



Board of Trustees Meeting | August 17, 2026

Minutes

Iowa Western Community College

8/17/2026 2:00 PMCDT

@ Cass County Center, 705 Walnut Street, Atlantic, IA 50022

Attendance

Present:

Members: Chris Blake, Connie Hornbeck, Matt Johnson, John Marshall MD, Randy Pash, Tom Riley, Gilbert Thomas

Guests: Eddie Holtz, Vicki Hoskovec, Dan Kinney, Jenny Kruger, Shane Larson, Matt Mancuso, Erin McKee, Molly Noon, Kim Vrba

Absent:

Members: Kirk Madsen, Kerry Newman

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair Connie Hornbeck.

2. Roll Call

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for the roll call. The roll call was taken by the Board Secretary.

3. Approve Agenda

Board Chair Hornbeck asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion moved by Matt Johnson and motion seconded by Randy Pash. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

4. Correct, Amend and Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting held July 20, 2026

Board Chair Hornbeck asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes from the Regular meeting held on July 20th. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.



[Board of Trustees Meeting July 20, 2026 Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July meeting as presented.

Motion moved by John Marshall MD and motion seconded by Matt Johnson. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present for comment and nothing was submitted in writing.

6. Monitoring Information About College Operations

6.1. President's Report (Presenters: Dr. Dan Kinney, President)

Dr. Kinney, President of the College, reported on the following:

- Last month Dr. Kinney attended the NC3 Annual Leadership Summit. Dr. Kinney shared that Diana Garcia was selected to participate in a leadership program on CTE, Clint Meyer received the Snap-on Instructor of the Year Award and Dr. Kinney received their Innovation in Leadership Award.
- Dr. Kinney informed the Trustees that our track has well out lived its life span - it is over 20 years old. The estimate is \$1.5 to \$2 million to replace the track with a post tension base that would extend its life an additional 20 years (40 total). Dr. Kinney asked if the Board was okay with moving forward with looking into replacing the track and getting bids. The college hosts a lot of meets and the track is used by local high schools. The current track is asphalt based. Eddie shared that the college will get bids for both the asphalt base and the post tension base. The Board was in favor of moving forward with this project.
- Iowa DE - Dr. Kinney received a final report on workforce in Iowa from NIMCE. This report states that there are no education desserts in the state, most people are leaving Iowa for work because Iowa wages are low. Dr. Kinney sent the full report to the Board. He feels this report could be utilized by the privates when the bachelors degree bill comes up again next year.
- Dr. Kinney shared that he met with Representative Brent Siegrist this morning. He plans to reintroduce the Community College Bachelors Degree bill in the next legislative session.
- Letter from Linda McMahon - Dr. Kinney shared a letter from US Secretary of Education Linda McMahon. The letter is geared toward universities, the Presidents are going to talk about this at their meeting next week. There was discussion on AI and grade inflation and if the use of AI contributes to grade inflation. Employers are wanting their employees to have knowledge of AI.
- We are at 95.8% capacity in housing right now. They still have 75 students unaccounted for, and will run the swipes in the morning. There are some schools that don't start until next week, so we may have some students show up late. Dr. Kinney shared the details of the fast pass - of the freshman 69% were in the fast pass (all paperwork and payment completed prior to check in).
- Enrollment - Today we are up 7.13%. The only area we are down is returning students and we are digging into this number. The continuing number is growing. We think this is due to more people having bills paid on time. Admission is still enrolling high school students - they will start school on August 24. Next month's numbers will be closer to a 10 day report. CTE numbers are not up, but we are limited because of space.
- Property Tax - Dr. Kinney shared estimates with the 2% cap and the impact on revenue. The plant fund was primarily used for deferred maintenance, and the equipment levy was used for updating equipment. This is going to be relooked at by the legislature - Dr. Kinney shared these numbers with Brent Siegrist. Eddie and Dr.

Kinney have really been looking at this and cost saving measures and plan to bring an early retirement package for approval at the September Board meeting.

- Dr. Kinney shared that he met with Dr. Chase Ramey, Interim Superintendent for Council Bluffs Community School District in August and hopes to continue on the good things we have in place with the district.
- Dr. Kinney is starting to get feedback from other superintendents in our region and they have concerns with the STEM School. Dr. Kinney would like to ask the Boards approval to slow down on this.

 [Enrollment Report.pdf](#)

 [National Call to Action - Letter from Linda McMahon.pdf](#)

6.2. Community Colleges for Iowa Report (Presenters: Tom Riley, Community Colleges for Iowa Representative)

Tom Riley, Community Colleges for Iowa Representative, shared that there were no new items to discuss. The Community Colleges for Iowa Board will be meeting on August 27th. He did share the

The Community Colleges for Iowa has shared the proposed schedule for the summer campus visits. Iowa Western is scheduled for 2031.

It was also mentioned that the discussion about not having an audit every year came up in a Community Colleges for Iowa Board meeting. Dr. Kinney thinks they are required to have one every year because state dollars are going into the organization. Dr. Kinney will look at code and talk with other presidents to get more information. Connie would like to see this brought up again for further discussion at the next meeting, all members of our Board were in favor of CC for Iowa having an audit annually.

6.3. Institutional Information

6.3.1. Cass County Center Update (Presenters: Cindy Wetterlind, Cass County Center Director)

Matt Mancuso, Vice President of Business & Community Education, shared an update on programs and events happening at the Cass County Center.

Highlights from the report include:

- Services offered at the center include: individualized student services, testing, computer access, HiSET classes and continuing education classes
- During the 2025/2026 school year the center served 100+ high school students, held a community advisory committee meeting, added an Agronomy Operations Certificate, added flex space for additional programs, and increased the numbers in the apprenticeship program with Cass Health.
- The Cass County Center Community Appreciation Day was held on May 1st.
- Several Continuing Education/Adult Education classes were offered including: CNA, Medication Aid, Leadership Development, EMT, CPR, CDL, Moped Safety, HiSET, 3D Printing and Drone Summer Camp.

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7. Consent Agenda

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion moved by Gilbert Thomas and motion seconded by Chris Blake. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

7.1. Personnel Report (Presenters: Eddie Holtz, Vice President of Finance & Operations)

Eddie Holtz, Vice President of Finance & Operations, presented the Trustees with the August Personnel Report:

New employees include: Robert Fisher, Instructor of Construction; Becklien James, Instructor of Culinary Arts; Bobbi McDowell-Polty, Clarinda Corrections Instructor; Philip Taylor, Instructor of Business, Marketing & Management; Joseph Vaughn, Evening & Weekend Food Service Supervisor; Abigail Zimmerer, Instructor of Business & Management.

Employees leaving include: Stephanie Graham, Advisor/Recruiter; Christina Stuhr, Accounts Payable Lead; Comanchette McBee, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Communication; Dylan Driscoll, Associate Professor of Aviation Maintenance Technology.

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7.2. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Eddie addressed several questions from Dr. Marshall on a charge to Holmes Murphy for OEPI insurance, the number of uniforms, and expenses for the renovations of the apartments.

 [Approval of the Board July 2026.pdf](#)

 [July Board Report 8.10.26.pdf](#)

 [FNB Pcard July 2026 Board Report.pdf](#)

 [Virtual Card Board Report.pdf](#)

 [July Voided Check Report 8.10.26.pdf](#)

7.3. Annual Year-End Financial Report (Presenters: Eddie Holtz, Vice President of Finance & Operations)

Eddie Holtz, Vice President of Finance & Operations, focused on the auxiliary enterprises this month. Numbers are positive in housing, food service and the college store with an increase emphasis on efforts to make them more profitable. He shared that Athletics is having discussions about increasing fundraising through their score boards.

He also shared a few big projects that have been completed, including roofs, apartment five, parking lots and tower bathrooms updates.

 [Year End Financial Statement.pdf](#)

8. Action Items

8.1. Approval of Resolution Approving the Continuation of the Equipment Levy for an Additional Ten Years

The Board was presented with a resolution to extend the college's equipment levy for an additional 10 years.

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

 [Resolution Approving Equipment Levy IWCC 2026.pdf](#)

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the resolution approving the continuation of the equipment levy for an additional ten years as presented.

Motion moved by Randy Pash and motion seconded by Gilbert Thomas. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

8.2. Approval of High School Concurrent Enrollment Contracts

The Board was presented with High School Concurrent Enrollment contracts for Shenandoah Community School District, Hamburg Community School District and Boyer Valley Community School District.

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to approve the contracts as presented.

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the High School Concurrent Enrollment contracts as presented.

Motion moved by John Marshall MD and motion seconded by Tom Riley. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

8.3. Select Voting Delegate for the ACCT Leadership Congress

Tom Riley volunteered to serve at the ACCT Leadership Congress voting delegate again this year.

8.4. Approval of Presidential Goals

Dr. Kinney presented the Board with his goals for the upcoming year.

Chris Blake shared her feedback in several areas:

- She expressed concerns about how to measure the goals in communication and partnerships.
- For the five year plan for program growth she is wondering if five years is too long when things are changing so quickly.
- For Goal 2 Employee Excellence she would like to see more depth in what is our most important resource and recommended including goals around professional development. Dr. Kinney shared that we are implementing supervisor training, revamped our annual evaluations, and are looking into a new tool for an employee satisfaction survey. Dr. Kinney will add somethings that we are already doing.

Board Chair Hornbeck asked that this be updated and bring back for approval in September.

 [Presidential Goals 2026-2027.pdf](#)

9. Future Agenda Items

Items for the September Board meeting agenda:

- Discussion on the Community College for Iowa Audit
- Approval of Dr. Kinney's Goals

10. Adjournment

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion moved by Matt Johnson and motion seconded by Gilbert Thomas. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01pm.