



## Board of Trustees Meeting | January 16, 2026

### Minutes

Iowa Western Community College  
1/16/2026 2:00 PM CST

@ 2700 College Rd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

#### **Attendance**

##### **Present:**

Members: Chris Blake, Connie Hornbeck, Matt Johnson, Kirk Madsen, John Marshall MD, Kerry Newman, 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

##### 1. Call to Order

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

##### 2. Roll Call

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

##### 3. Approve Agenda

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

##### **Motion:**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion moved by Gilbert Thomas and motion seconded by Kirk Madsen. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

##### 4. Correct, Amend and Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on December 12, 2025

Board Chair Hornbeck asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the Regular meeting held on December 12, 2025. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

 [Board of Trustees Meeting December 12, 2025 Minutes.pdf](#)

##### **Motion:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

5. Oath of Office Administered to Newly Elected Board Members

The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected Board member, Chris Blake.

6. Public Comment

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

7. Monitoring Information About College Operations

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

Dr. Kinney presented the Board with the daily enrollment report for spring and the end of semester comparison for the Winterim session. He reported that we have 100 new students in housing this semester.

 [End of Semester Enrollment Comparison 25WI.pdf](#)

 [SpringDailyEnrollmentReport.pdf](#)

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

The Community Colleges for Iowa Board has not met since our last meeting, therefore Tom had nothing new to report. Their next meeting will be during the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC.

7.3. Institutional Information

7.3.1. Athletic Report (Presenters: Shane Larson, Athletic Director)

Shane Larson, Director of Athletics, presented the Trustees with an annual report on Athletics and data from the student athletic profile. Highlights from the report include:

- Data comparisons between athletes and non-athletes were shared with the Board. Areas of comparison include GPA and fall to spring retention.
- The Athletic department hosted many special events.
- Iowa Western Reiver Athletics once again received the Ron Case Cup (formerly the Daktronics Cup) with 69 All American Athletes, 11 Conference Champions and 7 National Champions.
- Several coaches and student athletes received special recognitions.
  - The Board asked a question on coaching staff and maintaining success when some leave. Shane shared his thoughts on how we recruit talented coaches. Iowa Western is not only competitive with salaries but we have a great institution and the area is attractive for families. Iowa Western invests in all sports.

 [Comprehensive Athletics Report Fall 2021 to Fall 2025.pdf](#)

 [2025 Athletic Board Report 2.0.pptx](#)

8. Consent Agenda

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

**Motion:**

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

Motion moved by Matt Johnson and motion seconded by Gilbert Thomas. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

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

Eddie Holtz, Vice President of Finance & Operations, presented the Board of Trustees with the January Personnel Report.

New hires include: Kristine Stokes, Grant Specialist.

Employees leaving include: Dusty Sales, Groundskeeper; Frank Daniels, EMS Instructor; Anna Greene, Education 2 Employment Coordinator.

 [Board Report January 2026.pdf](#)

8.2. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Kirk Madsen and Connie Hornbeck served as the auditors and reviewed the financial statements. There were no questions or concerns.

Starting in February, the bills will be included in the packet for review by all Trustees each month.

8.3. Financial Report (Presenters: Eddie Holtz, Vice President of Finance & Operations)

Eddie Holtz, Vice President of Finance & Operations, presented the Board with the Financial Report ending December 31, 2025.

 [January 2026 Financials.pdf](#)

9. Action Items

9.1. Public Hearing: KIWR FY25 Year End Operations and Audit Report

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to enter into a Public Hearing for the KIWR FY25 Year End Operations and Audit Report.

**Motion:**

A motion was made to enter into a Public Hearing for the KIWR FY25 Year End Operations and Audit Report.

Motion moved by Kirk Madsen and motion seconded by Randy Pash. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried. The Board entered into a Public Hearing at 2:39pm

9.1.1. KIWR FY25 Operations Report

Dr. Kinney presented the Board with KIWR FY25 Operations Report. Highlights from the report include:

- The Nielsen Ratings were shared with KIWR ranking high among men in several categories.

- Dr. Kinney shared the details of income lost with the reduction of CPB grants and the next step to work with DC delegation to get the new FCC definition to National Public Radio.
- The station continues to be a valuable resource for Iowa Western marketing.
- A list of non-profit organizations served by the radio station was shared.

 [KIWR Presentation revised 1 16 26 \(002\).pptx](#)

#### 9.1.2. Acceptance of the KIWR FY25 Audited Financial Report

Eddie Holtz, Vice President of Finance & Operations, provided the Board with the KIWR FY25 Audited Financial Report.

With CPB funding the radio station still lost \$120,000 in FY25. In the past the college would have provided funds to make up for lost revenue. The college is looking at the future of the station and what can be done to make up for lost funding . The station has added a sales position and are hopeful that they can sell ads to make up for the lost CPB funding. They continue to look for grant opportunities.

There have been some preliminary conversations with the MAC and Caesars about doing shows with them (MAC, Stir and Whiskey Roadhouse).

 [SIGNATURE - KIWR-FM Radio Governance Letter 2025\\_nj.pdf](#)

 [SIGNATURE - KIWR-FM Radio 06.30.2025 FS\\_nj.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

A motion was made to enter into Regular Session.

Motion moved by Gilbert Thomas and motion seconded by Matt Johnson. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried. The Board entered into Regular Session at 3:11pm.

**Motion:**

A motion was made to accept the KIWR FY25 Audited Financial Report as presented.

Motion moved by Kirk Madsen and motion seconded by Randy Pash. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

#### 9.2. Approval of Engagement Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney to Sell General Obligation Bonds, Not to Exceed \$55,000,000

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to approve the engagement agreement with Ahlers & Cooney to Sell General Obligation Bonds, not to exceed \$55,000,000.

**Motion:**

A motion was made to approve the engagement agreement with Ahlers & Cooney to sell General Obligation Bonds, not to exceed \$55,000,000.

Motion moved by Gilbert Thomas and motion seconded by Tom Riley. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

9.3. Approval of Engagement Agreement with Piper Sandler & Co to Sell General Obligation Bonds, Not to Exceed \$55,000,000

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to approve the engagement agreement with Piper Sandler & Co to sell General Obligation Bonds, not to exceed \$55,000,000.

**Motion:**

A motion was made to approve the engagement letter with Piper Sandler & Co to sell General Obligation Bonds, not to exceed \$55,000,000.

Motion moved by Gilbert Thomas and motion seconded by Kirk Madsen. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

9.4. Approval of Board Calendar of Events

The Board was presented the proposed board calendar of events for 2026. There was no discussion and this was reviewed early at the retreat. The Board was in favor of all proposed dates. Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to approve the 2026 calendar of events as presented.

 [Board Calendar of Events 2026 Draft for Board Review.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

A motion was made to approve the calendar of events for 2026 as presented.

Motion moved by Matt Johnson and motion seconded by Gilbert Thomas. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment

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

**Motion:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18pm.