other communities” that will be important as new partnerships and programming are discussed.

The Board was asked to discuss:

1. What did you see?
2. What stood out to you?
3. Provide other feedback.

The Board discussed the plan, shared their initial impressions, asked questions to the administrators present, and requested some historical data. Schmailzl emphasized the importance of having a plan that future Boards can use moving forward.

### Strategic Plan

Friesen said the planning framework is not prescriptive and will happen in its own time with all necessary discussions, yet it does provide a mechanism for prioritizing short- and long-range plans. Brown presented an overview of MCC’s integrated strategic planning process, noting how it connects with the long-range plan. Planning is a living, breathing process that will be continuously evaluated and refined. To that end, the Board will receive quarterly and annual reports on the facilities long-range plan. Schmailzl added that budgeting and fundraising considerations accompany each item on the plan, and MCC is not looking at bond issues. Friesen and Schmailzl thanked Holland Basham Architects for helping lead the development of the facilities long-range plan.

Schmailzl stated the next steps are:

- Submitting a plan to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and the Higher Learning Commission in the next several months.

- Updating the Board's commitment to four campuses and authorization of a plan. Administration would like to bring a resolution forward to the Board before the end of the year.

Board members finished with questions and comments.

#### **Agenda Item 4—Adjournment**

**MOTION**: Klein moved to adjourn the meeting; Reinhardt seconded the motion.

Kristen DuPree, yes  
Adam Gotschall, yes  
Phillip Klein, yes  
Theresa Love-Hug, yes  
Linda McDermitt, yes  
Maureen Monahan, yes  
Zach Reinhardt, yes  
Fred Uhe, Chair, yes  
Tammy Wright, yes

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Adam Gotschall, Secretary, Board of Governors

Date





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Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area will hold a Workshop on Thursday, October 5, 2023, 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.

Fred Uhe  
Chair, Board of Governors  
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