



# Nebraska State College System

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## Executive Session - January 12, 2022

### Call to Order - Executive Session

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chair Zeiss.

Motion was made by Trustee Bieganski and seconded by Trustee Terrell to go into executive session as authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1410 for the protection of the public interest, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of persons who have not requested a public hearing for the purpose of holding a discussion limited to the following subjects:

- Litigation
- Personnel matters
- Lease Contract Negotiations

Chair Zeiss declared that the executive session would be strictly limited to a discussion of:

- Litigation
- Personnel matters
- Lease Contract Negotiations

Motion was adopted. Voting **AYES**: Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

The Board went into executive session at 9:01 AM. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 10:28 AM.

### Adjournment - Executive Session

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Zeiss at 10:29 AM.

**January 12, 2022**

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairman Jess Zeiss

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gary Bieganski	Trustee	Present	
John Chaney	Vice Chairman	Present	
Bob Engles	Trustee	Present	
Carter Peterson	Trustee	Absent	
Matt Blomstedt	Trustee	Present	
Jess Zeiss	Chairman	Present	
Marjean Terrell	Trustee	Present	

### Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Bieganski and seconded by Trustee Engles to approve the Meeting Agenda. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell. Motion was approved.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

### Public Comments

No public comments

### Minutes Approval

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges - Regular Meeting - Nov 11, 2021 3:30 PM

A motion was made by Trustee Bieganski and seconded by Trustee Engles to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2021 meeting. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell. Motion was approved.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

### 1. Items for Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Engles and seconded by Trustee Terrell to approve the following consent agenda item(s). Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell. Motion was approved

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

#### 1.1 LB 309 Allocations and Retrievals (FFA)

Last June the Board received \$1,000,000 of LB309 funds for ADA upgrades including a new 4-stop elevator at the Peterson Fine Arts Building at Wayne State College, addressing handrails and guardrails throughout the building, and ADA access from the house to the stage. Other 309 eligible work that the allocation supported included:

HVAC/mechanical upgrades, life safety upgrades, and energy conservation lighting upgrades. The Task Force for Building Renewal has approved an additional \$880,000 to support these same projects elements.

Allocation Date/Amount	
Addition Allocation - 11/8/21	\$ 880,000.00
Previous Allocation - 6/17/21	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
Estimated 309 Project Cost	\$1,880,000.00

The funds will complete the project funding for the facility with the funding package approved as follows:

LB309 Funds	\$ 1,880,000
Cash	\$ 8,720,000
Foundation	<u>\$ 2,400,000</u>
Total	\$13,000,000

Board policy 8064 indicates that no capital construction, maintenance, or repair contract may commit funds for a project until the funds have been identified and approved by the Board, with the exception of Task Force for Building Renewal. These funds have been committed to the project and complete the project funding.

The Board is being asked to approve the allocation of the additional \$880,000 for ADA, HVAC and code upgrades to the Peterson Fine Arts Building.

1.2 Approve Appointment of Substantial Completion Committee for Math Science Renovation and Addition Project for Chadron State College (FFA)

The Math Science Addition and Renovation project is nearing completion. Chadron State recommends appointment of the following committee to perform substantial completion review in accordance with Board Policy 8069.

John Chaney, Vice Chair, Chair, Fiscal, Facilities and Audit Committee, Board of Trustees  
 Gary Bieganski, Member, Fiscal, Facilities and Audit Committee, Board of Trustees  
 Marjean Terrell, Chair, Academic and Personnel Committee, Board of Trustees  
 Steve Hotovy, Vice Chancellor for Facilities and Information Technology, NSCS  
 Randy Rhine, President, CSC  
 James Powell, Vice President for Academic Affairs, CSC  
 Kari Gaswick, Vice President for Administration and Finance, CSC  
 Harold Mowry, Assistant to the Vice President for Administration and Finance, CSC  
 Todd Baumann, Director of Facilities, CSC  
 BVH Representative, Registered Architect

1.3 Authorize Correction of Peru State College Contingency Maintenance Resolution Reallocation (FFA)

On June 17, 2021, the Board approved agenda item 4.13, creating a Contingency Maintenance Resolution for Peru State for partial funding of the College Facility Master Plan. The narrative for the item indicated that \$13,020.13 would be reallocated from Resolution 3/24/17, Line 6, Student Center Food Service Equipment to the new line item for the Master Plan. Since the approval of the resolution, the funding in Line 6 from 3/24/17 has been expended for its original intent. The corrected reference for the reallocation should be Line 6 from the 4/20/18 Resolution, which is also titled Student Center Food Service Equipment.

1.4 Approve Authorization for Chancellor to Sign Contracts for Wayne State College (FFA)

Wayne State requests authorization for the Chancellor to sign contracts for the following upcoming projects:

Morey Restroom Upgrades - Phase 3 (Approximately \$472,000)  
Rice Auditorium Stage Renovation (Approximately \$400,000)  
Remote Fire Alarm Network Upgrades (Approximately \$300,000)  
Artificial Turf & Lighting Project (Approximately \$1,300,000)  
Grant Consulting Services (Approximately \$160,000 for 2 years)

Planned funding for the projects is as follows:

- Morey Restroom project - contingency maintenance funds
- Rice Auditorium Stage Renovation - sports facility cash and fundraised funds
- Remote Fire Alarm Network Upgrades - federal American Rescue Plan Act and/or Higher Education Emergency Relief funds
- Artificial Turf & Lighting project - College cash funds
- Grant Consulting Services - College cash funds

Authorization for the Chancellor to sign contracts in amounts not to exceed available funding for these projects will assure they move forward in a timely manner.

## **Items for Discussion and Action**

### **2. Academic and Personnel**

2.1 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 4140; Academic Degrees and Programs

Board Policy 4140 is being revised to expand the Board exemption option to any academic program component defined in the policy,

rather than just an exemption to total number of credits required for a baccalaureate degree.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 4140; Academic Degrees and Programs was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

2.2 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 5016; Graduate Assistants

Policy 5016 is being revised to expand enrollment for graduate assistants to any State College, rather than just the College they serve.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 5016; Graduate Assistants was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

2.3 Approve Amendment to the Rural Health Opportunity Program (RHOP) Agreement to Include Occupational Therapy Option

This Amendment adds the option of Occupational Therapy to the existing RHOP Agreement between the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees. It includes the Occupational Therapy Program Standards that outline the requirements and expectations for students selecting this medical program option, similar to those already established for existing medical program options.

A motion to approve the Amendment to the Rural Health Opportunity Program (RHOP) Agreement to Include Occupational Therapy Option was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

2.4 Approval Proposal for Data Analytics Minor for Chadron State College

Per Board Policy 4200, which requires all new academic programs to be submitted to the Board for approval, Chadron State seeks approval to add a Minor in Data Analytics, beginning Fall 2022.

A motion to approve the Proposal for Data Analytics Minor for Chadron State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, Terrell

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

2.5 Approve Academic Program Proposals for New Option and Minor in Business Finance for Peru State College

Per Board Policy 4200, which requires all new academic programs to be submitted to the Board for approval, Peru State seeks approval to add both an option and a minor in Business Finance, beginning Fall 2022.

A motion to approve the Academic Program Proposals for New Option and Minor in Business Finance for Peru State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

2.6 Approve Revised Agreement with Creighton for Wayne State College

Wayne State College requests approval of the BS Nursing (BSN) Dual Degree program Agreement with Creighton University. This Agreement provides special terms of admission for WSC students and establishes a pathway of co-advisement and coordination to allow students to complete pre-requisite course work and be automatically admitted to Creighton University College of Nursing.

The Board approved a different version of Appendix A of this Agreement at the November 11, 2021, meeting but a change was requested by Creighton so the previous version of the contract was not executed.

A motion to approve the Revised Agreement with Creighton for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

2.7 Approve Central Community College AAS Transfer Agreement with Wayne State College

Per Board Policy 7015, which requires Board action for approval of academic agreements, Wayne State requests approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with Central Community College. This agreement is designed to provide transfer pathways for industry-ready graduates of Central's AAS programs to transfer credits seamlessly to WSC to further their education for employment potential and

advancement in their chosen profession.

A motion to approve the Central Community College AAS Transfer Agreement with Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

### 3. Student Affairs, Marketing, and Enrollment

#### 3.1 Approve Attainment Goal Resolution

During the November Board meeting, Chancellor Turman updated the Board of Trustees on the work underway with the K-12 and higher education sectors in the state to establish a comprehensive Attainment Goal for Nebraska. Over the past decade, states around the country have set forward degree attainment goals to remain competitive by closing education and employment opportunity gaps. As early as 2015, projections predicted that 65% of the job vacancies by 2020 would require additional training and credentials above a high school diploma. Early state adopters set goals between 60% and 65%, and projections show that attainment levels continue to trend upward as new projections now establish training and credential needs out to 2030.

A motion to approve the Attainment Goal Resolution was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

### 4. Fiscal, Facilities and Audit

#### 4.1 Accept Basic Financial Audit Report for Year Ended June 30, 2021

The Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) has completed the Nebraska State College System (NSCS) basic financial audit for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 and 2020. The full audit can be accessed electronically at <https://www.nscs.edu/resources/e30d:r4fq5h-1uu/files/76867000zea9736da/fn/Nebraska%20State%20College%20System%20Audit%20Report%20FY21%20and%20FY20.pdf>. Copies of the audit were provided to the Finance Committee prior to the meeting.

The audit contains an unmodified opinion from the APA and states: "In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type

activities and the discretely presented component units of the NSCS, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and December 31, 2020 and 2019, (Peru State College Foundation), and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

The Facilities Corporation is included in the basic financial audit as a blended component unit of the NSCS. BKD performed a separate audit of the Facilities Corporation, which was accepted at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Facilities Corporation on November 10, 2021.

A separate audit of the Revenue Bond program was also completed by BKD and accepted by the Board of Trustees at its November 10, 2021 meeting. The Revenue Bond program activity is incorporated into the basic financial audit figures.

The Colleges' Foundations are included as discretely presented component units in the audit report in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards. The Foundations' financial statements and corresponding footnotes are incorporated from private audits accepted by the individual foundation boards.

There are no report findings included this year.

A motion to approve and Accept the Basic Financial Audit Report for Year Ended June 30, 2021 was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

#### 4.2 Accept Single Audit for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

BKD has completed the Nebraska State College System (NSCS) Single (federal) audit for the year ending June 30, 2021. The full audit can be accessed electronically at <https://www.nscs.edu/resources/e30d:r4iuk5-1ux/files/76867450z90e96a43/fn/NSCS%20Single%20Audit%20Financial%20Statements%20-%20FINAL.pdf>. Copies of the audit were provided to the Finance Committee prior to the meeting.

The audit contains an unmodified opinion with no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and states: "In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the expenditures of federal awards of the Nebraska State College System for the year ended June 30, 2021, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Pages three (3) through six (6) of the audit provide a summary of all of the federal awards expenditures made during FY 2020-21.

A motion to approve and Accept the Single Audit for the Year Ended June 30, 2021 was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

4.3 Approve Allocation of LB384 Bond Proceeds to Wayne State College Athletic and Recreation Project and Peru State College Indoor/Outdoor Athletic Complex

During the November 2021 meeting, the Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the Program Statement for the Wayne State College Athletic & Recreation Project and is expected to review the Program Statement for the Peru State College Indoor/Outdoor Athletic Complex at the April 2022 meeting. Also, at the November 2021 meeting, the Board's Financial Advisor provided options for refinancing the LB957 series bonds and extending the maturity from 2030 to 2040, which provides for additional debt capacity in the near term, taking advantage of the extended funding provided by the State in LB384. Market conditions in October projected that the refinancing and additional debt issuance would generate \$24.4 million in bond proceeds.

The total cost of the WSC project is estimated to be \$25.5 million, with \$14 million requested from LB384 bond proceeds. Additionally, the PSC project is currently estimated at \$15 million, with \$10.4 million requested from state funds. To assist the Colleges with their current planning efforts for these two projects, the Chancellor recommends that 57% of the proceeds from the LB384 refinancing be allocated to the WSC Athletic and Recreation Project and 43% toward the PSC Indoor/Outdoor Athletic Complex project. The funding for the PSC project will be contingent on the Board of Trustees approving the Program Statement for this project during the April 2022 meeting.

A motion to approve the Allocation of LB384 Bond Proceeds to Wayne State College Athletic and Recreation Project and Peru State College Indoor/Outdoor Athletic Complex was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

4.4 Approve Moving of Policies 6001; Public Corporation and Fiscal Year, 6002; Basis for Accounting; Structure and Materials and 7002; Capitalization; Definitions and Classifications to Accounting Manual

With the continued review and update of the Board Policy Manual, it is recommended that three policies in the finance area be deleted and the content moved to a new NSCS Accounting Manual. Policy 6001; Public Corporation and Fiscal Year, Policy 6002; Basis for Accounting;

Structure and Materials, and Policy 7002; Capitalization; Definitions and Classifications, would be more appropriately placed in an accounting manual for the NSCS.

A motion to approve the Moving of Policies 6001; Public Corporation and Fiscal Year, 6002; Basis for Accounting; Structure and Materials and 7002; Capitalization; Definitions and Classifications to Accounting Manual was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

- 4.5 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions and Renumbering of Board Policies 7000 - Budgets; 7001 - Budgets, Operating, Request, Adoption, Evaluation and Control; 7011 - Purchases, Bids, Protest, and 7012 - Lease-Purchase Agreements

The following policies have been reviewed by the colleges and legal counsel and put in the new format:

<b>Current Policy Number &amp; Title</b>	<b>New Number &amp; Title</b>
7000 - Budgets	6200 - Budgets
7001 - Budgets; Operating, Requests, Adoption, Evaluation and Control	6200 - Budgets
7011 - Purchases; Bids; Protests	6403 - Bid Protests
7012 - Lease-Purchase Agreements	6402 - Lease Purchase Agreements

The changes to the polices are not considered to be substantive. Section 5 that is being removed from 6200 is a carryover from policy 7001, and is already addressed in broader terms in Policy 5101.

The renumbering reflects the desire of the chief business officers to have policy series 6000 - Fiscal Operations, and 7000 - Business Management, collapsed into a single series to align consistent finance policies together. The two series will be collapsed into 6000 - Finance and Business. The technology policies will be moved into the 7000 series over time as the policy manual updates and reformatting is completed over the next year.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions and Renumbering of Board Policies 7000 - Budgets; 7001 - Budgets, Operating, Request, Adoption, Evaluation and Control; 7011 - Purchases, Bids, Protest, and 7012 - Lease-Purchase Agreements was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

4.6 Approve Extension and Amendment of Peru State College Bookstore Contract for FY23

Board Policy 9020 addresses bookstore contracts. Contracts are to be solicited every five years and approved by the Board. The current structure of the bookstore contracts is an initial three-year period with options for two one-year extensions. The Board approves the initial three-year contract, any amendments to the contract, and the one-year extensions and any changes contained within those extensions.

PSC's initial three-year contract ran from FY20-FY22. PSC is requesting approval of a one-year extension and amendments to the original contract with their provider. This would be for the first year of the two one-year extension options.

The current contract contains the following financial terms:

- A commission of 6% for new, used and rental book sales
- 10% of book buybacks
- 5% of market place purchases
- 2.5% of digital book sales
- Commission guarantee of an amount equal to 90% of the calculated commission on net revenue of the immediately preceding year.
- Up to \$3,000 in course material scholarship as in-store credit per year
- \$10,000 annual accounts receivable account
- Investment of up to \$50,000 to improve the store over the term of the contract.

The one-year extension includes the following changes:

- Up to \$5,000 in course material scholarships as in-store credit per year (an increase of \$2,000 for the year)
- Excludes open-source materials from the exclusive bookstore contract

A motion to approve the Extension and Amendment of Peru State College Bookstore Contract for FY23 was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

4.7 Approve Food Service Contract Amendments for FY23

Board Policy 9015 addresses food service contracts. If the food service operation is to be outsourced, contracts are to be solicited every five years and approved by the Board. The annual renewals and contract amendments (or addendums) are approved by the Board. The Colleges are requesting approval of the contract amendments for FY23.

Chadron State College's food service operations is under contract with Aladdin Food Management Services, LLC. The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

Peru State College's food service operation is under contract with Fresh Ideas Management LLC. The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

Wayne State College's food service operations is under contract with Compass Group USA, Inc. The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

A motion to approve the Food Service Contract Amendments for FY23 was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, Terrell

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

4.8 Auxiliary Contingency Maintenance Requests

Board Policy 9006 sets forth the procedure for the annual Auxiliary Contingency Maintenance Requests for approval by the Board. As required, the Colleges have submitted lists of contingency maintenance projects for their auxiliary revenue bond facilities for FY23, along with financial information related to the status of their revenue bond programs. The data has been reviewed by System Office staff, and the requests reflect appropriate use of the funds. Financial projections indicate adequate support for the revenue bond programs and the planned improvements.

The attached Contingency Maintenance Resolutions identify the projects and the estimated costs for the planned projects.

A motion to approve the Auxiliary Contingency Maintenance Requests was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

4.9 Approve Budget Request Guidelines and Preliminary Capital Construction Requests for 2023-2025 Biennium

Approval is requested for guidelines for the 2023-2025 (FY24-FY25) Biennium Budget proposal for the Colleges and System Office. The biennium request period, assuming it follows previous biennium schedules, must be submitted to the Coordinating Commission by mid-August 2022 and to the Governor and Legislature in mid-September 2022.

A motion to approve the Budget Request Guidelines and Preliminary Capital Construction Requests for 2023-2025 Biennium was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

4.10 Contracts and Change Orders for Approval

Board Policies 7015 and 8065 require that contracts and change orders meeting certain thresholds be submitted to the Board for approval. Peru State is asking for approval of the change order for the contract with Windstar Lines.

- Campuswide (#1-5% live mile rate increase) - not to exceed \$150,000

A motion to approve the Contracts and Change Orders for Approval was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

4.11 Approve Developers Agreement for Student Housing in Norfolk for Wayne State College

Wayne State is requesting approval of an Agreement with Geary Investment Company LLC (Developer) for student housing in Norfolk, Nebraska. The Agreement outlines specifications and requirements for the Developer to build housing units that will house thirty (30) Growing Together Career Scholar students each year during their required nine (9) months of cooperative education in Norfolk beginning in the fall of 2023 and ending Spring 2027. The units will be built and owned by the developer and leased by WSC. WSC will pay the Developer \$243,000

annually for the housing units for a total of \$972,000 over the four-year lease term.

A motion to approve the Developers Agreement for Student Housing in Norfolk for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

- 4.12 Approve Designation of the Kirk Gardner Indoor Athletic Complex, formerly the Carlson Natatorium, as Unusable Property and Remove Facility from Auxiliary Revenue Bond System for Wayne State College

The Board may remove a facility from the Revenue Bond System according to Section 5.7 of the Master Resolution:

Section 5.7. Not to Alienate Ownership, Operation, Management and Control of Facilities; Disposition of Worn-Out or Useless Property. Except as provided in Section 3.7(6) and 3.7(E) hereof, The Board shall take no action nor cause any action to be taken, to alter or change the ownership, management and control of the Facilities or of any buildings, facilities, extensions or additions, all or a part of the revenues, fees and earnings derived from the operations of which are pledged hereunder, or in any Supplemental Resolution, or any part thereof, including any land or facilities comprising the site thereof or necessary to the use or operation thereof; provided, however, that the Board may from time to time sell or otherwise dispose of any building or facility or any personal property comprising a part of the Facilities or of said other buildings, facilities, extensions or additions, which has been determined by the Board to be unserviceable, inadequate, obsolete, worn out, or unfit to be used or no longer required for use in connection with the operation thereof, and the moneys received by the Board as proceeds of any such sale or other disposition either shall be used by it to purchase property which shall comprise a part of the Facilities or of said other buildings, facilities, extensions or additions or shall be deposited by it in the Surplus Fund.

A motion to approve the Designation of the Kirk Gardner Indoor Athletic Complex, formerly the Carlson Natatorium, as Unusable Property and Remove the Facility from Auxiliary Revenue Bond System for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, Terrell

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

- 4.13 Approve Addendum to Athletic & Recreation Project Program Statement for Wayne State College

Wayne State recommends approval of an addendum to the Athletic &

Recreation Project program statement. The original program statement was approved by the Board on November 11, 2021. Since that time, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education has reviewed the document and requested revisions related to section IX.C Fiscal Impact based on first full year of operation. The addendum reflects those revisions.

A motion to approve the Addendum to Athletic & Recreation Project Program Statement for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

4.14 Approve Revised Use of Sports Facility Cash Funds for Wayne State College

On November 14, 2019, the Board approved \$300,000 to be used for the WSC Recreation Center Indoor Track Resurfacing project. The Recreation Center indoor track resurfacing project was completed last fall with a final cost of \$199,860. The College requests that the remaining \$100,140 be reallocated to the Rice Auditorium Stage renovation project.

The Board is asked to approve the use of the Sports Facility Cash Funds received October 1, 2021 as follows:

WSC - Indoor Track Project - \$199,860

WSC - Rice Auditorium Stage Renovation - \$100,140

A motion to approve the Revised Use of Sports Facility Cash Funds for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

4.15 Approve Use of Unappropriated Cash Funds for Artificial Turf & Lighting Project for Wayne State College

Wayne State requests Board approval to use \$1,300,000 on a one-time basis from unappropriated cash funds for the Artificial Turf and Lighting project. The WSC men's and women's rugby teams currently practice and compete on the city of Wayne recreational fields. The city fields have recently been rezoned for residential redevelopment and, therefore, will no longer be available for the WSC rugby programs in the future. It is recommended to convert the WSC natural grass soccer field into a multi-use, artificial turf field to provide a resilient and versatile surface to be used by both soccer and rugby, as well as other groups including band, intramurals, and other club sports. The soccer team is currently the only program allowed to use the field to protect the integrity of the natural surface, but converting it to an artificial turf surface will allow for use by additional programs.

The project is estimated to cost between \$1,150,000 and \$1,300,000. Approval of this funding will allow the College to move forward with the project. The cash fund balance adequately supports this request.

A motion to approve the Use of Unappropriated Cash Funds for Artificial Turf & Lighting Project for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

**ABSENT:** Carter Peterson

## **Items for Information and Discussion**

### **5. Chancellor and College Informational Items**

#### **5.1 Reports of Personnel Action**

The personnel action reports are provided to the Board for information.

#### **5.2 Fall Enrollment Reports**

The 2021 Fall enrollment reports provide the Board an overall picture of student enrollments across the Nebraska State Colleges. The report is based upon census data as of October 15th and is consistent with IPEDS submissions and definitions to the extent possible.

#### **5.3 Waiver of ACT/SAT Scores for Board of Trustee Scholarships**

COVID-19 and the corresponding cancellations of ACT and SAT testing dates continues to impact the ability for students to meet minimum requirements set forth in Board Policy 3400 for the Board of Trustees' Scholarships for the upcoming 2022-23 academic year. In Board Item 2.4 approved at the June 2020 Board meeting, the Board granted the Chancellor the authority to temporarily grant exceptions to and/or temporarily waive Board of Trustees Policy requirements in response to the COVID-19 emergency. On November 12, 2020, the Chancellor temporarily waived the ACT/SAT requirements set forth in Board Policy 3400 pursuant to that authority.

#### **5.4 Grant Applications and Awards**

Board Policy 6024 requires the reporting of grant awards and applications to the Board as information, if they do not have a state maintenance of effort or future fiscal responsibility. For those that do have a maintenance effort or future fiscal impact, the Board is to approve the application in advance when possible. The following table is a summary of the grant applications and awards reported as of December 2021.



Grant Applications and Awards Reported as of December 2021		
College	Grant Title	Amount
<b>Chadron State College</b>		
Applications:		
	American Rescue Plan Act Child Care Stabilization Program (Department of Health and Human Services)	40,200.00
	Post-Apartheid Possibility: A Global History of Mandela-Mbeki South Africa (Fulbright Scholar Program)	49,340.00
	Theater Program Artist-in-Residence (Cooper Foundation)	5,000.00
	Post-Apartheid Possibility: A Global History of Mandela-Mbeki South Africa (National Endowment for Humanities)	6,000.00
Total		\$100,540.00
Awards:		
	Acquisition of a Handheld X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer to Improve STEM Research/Teaching (Nebraska EPSCor - National Science Foundation)	\$28,736.00
	Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) Panhandle (Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska [BHECN])	\$25,719.82
	Nebraska Behavioral Health Education Partnership (NeBHEP) (University of Nebraska Medical Center)	\$2,000.00
Total		\$56,455.82
<b>Wayne State College</b>		
Awards:		
	Nebraska Collegiate Prevention Alliance (NECPA) Mini-Grant for Covid Emergency Relief Funding for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)	\$14,975.00
Total		\$14,975.00

### 5.5 Contracts and Change Orders for Information

Pursuant to Board Policies 7015, 7016, and 8065, the following contracts and change orders are provided to the Board for information. Individual contracts and change orders for each of the three Colleges and the System Office are provided in the attachments, and include the following:

#### Peru State Contract

- Athletic Fields (architect services for Indoor Recreational Complex program) -- \$170,000
- Geothermal Utility Project - Administration, Campus Services, Library, A.V. Larson, CATS, Hoyt Science, Al Wheeler Activity Center (architect services) -- \$629,600

## Wayne State Contract

- Peterson Fine Arts (guaranteed maximum price amendment) - not to exceed \$11,308,351

## 5.6 Strategic Plan Update

The Nebraska State College System (NSCS) updated the performance indicators for the 2025 Strategic Plan. The NSCS is making progress towards achieving the goals set out in the plan even though the pandemic continues to present several challenges for the institutions. Specific highlights from the update include:

- The placement of State College students continues to be one of the highest in the region, especially for the Nebraska residents attracted to the Colleges. This past year more than 85% of the Nebraska residents who graduated from Chadron, Peru, and Wayne State were employed in Nebraska one year after graduation.
- Support from the Governor, Legislature, and the Board of Trustees allowed the System to freeze tuition for 2021-22.

The NSCS was unable to update Indicator 17 - Median Undergraduate Debt at Completion because the data from College Scorecard was not available at the time of publication.

Hard copies of the report were provided to the Board of Trustees during the meeting and an electronic version of the report may be found at: [https://www.nscs.edu/resources/e30d:r5565u-1v0/files/76868893zf42c9dc7/fn/2025-Strategic-Plan\\_2022-Update.pdf](https://www.nscs.edu/resources/e30d:r5565u-1v0/files/76868893zf42c9dc7/fn/2025-Strategic-Plan_2022-Update.pdf).

Chancellor Turman highlighted several pages in the Strategic Plan for the Board.

## 5.7 Chancellor's Travel Report

The Chancellor's Travel Report is provided to the Board for information.

**College Informational Items****i. Identify Board Representatives for Spring 2022 Commencement**

The following trustees will provide greetings from the Board at the May 7 commencement exercises: Gary Bieganski at Chadron State, John Chaney or Bob Engles at Peru State and Cap Peterson at Wayne State.

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ii. **Student Trustee Reports**

WSC Student Trustee Jackson Richling reported that the women's rugby team won their 13<sup>th</sup> national title in Knoxville, TN. The final score was 72 to 10. Three of the members of the rugby team were named to the All-Tournament team. Seven of the team members will be graduating in May. He also noted that no classes would be held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 17. There will be various events held on campus to recognize MLK Day.

He further noted that the WSC Student Senate would be hosting the annual State College Student Leadership Conference. Student Senate President and Vice President elections would be gearing up soon. Student Senate Senator elections will be held later in March.

WSC Student Trustee Richling introduced the new Student Trustee for the next academic year, Brett Hilbers.

CSC Student Trustee Ruth Mencia noted that the Chadron State women's wrestlers competed and won their first dual. The women's wrestling team is very excited to see more doors open for women athletes. She also noted that last semester's focus was to highlight diversity and inclusion and translating it into action. Another focal point needs to be celebration. The Student Senate voted in two additional positions dedicated to Diversity Senators.

She further noted that CSC has a supportive staff and faculty who are excited to work with students to ensure they not only feel accepted and included but celebrated as well. Some of the efforts include highlighting history, heritage and awareness months such as African American/Black History Month in February, Women's History Month in March and Ramadan in April.

CSC Student Trustee Mencial introduced the new Student Trustee for the next academic year, Caleb Tegtmeier.

PSC Student Trustee Panashe Jacha reported that PSC finished the last semester with a choir concert, a theater production by the Peru Theater Company and a visit from a storm. It is great to have the theatre and choir activities back. Due to COVID it was impossible for those events to occur. He noted that he had attended Disco Citizens and the Peru Theater Company production and could attest to how excellent the production was. All the shows were written and directed by students.

He further noted that the most surprising part of the end of the semester was the storm. PSC continues to have a mask mandate due to the high COVID numbers in the county and surrounding areas. Students are required to have masks on when they come onto campus and it is highly encouraged that students be vaccinated. Upcoming events include a Dr. King Unity Branch, Black History month and a ski trip.

PSC Student Trustee Jacha introduced the new Student Trustee for the next academic year, Matthew Leininger.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 PM

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Paul Turman, Chancellor

The meeting notice and agenda have been published in the Omaha World Herald January 4, 2022 and posted on the Omaha World Herald website. The meeting notice and agenda have also been distributed via email to members of the Board of Trustees, the presidents of the State Colleges, the Associated Press and selected Nebraska newspapers.