# **MINUTES** NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

## **SPECIAL MEETING (RETREAT)**

Citizens National Bank - Boardroom Tuesday, June 25, 2024 (12:00 - 3:00 P.M.)

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 12:24 p.m.

## 2. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Trustee Etienne: PRESENT Trustee Fought: PRESENT Trustee Keiswetter: PRESENT Trustee Kring: PRESENT Trustee Pretty: PRESENT Trustee Shirilla: PRESENT Trustee Rasmussen: PRESENT

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Etienne and supported by Trustee Fought that the agenda be approved as written.

Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kring, Pretty, Rasmussen, and Shirilla AYES:

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

#### 4. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF MEETING

Strategic Planning

## 5. TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS IN ACCORD WITH STATED PURPOSE:

#### a. Enrollment Update

President Finley noted that enrollment is crucial to meeting our mission. He spoke to the budget which is comprised of 40% county taxes; 24-25% state appropriations, 30% tuition, and approximately 5% other

Different from previous years, students who don't enroll or register are attributing this to not yet deciding, as opposed to having chosen an alternate institution.

Due to our limited service-area K-12 population, we really need to cast the net wider. Our greatest need right now is a second residence hall in order to do this.

It was suggested that perhaps with more aggressive aptitude testing, we could direct and better recruit students from high schools.

Career and Continuing Education Fast Track completers have totaled 313 in two years. This year it is 184 completers!

## b. Campus Initiatives

Trust & Leadership Workshops
 The sessions with Libby have been very beneficial on campus. Professor Jessick also noted that these sessions have helped with communication.

## ii. CATEE Complex Project

President Finley shared that renovations (Phase I) are underway in the nursing corridor. The project is on budget and on-time thus far. Phase II plans to renovate and expand HESC and construct a new TECH building were shared out and discussed.

#### iii. Child Care Initiative & CCAMPIS

The first leg of this is in support of our student parents. Work is being done to identify who they are and determine what we can do to help them succeed. Wraparound support will be available to all student parents. The second leg of this initiative is creating a true-cost model childcare facility. In the first year, the model will have 12 pre-K students (specifically infants through 3-year-olds) and grow to 40 the following year.

## iv. Campus Signage Update

Thus far we have completed demolition and installed the first phase of the monument bases. They will receive a dark gray stucco finish and then some of the completed signs will begin being installed. The bulk of this work will take place in July and will be completed by August.

c. Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Reaccreditation
An HLC comprehensive evaluation visit will be held March 10 and 11, 2025. VP
Strom and team have this well in hand, and they want to knock it out of the park.
There are many steps planned prior to this visit, including the weekly 'MetTogether' emails, a comprehensive brochure, presentations during fall and winter Welcome Back Week. We will have drafts of 3 of the 5 criterion completed at the end of summer, and mock visits along the way to prepare.

The trustees met in closed session at 2:00 p.m.

The trustees returned to open session at 3:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL TAKEN

Trustee Etienne: ABSENT Trustee Fought: PRESENT Trustee Keiswetter: PRESENT Trustee Kring: PRESENT Trustee Pretty: PRESENT Trustee Shirilla: PRESENT Trustee Rasmussen: PRESENT

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Rasmussen motioned and Trustee Pretty supported that the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

AYES: Trustees Fought, Keiswetter, Kring, Pretty, Rasmussen, and Shirilla.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Etienne.

/S/ Daniel D. Rasmussen, Chairman