

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 12, 2019

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Carol Sibbel, Chairperson	PRESENT
Del Ames	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	ABSENT
Jeff Scherer	ABSENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Donovan Ellis	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	ABSENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT
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Mary Honke
Steve Schram
John Blaylock
Dr. Michele Gill
Coleen Bressler
Amanda Nipp
Eric Johnson
Dr. Karen Severson
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock

OTHERS

Greg Adams

MINUTES

1. Carol Sibbel, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee convened the meeting at 3:45 p.m. in Suite G of the Lifelong Learning Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting as distributed.
3. Greg Adams, Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Executive Director, stated that Labor Day generally serves as the kick off timeframe for interim hearings and thinking about what bills will be introduced in the next legislative session. Mr. Adams speculates that property taxes and sales taxes will be the major topics of debate.

The Governor's Office contacted Mr. Adams to seek input on what Nebraska's community colleges would like to see drafted into sustainable scholarships. Mr. Adams has also participated in meetings with senators to discuss what higher education can do to address Nebraska's workforce shortage.

Dr. Tracy Kruse reported that she recently represented Northeast Community College at the Economic Development Taskforce Roundtable. The Taskforce was set up legislatively and included a group of senators and other invited guests. Discussion was held on policies that need to be implemented short-term and long-term. Dr. Kruse provided information on H3 Scholarships, navigator/wrap around supports, apprenticeships, customized job-training, and the longitudinal data system. She reported a successful meeting with multiple questions directed toward her.

4. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 4:21 p.m.

Mission

Northeast Community College is dedicated to the success of students and the region it serves.