

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes
May 21, 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, college administrators and the five daily newspapers within the 25-county area. 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 at Central Community College-Holdrege, 424 West Ave., Holdrege, Neb.

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

Vice Chair Roger Davis called the May 21, 2026, meeting to order at 1 p.m., with seven board members present.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Davis asked college representatives to introduce guests and staff members.

REVIEWING CLAIMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Tom Pirnie will review the claims prior to the June 18, 2026, board meeting in Grand Island.

REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF CONSENT ITEMS

Davis 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 May 21, 2026.
2. Minutes of the April 16, 2026, Board of Governors meeting.
3. Claims for the period from April 1 through April 30, 2026.
4. Financial reports as of April 30, 2026.

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5. Purchases:

Administration Building Carpet and Paint, Columbus: The College President recommends acceptance of the low acceptable bid of \$212,000 from B-D Construction to provide all labor and material to update the interior of the administration building on the Columbus Campus.

Hall Plaza Entrance Replacement, Hastings: The College President recommends acceptance of the low acceptable bid of \$443,000 from Carmichael Construction to provide all labor and material to replace the Plaza on the Hastings Campus.

6. Personnel: None

7. Nebraska Community College Insurance Trust: Ronald Golka will be the CCC representative of the Nebraska Community College Insurance Trust, effective immediately.

8. Privacy Policy: Text messaging was added to the college's privacy policy.

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

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

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PARNERSHIP/OWNERSHIP

Community and Workforce Education Report

Dr. Kelly Christensen, vice president of community and workforce education, talked about expanding services in Cambridge and Gothenburg; gave an overview of what CWE offers, including community education classes, CPR, Early College and workforce education; and shared that CCC was second only to the University of Nebraska-Omaha in the number of ACE (Access College Early) Scholarships it awarded to students. He then introduced the following speakers:

- Diana Watson, regional director, updated the board on the Holdrege Center's move to its new location in downtown Holdrege in mid-December. She highlighted the opportunities available at CCC-Holdrege and the partnerships that bring additional classes to Holdrege

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as well as past and possible future overseas trips that she helps arrange in her other role as CCC's international studies coordinator.

- Student Arlette Cocco Berrido spoke about how she moved to the U.S. from the Dominican Republic and came to the Holdrege Center to take ESL (English as a second language classes). The college has become a family affair with her son earning a degree and her daughter starting at CCC and then transferring to a four-year college to become a teacher.
- Dan Gettinger, associate dean of community and workforce education, focused on CCC's involvement in addressing the Tyson closure in Lexington in collaboration with the city, school system and service agencies. The college has participated in career fairs, offered workforce training, extended adult education registration to allow more students to enroll and expanded GED class sizes.
- Dan Davidchik, associate dean of training and development, shared information about the three National Science Foundation grants that are helping CCC expand participation in advanced manufacturing, build robust mechatronics pathways and provide professional and student development through the National Center for Next Generation Manufacturing. He also touched on the NeMAC Grant and the Nebraska Pell-Powered Pathways Grant.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

DISCUSSION OF CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS

Approval of CCPE Program Reviews

Dr. Candace Walton presented information on the heavy equipment operator technician, medical assisting, nursing, paramedicine, pharmacy technician and truck driving programs, which are undergoing their seven-year review as required by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

MOVED BY LEE, SECONDED BY SMITH to approve continuation of CCC's dental assisting, dental hygiene, early childhood education and eating, air conditioning and refrigeration programs.

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

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Columbus Campus Physical Education Center Addition and Remodel

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The work consists of two additions, an interior remodel and HVAC upgrade. The College President recommends acceptance of the low acceptable bid of \$5,490,240 from B-D Construction to provide all labor and material to add two additions and remodel the Physical Education Center on the Columbus Campus.

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY HEIDEN to accept the bid of \$5,490,240 from B-D Construction to provide all labor and material to add two additions and remodel the Columbus Campus Physical Education Center.

Aerni – absent	Lee – absent (left meeting at 2:10 p.m.)
Broekemier – absent	Pirnie – aye
Buss – absent	Skiles – aye
Davis – aye	Smith – aye
Heiden – aye	Werner – absent
Keller – aye	

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REPORTS

Student Success Report

No report was given.

Dr. Gotschall's Report

Dr. Gotschall reported the following:

- As one of two community college representatives, attended two extended Nebraska P-20 Alliance meetings, a newly formed group including representatives from the Nebraska State Department of Education, community colleges, state colleges, University of Nebraska, Buffet Early Learning Institute and Nebraska Department of Labor. Working on establishing a framework for better coordination of P-20 efforts in preparing individuals for workforce needs in Nebraska. As documents are finalized, they will be shared with you all.
- Awarded CCC mini-grants to CCC faculty and staff who want to pilot innovative projects across the college.
- Attended Grand Island's signing day where students sign commitments to attend CCC in various programs. Each campus and the Kearney Center held an event with double the attendance from last year.
- Held open forums in Kearney (virtual to all centers and hubs) and Columbus and met with the All-College Faculty Senate
- CCC-Grand Island hosted the Central 6 Regions/1 Nebraska meeting with approximately 75 central Nebraska leaders attending to get updates on the accomplishments in childcare, workforce and housing that were identified three years ago, and to plan next steps.

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- Participated in the CCC feasibility study and met with consultants while conducting interviews.
- Participated in three commencement ceremonies, celebrating with graduates and their families.
- Participated in the Phi Theta Kappa All-Nebraska Team recognition ceremony at the State Capitol where six CCC students were recognized for leadership in scholarship and service.
- Attended a two-day BioEconomy in Nebraska conference sponsored by Dr. Gold/University of Nebraska system.
- Participated in NCCA quarterly meeting along with the following CEO meeting to discuss possible future funding formula changes.
- Met with two possible vendors to provide additional health and wellness support to students and assist with adult student reenrollment of “stop outs” who left CCC prior to earning a credential.
- Several meetings with Administrative Services team regarding future direction.
- Attended state workforce board meeting regarding implementing Workforce Pell in Nebraska.
- Attended Greater Nebraska Workforce Development board meeting regarding new agreements of partners like CCC.
- Participated in a meeting with the U.S. Department of Labor regional coordinator and invited her to the automotive ribbon cutting in September with positive affirmation of attendance.
- Annual review of IT budget and services for 2026-27 with Tom Peters and review of reports from annual conference attended by several CCC department heads. Provided input on CCC’s response to nationwide Canvas cyber disruption.
- Met with Holdrege Chamber president regarding providing space areawide for AI training for small businesses due to a U.S. Chamber of Commerce grant they received to use over the next 18 months.
- As PIN treasurer, continued coordination of ISA Ireland conference for PIN members to explore transition of technical colleges to regional technical universities, small business development, and experiencing the sites and programming our students participate in during their exchanges that CCC has offered over several years.
- Participated in two community listening sessions in Ord with fantastic support from area leaders seeking more collaborative programing and facility opportunities at the Ord Center. Full report and recommendation will be forthcoming in June.
- Participated in the UNK/UNMC Rural Health ribbon cutting luncheon. Positive acknowledgement of CCC at lunch and ribbon cutting and logo shown in room. Positive exchange with CCC’s donor who helped make our investment possible.
- Participated in a meeting with Nebraska Economic Development regarding opportunity to redirect some unused state ARPA funds toward the Trades on the Move project. Submitted CCC grant to Coordinating Commission for additional funds for our response in Lexington to provide expanded, and free training for impacted family members of former Tyson employees and community members impacted who do not qualify for unemployment support from the Nebraska Department of Labor.
- Participated in pre-audit meeting with auditor, CCC staff and board representatives.

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Reports from area vice presidents include:

- Many positive end-of-year celebrations, including student recognition events, nursing pinning ceremony, retirement parties, fine arts showcase events, and media arts day.
- Faculty participated in the Computer Science Futures grant with all six community colleges and three universities has resulted in new teacher pathways and the addition of a course to the state-wide list.
- Biology faculty are adding BioDigital to their courses for fall. This online science simulation tool will allow us to offer online anatomy and physiology courses for the first time.
- Two CCC faculty were selected to attend a month-long quantum technology technician bootcamp hosted by Central New Mexico Community College. Hope to bring back ideas of incorporating into current curriculum or new programming for credit or non-credit.
- Library kiosks will be added to CCC centers to ensure access to materials and resources at all locations.
- Adult Education has partnered with Thermo King in Hastings to offer our first workplace literacy class. We hope to begin the class next month. It will meet once a week for 16 weeks and Thermo King will pay their employees to attend. We will teach the specific vocabulary and objectives Thermo King wants their employees to learn.
- May 2026 marks the 50th Anniversary of Adult Education at Central Community College. CCC will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary during the 2026-27 academic year.
- Central sent five current volleyball student-athletes (two pairs and one alternate) to the NJCAA inaugural beach pairs exhibition in Huntsville, Ala., May 2-3. Coach Spenner and the team gained valuable experience and insight to the beach game that will put them on a solid foundation heading into CCC;s first season in 2027. The pairs each won two matches while at the competition.
- CCC signed its first woman's golfer – a student athlete from Burwell.
- Athletic Director Mary Young was a co-presenter at the 2026 NJCAA Convention in Kansas City for best practice in event management. She will present again at the NJCAA summer seminar in June on game day operations and sportsmanship, conduct and institutional accountability.
- Raiders completed 27 High Five Fridays at 11 area elementary schools in Columbus throughout the past academic year. The visits proved to be a hit for elementary students and incredibly enjoyable for the student-athletes. Thank you to Coach Tyler Francis for the initial organization.
- Work is underway with two new business founders and seven current entrepreneurship founders in Hastings, two new in Ord, and 22 current founders in Grand Island. Grand Island also started the spring Trades cohort with 10 businesses. Each Grand Island business will receive a \$3,000 mini-grant after six weeks of classes. Kearney hosted a NBDC Blueprint to Business session with 12 in attendance and presented to the Gibbon Chamber in May.
- Business and accounting program revision has been completed and will be published in the 2026-27 catalog. Seven new education guided pathways were developed with UNK as well this year.

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- Eighteen fine arts department performances were held on and off campus this past year.
- Numerous CCC faculty are teaching workshops designed to assist and support high school early college instructors better align curriculum and activities with campus offerings.
- New CCC history instructor Michelle Setlik is writing the Hall County Chautauqua for 250 Celebration at Stuhr Museum this summer.
- Dean Dr. Amy Mancini has been named to the Nebraska Public Media Foundation Board.
- Many faculty members will be participating in summer conferences related to teaching subjects and professional development in addition to accompanying our national SkillsUSA students.
- New/expanded faculty positions for 2026-27 include psychology, speech, paramedicine and welding due to expanding student numbers. Three lower-enrollment open faculty positions are not scheduled for replacement.
- Ara Mottl, medical laboratory technician program adjunct instructor, was selected for the 2025 Emerging Leader Award by the American Society for Clinical Pathology Great Plains Chapter.
- Senior dental hygiene students provided preventive dental services, including dental sealants and fluoride varnish, to students at Sutton, Sandy Creek and Lawrence-Nelson high schools in April. Graduating students also had 100% clinical boards pass rate.
- Four beds were donated from Bryan Memorial Health Center. Assistant facilities director Dave Stewart traveled to Lincoln to pick beds up to replace non-working beds in Grand Island.
- Luz Colon-Rodriguez's submission of a roundtable session for the NECPA state convention on "Expanding Campus Safety: Implementing and Sustaining Narcan Programs in Higher Education" was accepted. Representing CCC's Narcan Program and prevention education initiatives will be Lauri Shultis and Alyson Wolfe-Nelson.
- New Student Registration and Orientation days are scheduled all summer with faculty and staff advisors available.

The following reports were also submitted for board review:

- Enrollment Report
- Grants Report
- Purchasing Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Davis requested an executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues at 2:26 p.m.

MOVED BY SMITH, SECONDED BY KELLER that the Board of Governors recess the regular meeting in order to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Aerni – absent

Broekemier – absent

Buss – absent

Davis – aye

Lee – absent

Pirnie – aye

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Heiden – aye
Keller – aye

Werner – absent

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Davis reconvened the regular session of the Board of Governors meeting at 3:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY SKILES, SECONDED BY SMITH to adjourn.

Aerni – absent
Broekemier – absent
Buss – absent
Davis – aye
Heiden – aye
Keller – aye

Lee – absent
Pirnie – aye
Skiles – aye
Smith – aye
Werner – absent

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Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.