



Mission

Gillette College is dedicated to student and learner success by offering opportunities for academic, technical, and career excellence in a diverse and innovative environment that focuses on community partnerships to ensure access to lifelong quality education and training.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2023

11:30 a.m.

Gillette College Tech Center, Pronghorn Board Room

Trustees Present

Robert Palmer, Chair (zoom)
Alison Ochs-Gee, Treasurer
Tracy Wasserburger, Secretary
Nello Williams
Larry Smith
Teri Anderson

Administration Present

Dr. Janell Oberlander, President
Anne Larsen, Vice President of Administrative Services, Chief Financial Officer
Heidi Gross, Executive Director of the Gillette College Foundation

Others Present

Dave Horning, Legal Counsel
Cassia Catterall, Reporter, Gillette News Record
Richard Cisneros, Advisory Board Chair
Alex Machin, Men's Soccer coach
Julia Machin, Volleyball coach
Jordan Irving, prospective Assistant Volleyball coach
Maggie Longo, Executive Director of Strategic Communications and Marketing
Anthony Longo, Women's Soccer coach
Shawn Neary, Men's Basketball coach
Matt Craig, Faculty Senate President
Amanda Hauck, Foundation staff
Dennis Gilbar, Energy City Voices Director
Jeff Wasserburger, BOCHES
Sky Stitt, Faculty

Recorder

Elly Henning, Executive Assistant

Call to Order

Chair Palmer called the regular meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Trustee Wasserburger led the pledge. There was a quorum.

- Additions/Deletions to Agenda for Wednesday, July 19, 2023

- Approval of the Agenda for Wednesday, July 19, 2023
Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried.
- Approval of Consent Agenda
 - Minutes of GCCD Regular BOT Meeting held on June 21, 2023
 - Staffing Update
 - June 2023 Financials
 Trustee Wasserburger moved, Trustee Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

For the Good of the District

National SkillsUSA 2023 results

Dr. Oberlander presented the results from the National SkillsUSA tournament.

Area 59 Update – Ellen Peterson

In 2022 Area 59 served 135 veterans, so far this year they've served 81 and counting. Veterans can use the facilities for free due to grant funding. One veteran turned his own wedding ring and that brought the attention of a local jewelry store and he is running a small business now from his experience at Area 59. A Veterans flyrod class has a waiting list because there was so much interest. The summer MakerCamp is going on right now and this year they opened it to 3rd graders. 5 weeks of camps have been run so far and the last camp and next week will be the last. They make slime, program robots, and tour L&H Industrial to connect what they're learning into real world application. The Robotics League sold out on the first day! 12 teams are from Area 59, 5 teams supported at other schools, and 6 teams were invited to world championships this year. Area 59 received a grant through the Wyoming Women's Foundation that served 75 girls grades 4-8 over the course of 4 workshops to discover STEM related fields. 75% of the girls enrolled signed up for other classes and camps. MakerClasses are their community outreach classes for anyone, even non-members. They have hosted field trips from 10 different schools, including Upton and Moorcroft. Drone workshops are popular with the Campbell County School District. Special events included a City of Gillette leadership retreat and team building event as well as STEM Day with the Gillette Mustangs. Area 59 is working on events for Camporee 2024 including pin making, drone flying and digital photography. The Verizon Innovative Learning program has been going on for 4 weeks and the shark tank presentations will happen tomorrow to showcase all that they've learned so far.

Good news from the Trustees

Trustee Williams's grandson's Navy ship made it to Australia, it is the first Navy vessel that will be commissioned outside of the United States. Trustee Smith's son Kellen is playing downtown tomorrow night with his band.

Organizational Reports

1. President's Report - Dr. Oberlander

- a. Dr. Oberlander introduced Maggie Longo as the new Director of Strategic Communications and Marketing. The Bridge is up and running and IT gave a quick run through of the pages and information staff now have access to, including the updated organization chart. Accreditation is ongoing with the initial letter being submitted, accepted and an interview with HLC scheduled. Gillette College had a great showing at the College National Finals Rodeo with Haiden Thompson receiving an all around award. The Strategic Plan is printed and ready for viewing and included in your packets. Departments will now have to operationalize the strategic plan. The State Building Commission is meeting Friday and the Enzi building is included within the buildings to be discussed. The Mountain States Presidential Conference was beneficial and well attended. Legal Counsel Horning is working on MOUS with Campbell County Health. The

Booster Club elected new officers: Ryan Allen is the President, Cassidy Westbrook is the Vice President, Brian Hokanson is the Treasurer.

- b. Dennis Gilbar - Energy City Voices is working on selecting music now and recruiting with an open audition on Sept. 6, with 8 students signed up so far right now. He has moved into the Pronghorn Center and is pleased with how it's going even though the recruiting got a late start.
 - c. Anthony Longo – Women's soccer has 16 players, 1 from Gillette.
 - d. Julia Machin – Volleyball has 14 girls coming in this fall, 4 are from Gillette.
 - e. Alex Machin – Men's soccer has 32 so far, a good balance of Wyoming and international players.
 - f. Shawn Neary – Men's basketball, 11 committed with a 12th offer out, 1 from Gillette, 1 player from Sheridan, 1 from Big Horn, 1 from Rapid City. They will host 3 tournaments this year. Shawn thinks Liz Lewis has about 12 signed so far.
 - g. Trustee Gee shared how proud she is of the work the coaches and ECV director are doing.
 - h. The enrollment headcount estimate is 604 students so far.
 - i. The first BOCHES meeting with GCCD Trustees present will happen tonight, it's a monumental meeting.
2. Gillette College Foundation Update – Executive Director Heidi Gross
- a. Director Gross shared that Casino Night raised almost \$169,000. WyoGives was last week and raised \$11,035 with 45 unique donors, she's not sure if they will get an extra \$10,000 match on top of that. Statewide \$3,955,000 was raised with WyoGives. Annual Golf Tournament is almost full on August 11. The Foundation Board just updated it's strategic plan. In August they will be launching another employee giving campaign. They are partnering with Peregrine for a Global Speaker Series again with the next one on July 27. \$378,685 was awarded in scholarships last year, the most ever awarded.

Old Business

1. Gillette College Fight Song – Trustee Williams
 - a. The proposed fight song was played from Steve Oakley. President Oberlander recommended that Dennis Gilbar and the coaches put their touches on it and possibly the Student Senate and bring it back to the board. Trustee Williams asked that a thank you be sent to Steve Oakley for his work on the fight song.

New Business

1. 2023 Board Retreat Planning – Chair Palmer
 - a. Elly will send out a poll to Trustees to decide on a date.
 - b. Board handbook, succession planning, mission/vision/values check in, review of short and long-term priorities, financial training from VP Larsen and the state, and accreditation can be topics to focus on.

2. 2023 President's Evaluation – Chair Palmer

Last year the President's evaluation was done in-house by the Trustees. Chair Palmer suggests that this year the board uses external resources. Proposals have been collected for this evaluation and it should be completed by the end of August.

Chair Palmer will request a motion to establish an ad hoc Committee with Trustees Wasserburger, Williams and Palmer to review and select an organization for the purpose of facilitating the President evaluation.

Trustee Gee moved and Trustee Anderson seconded to approve establishing an ad hoc Committee with Trustees Wasserburger, Williams and Palmer to review and select an organization for the purpose of facilitating the President evaluation. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

1. Board Education – Trustee Smith

Trustee Smith went over his findings from the book Trusteeship in the Community Colleges, Chapter 5.

2. Wyoming Community College Commission – Dr. Oberlander

Dr. Caldwell is retiring at the end of the year and a card will be circulating to thank her for her hard work. A search team has been formed to find her replacement. Chair Palmer and President Oberlander will attend the joint University of Wyoming and community college trustees meeting in August. The agenda will be sent out when it is ready.

3. Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees Governance Training Report – Trustee Smith and Trustee Anderson

Trustee Anderson shared that the workshop reiterated a lot of what is covered in the Trusteeship in the Community Colleges book. She took away that GCCD is following a lot of the best practices already. Trustee Smith shared that the scenario issues were eye opening to hear how other trustees would handle certain situations.

Public Comments

(Public comments should be limited to three (3) minutes duration for each agenda item. Please state your name, affiliation, and agenda items to address.)

Upcoming Events/Activities

August 11, 2023 – Foundation Golf Tournament

August 23, 2023 – WACCT/WCCC Meetings (budgetary approval), Casper College

October 2-3, 2023 - WACCT/WCCC Meetings, Northern Wyoming Community College District

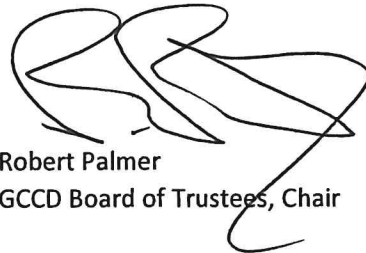
Adjourn

Trustee Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Gee seconded. Motion carried. Chair Palmer adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Submitted by:



Tracy Wasserburger
GCCD Board of Trustees, Secretary



Robert Palmer
GCCD Board of Trustees, Chair