

CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2026

Public notice of the time and place of the Central Community College Board of Governors' meeting was given in advance to the board members and college administrators. The agenda was available to the public in the college president's office and on the CCC website, www.cccneb.edu. The college adheres to the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is available in the college president's office.

The meeting was held in the Administration Office Board Room at Central Community College, 3134 W. Highway 34, Grand Island, Nebraska.

All supplemental documents from this meeting are available at:
<https://meeting.sparqdata.com/Public/Organization/CCC>.

Chair Linda Aerni called the June 18, 2026, meeting to order at 1 p.m., with nine board members present.

ROLL CALL

Aerni – present	Lee – absent
Broekemier – present	Pirnie – present
Buss – present	Skiles – present
Davis – present	Smith – present
Heiden – present	Werner – present
Keller – absent	

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Aerni asked college representatives to introduce guests and staff members.

REVIEWING CLAIMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Rita Skiles will review the claims prior to the August 20, 2026, board meeting in Grand Island.

REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF CONSENT ITEMS

Aerni asked board members for items in the consent agenda they would like to move to discussion of consent/action items.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items included:

1. Agenda for June 18, 2026.
2. Minutes of the May 21, 2026, Board of Governors meeting.
3. Claims for the period from May 1 through May 31, 2026.
4. Financial reports as of May 31, 2026.

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5. Purchases: None
6. Personnel: None
7. Registered Sex Offender Policy
8. Ord Center recommendation
9. Approval of college president's contract
10. NCCA proposed budget
11. 2027 board meeting dates

MOVED BY PIRNIE, SECONDED BY SMITH to approve the claims, with the exception of payments to themselves, and also to approve the other consent items.

Aerni – aye	Lee – absent
Broekemier – aye	Pirnie – aye
Buss – absent	Skiles – aye
Davis – aye	Smith – aye
Heiden – aye	Werner – aye
Keller – absent	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

PARNERSHIP/OWNERSHIP

Student Success and Enrollment Management Report

Dr. Beth Klitz said the report's focus would be on the student development and counseling services offices and introduced the following staff members:

- Brenda Preister, student development director: She said the student development office focuses on addressing student code of conduct and community standard violations and providing restorative and developmental practices that support students. When students have a conduct violation, the office works with them to understand the consequences of their actions and their impact on themselves and other people.
- Luz Colon-Rodriguez, counseling and prevention education services director. She said a comprehensive environmental prevention approach is used to provide opportunities for students to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors that will support their well-being, safety and academic success. Services and programs are focused on reducing risk factors and strengthening protective factors before issues become crises.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Scott Miller stated no one had signed in for Public Participation.

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS

College President Permission for July Purchases

Because the CCC Board of Governors won't meet in July 2026, the board hereby authorizes Dr. Matthew Gotschall to approve any needed action items from June 18 through Aug. 20, 2026. He will provide the board with a summary of all actions taken under this authority at the Aug. 20, 2026, board meeting.

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY BUSS to authorize actions by the College President to approve any needed action items from June 18 through Aug. 20, 2026.

Aerni – aye	Lee – absent
Broekemier – aye	Pirnie – aye
Buss – aye	Skiles – aye
Davis – aye	Smith – aye
Heiden – aye	Werner – aye
Keller – absent	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

General Operational Budget Tentative Approval

Tentative approval is requested for the operational budget of \$76,966,160. Final approval for this budget will be acted upon on at the September 2026 meeting, following a public hearing.

MOVED BY SMITH, SECONDED BY BUSS to give tentative approval for the \$76,966,160 operational budget.

Aerni – aye	Lee – absent
Broekemier – aye	Pirnie – aye
Buss – aye	Skiles – aye
Davis – aye	Smith – aye
Heiden – aye	Werner – aye
Keller – absent	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Grand Island Residence Hall

The College President recommends acceptance of the guaranteed maximum price of \$14,334,541 from Sampson construction to provide all labor and material to build the new dorm on the Grand Island Campus.

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MOVED BY BUSS, SECONDED BY SMITH to accept the price of \$14,334,541.00 from Sampson construction to provide all labor and material to build the new dorm on the Grand Island Campus.

Aerni – aye	Lee – absent
Broekemier – aye	Pirnie – aye
Buss – aye	Skiles – aye
Davis – aye	Smith – aye
Heiden – aye	Werner – aye
Keller – absent	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Heavy Equipment Lease

The College President recommends acceptance of the bids to lease units from NMC, Titan Machinery, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Central Nebraska Bobcat, and Bobcat of Omaha for the Hastings Campus for the heavy equipment operator technician program.

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY SMITH to accept the bids to lease units for the Hastings Campus heavy equipment operator technician program.

Aerni – aye	Lee – absent
Broekemier – aye	Pirnie – aye
Buss – aye	Skiles – aye
Davis – aye	Smith – aye
Heiden – aye	Werner – aye
Keller – absent	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

Student Success Report

Dr. Candace Walton and Ankamma Reddy Kolli shared the following highlights from the 2025-26 graduate outcomes report:

- During the 2023-24 academic year, 2,842 degrees, diplomas and certificates were awarded to 1,608 unduplicated students.
- Of these graduates, 240 were employed in businesses in CCC’s 25-county service area.
- Institutions receiving CCC academic transfer students were the University of Nebraska-Kearney, 26 percent; Wayne State College, 12 percent; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 7 percent; University of Nebraska-Omaha and University of Nebraska Medical Center, 5 percent each; Hastings College and Southeast Community College, 4 percent each; Metropolitan Community College, Peru State College, Wayland Baptist University in

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Texas and Western Illinois University, 3 percent each; and Bellevue University, Bryan College of Health Sciences, Chadron State College, College of Saint Mary, Concordia University, Doane University, Nebraska Methodist College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Northeast Community College and Arizona State University, 1 percent each.

- The top hourly wages are mechatronics, \$38.12; paramedicine, \$37.23; nursing education (ADN), \$36.66; heating, air conditioning and refrigeration, \$30.29; dental hygiene, \$29.82; nursing education (LPN), \$21.29; truck driving, \$26.93; informational technology, \$26.40; and diesel technology, \$26.14.
- Of the 2023-24 graduates, 896 continued their education, 949 were employed full-time and 479 were employed part-time.
- Surveys showed that 97 percent of employers were satisfied or very satisfied with the graduates' preparation, and 98 percent of graduates were satisfied or very satisfied with their CCC educational experience. Ninety-nine percent said they had achieved their educational objective at CCC.
- Graduates were 49 percent female and 51 percent male. The youngest award recipient was 16 and the oldest was 63. Their ethnic makeup was: White, 66 percent; Hispanic/Latino, 29 percent; Black/African American, 3 percent; Asian/Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 1 percent; and American Indian/Alaskan Native, 1 percent.

Dr. Gotschall's Report

Dr. Gotschall reported the following:

- Multiple meetings with donors this month regarding current and upcoming opportunities, including Kearney, Omaha, Columbus and Grand Island.
- Co-presented a session regarding our successful statewide Nebraska Math Readiness project at the annual Susan T. Buffett Foundation Higher Ed Research Convening. Learned about several other funded projects we may be able to replicate. Attended STBF dinner prior to the event following day.
- Co-presented a session regarding our successful Elevate Apprenticeship program at the Aksarben Foundation Board meeting. Attended foundation reception prior to the event following day.
- Along with other community college presidents, met with Nebraska Governor and Nebraska Department of Labor Commissioner regarding opportunity to assist with more workforce development initiatives across state. Draft proposal from them should come over the summer as U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Education continue to blend roles and align duties.
- Attended open house for new EPIC Children's Discovery Center in Grand Island.
- Attended Nebraska Economic Development Association meeting in Kearney.
- Attended the Nebraska Manufacturing Alliance's "Manufacturing Nebraska's Future" event and tour of the Nebraska Innovation Center in Lincoln.
- Participated as a team to recertify the Grand Island America's Job Center for the Nebraska DOL.

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- Employee meetings held and announcements and job description reviews completed on Administrative Services reorganization and changes. Supportive responses to date with implementation July 1, 2026.
- Hosted area budget finalization meeting with college vice presidents and deans.
- Attended update meetings regarded new workforce Pell opportunity at state and federal level.
- Participated in CCC Foundation feasibility study findings and funding recommendation meetings as well as CCC Foundation-sponsored retiree event and June board meeting.
- Drafted narratives for final ARPA grant submissions for the \$10 million in state funds received and expended on four CCC capital and equipment projects over past four years.
- Drafted agenda and invitation list for annual CCC Action Summit to be held in July.
- Attended Chief Industries open house of new corporate headquarters in Grand Island.
- Continue discussions with staff and Nebraska Chamber regarding next steps for 6 Regions/1 Nebraska initiative.

Reports from area vice presidents include:

- The medical laboratory technology program celebrated a significant milestone in student achievement. Ten students successfully completed the requirements for the AAS degree. Among these graduates, one student also earned the phlebotomy certificate alongside the full MLT degree. Nine students also were recognized for completing the requirements for the phlebotomy certificate. In total, 10 students received the credential. This is the largest cohort of phlebotomy certificate recipients in the program's history.
- Whitney Williams, an HIMS student at Central Community College-Hastings, has been named a 2026 New Century Workforce Scholar and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. This scholarship program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. New Century Workforce Scholars are selected based on their academic accomplishments, leadership, activities, and how they extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom.
- Occupational therapy assistant accreditors (two evaluators) will be on campus June 22-24. The final report is scheduled on June 24; everyone is welcome to attend on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the OTA lab. The OTA program is also holding a Getting it Write youth campus for seven weeks starting in June from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Dr. Wanda Cloet presented a poster, "Making a Paradigm Shift with AirFlow Technology Polishing in the Dental Hygiene Curriculum" at the American Dental Educators Association program directors meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 6.
- Four Meta Quest 3S virtual reality headsets were purchased for the Medical Lab Technician program. Setup will begin SU26 for implementation with the FA26 cohort. This platform will provide students with access to molecular and nucleic acid extraction (PCR) instrumentation, compressed gas simulation, laboratory information systems, eLearning courses, and job training through 12 different laboratories, over 100 pieces of laboratory equipment, and a 50,000-square-foot virtual facility.

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- Working with Tri County Hospital and Cambridge High School to start HLTH programming in their area of the CCC service area. Sandy Creek Public Schools is starting a phlebotomy course at their high school.
- CCC-Columbus submitted the voluntary compliance plan for Central Community College following a regular review of ADA compliance by state Department of Education.
- Ten CCC students were recognized for winning or placing or competing in the National SkillsUSA contest in Georgia this month. These included Wyatt Kreutzer and Hunter Trumble (Hastings), first place in additive manufacturing; Zander Sohl (Hastings), first place in career and technical educator; and Ashton Behmerwohld and Carson Kunze (Columbus), fourth place in Mechatronics.
- CCC-Hastings welcomed nine high school students from communities across central Nebraska, including Hastings, Kearney, Hildreth, St. Libory, Trumbull and Grand Island for a hands-on camp to introduce them to cybersecurity, networking and other information technology careers. Over the past three years, 24 students have attended the camp.
- CCC was successful in obtaining a \$100,000 revision Perkins grant to assist with updating equipment in CCC's commercial construction program. CCC will also receive a special occupational training grant of \$250,000 that comes from the state community college funding formula for occupational training for those impacted by the Lexington plant layoff and who do not directly qualify for Nebraska Department of Labor funds. These funds will come off the top of the state community college formula, meaning each of the other six colleges will get less state funding, but they all agreed to the unique and impactful opportunity to provide training to keep more residents in Nebraska as many may be moving across state for work. This will provide short-term training in construction, computer literacy, basic education, mechatronics and other identified fields of study.
- New Student Registration and Orientation days are scheduled all summer with faculty and staff advisors available.
- The automotive technology program held NC3 electricity introduction, measurements and circuits certification May 28-29 in Hastings.
- The Titan Diesel Camp was hosted June 1 in Hastings by the diesel technology faculty. Eighteen high school students interested in diesel technology participated.
- Auto Body 101 was held June 2-4 in Hastings. Eleven high school instructors and staff participated. Additional high school teacher training is planned in culinary arts, mechatronics, welding, advanced manufacturing, media arts and instrumentation.
- Columbus welding instructor Bryce Standley was recently named instructor of the year for his region by the district American Welding Society for his work with area welding students and current welders through robotic, blacksmith and customized training. He was recognized at the American Welding Society (AWS) Nebraska Section on May 14 in Omaha.
- Columbus mechatronics instructor Allen Stenzel presented "Basic Mechatronics Class Concepts" at the Nebraska Career Educators Conference on June 9.

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The following reports were also submitted for board review:

- Enrollment Report
- Grants Report
- Purchasing Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Aerni said there was no need for an executive session and requested a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY SMITH, SECONDED BY BUSS to adjourn.

Aerni – aye	Lee – absent
Broekemier – aye	Pirnie – aye
Buss – aye	Skiles – aye
Davis – aye	Smith – aye
Heiden – aye	Werner – aye
Keller – absent	

UNANIMOUS “AYE” VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Aerni declared the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.