



Board of Trustees Meeting | March 16, 2026

Minutes

Iowa Western Community College

3/16/2026 2:00 PMCDT

@ 1001 West Sheridan Avenue, Shenandoah, IA 51601

Attendance

Present:

Members: Chris Blake (remote), Connie Hornbeck (remote), Matt Johnson (remote), Kirk Madsen (remote), John Marshall MD, Kerry Newman (remote), Randy Pash (remote), Tom Riley (remote), Gilbert Thomas (remote)

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. Due to inclement weather the meeting was adjusted to Zoom with Kristin Smith, Page Fremont County Center Director, present at the Page Fremont County Center. Cabinet and Dr. John Marshall joined via Zoom from the Council Bluffs Campus. All other Trustees joined via Zoom.

2. Roll Call

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for the roll call. Roll with taken by the Board Secretary with all Trustees in attendance.

3. Approve Agenda

Board Chair Hornbeck asked if there were any additions or deletions 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 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 February 16, 2026

Board Chair Hornbeck asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 16, 2026. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

 [Board of Trustees Meeting February 16, 2026 Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 16th 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 was no one from the public present for comment at the Page Fremont County Center or at the Council Bluffs Campus, and nothing was submitted in writing.

6. Monitoring Information About College Operations

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

Dr. Kinney expressed his thanks to the Board members for their willingness to move the Board meeting to Zoom due to the weather. Interstate 1-80 was still closed this morning.

Dr. Kinney provided the Board with an update on the legislative session:

- Last week the revenue estimating committee met. There is a gap between their proposal and the Governors proposed 1% increase. We are still predicting a 2% increase in state general aid and this is what was built into our budget.
- The Property Tax Bill is still out there. The Governor and the house are coming closer together. We are still trying to understand the 2% cap and how that will affect our budget.
- HF2466 Iowa Skilled Workforce Act - This puts a fund together to help community colleges that can be used for construction or renovations. It also allows community colleges to have some say in last dollar scholarship. It eliminates ACE Infrastructure and would put all money into a competitive grant that we would have to apply for.
- SF2320 - This bill requires high school students to take concurrent enrollment courses face to face. They can allow them to take courses online, but it must be approved by the school. High school students would be required to pay back the school if they did not pass the class.
- There is a bill that would freeze tuition at the regent institutions. The community college are watching this one.
- HF2649 - Bachelors Degree Bill. Dr. Kinney expresses his gratitude to Representative Brent Siegrist for his help in getting this bill through the house. Now Dr. Kinney might be testifying on this tomorrow with the Senate sub-committee. Senator Tom Shipley from our area is on the committee and a supporter.
- There is a bill that would move city and school elections to even years. It would also allow for a June bond on years that there is a June primary.
- HF2492 - This bill is related to supplemental weighting for sharing CTE instructors with school districts.

Transportation & Logistics Building Update - Footings are being dug for the new building, and we are finalizing plans for the remodels at the center locations.

Dr. Kinney will be traveling to the HLC Conference next week.

Dr. Kinney shared that the college has joined Youth Salute. This will give Iowa Western access to more students for recruitment.

Fundraising - Dr. Kinney shared that fundraising is moving forward for the Transportation & Logistics Building and grant opportunities are being identified.

The college did not receive the CAIF grant this time around, we have been asked to submit for the next cycle.

Enrollment - Is still sitting good for spring. The college is up 4% in applicants for fall.

Dr. Marshall asked about the STEM High School. With the original building site falling through, Dr. Marshall felt it would be an ideal time to reach out to the Council Bluffs Community School District about the possibility of building the school on Iowa Western's campus. Dr. Kinney shared that he would be open to the discussion if the Board was in favor. Kirk echoed Dr. Marshall's comments and Kerry expressed how having it at Iowa Western would benefit all of Southwest Iowa. Gilbert asked for more information on the project. Dr. Kinney will reach out to Dr. Murillo about providing a presentation at a future Board meeting.

 [Enrollment Report As of March 9, 2026.pdf](#)

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

The Community Colleges for Iowa's Board met last on March 3. Tom shared that Dr. Kinney touched on all the bills he heard updates on.
Summer Conference - The Community Colleges for Iowa Board voted to combine the Summer Trustees Conference and Convention & Tradeshow in 2027. Tom shared that he communicated our Board's interest in keeping it the same.
Community College Day on the Hill - Tom shared that it was the first time he has attended this event but felt that it went well. They had good conversations with lobbyist and had a lot stop by our booth.

7. 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 Tom Riley 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 Board with the Personnel Report for March.

New employees include: Katharyn Jensen, Pathway Navigator; Allison Petry, College Success Advisor.

Employees leaving include: Paul Wilson, Maintenance; David Stephens, Clarinda Correctional Facility Education Coordinator.

 [March Personnel Report 2026.pdf](#)

7.2. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Board Chair Hornbeck asked if there were any questions relating to the bills that were included in the packet.

Dr. Marshall asked about the charge to U Will Timely Care. Kim provided an explanation of what telehealth is and how her team uses it as an alternative for mental health services for students. She shared that the 24-hour support for students has been crucial. Dr. Marshall asked for qualifications of those providing the services and how we selected this one. Dr. Marshall recommended consulting with a reputable psychiatrist in the area to review the contract and services with telehealth to make sure we are getting the most for our money.

Dr. Marshall pointed out that 3/4 of the p-card charges are for athletics. Shane shared that Athletics has the most charges because they travel the most. Other departments use the requisition process while Athletics uses p-cards. Eddie and Shane have spent a lot of time on the athletic budget, and in the last two years they have brought down these charges significantly. They are continuing to do things like send to-go meals when teams travel and work with teams when they miss a meal due to practice or games.

 [3.6.26 Approval Of The Board.pdf](#)

 [3.6.26 Board Report.pdf](#)

 [3.6.26 P-Card Report.pdf](#)

 [3.6.26 Virtual Cards.pdf](#)

 [Voided Check Report.pdf](#)

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

Eddie Holtz, Vice President of Finance & Operations, presented the Board with the Financial Statements ending February 28, 2026.

Eddie shared that food service and the college store are operating well. Housing is also in good shape. Things are in good order this year due to an enrollment increase and cost controlling.

 [Financials March 2026.pdf](#)

8. Action Items

8.1. Presentation & Approval of FY27 Published Budget

Eddie Holtz shared the presentation of the FY27 preliminary budget with the Board.

Eddie shared that our insurance company is recommending \$3 million in cash reserves.

In the proposed budget the administration would recommend a 3% salary increase for faculty and staff as well as a \$6 per credit hour increase in tuition.

Set the spending caps, approve the budget recommendation for publication

The Board asked where the tuition increase puts Iowa Western in comparison with the other colleges in Iowa. Dr. Kinney shared that he has heard this falls in line with what the other colleges are projecting and Iowa Western may be slightly lower than others.

 [FY27 Published Budget.pptx](#)

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the FY27 Published Budget as presented.

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

8.2. Set Public Hearing for the Approval of the FY27 Published Budget

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to set April 20, 2026 as a Public Hearing for the Approval of the FY27 Published Budget.

Motion:

A motion was made to schedule a public hearing for the approval of the FY27 published budget.

Motion moved by Kirk Madsen and motion seconded by Chris Blake. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

8.3. Approval of Depository Resolution

Eddie Holtz presented the Trustees with a new Depository Resolution for approval. The Administration would recommend increasing ISJIT to \$70 million and decreasing New York Bank to \$10 million. The proceeds of the bond will be put in ISJIT. Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

 [Depositories Resolution and memo March 2026.pdf](#)

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the Depository Resolution as presented.

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

8.4. Approval to Open and Consider Sealed Bids by the VP of Finance and Operations/Board Treasurer, Secretary of the Board and Municipal Advisor for the School District Referring Same to the Board of Directors, Not to Exceed \$55,000,000 GO Bonds, Series 2026

Tim Oswald joined the meeting to share the details of the bond sale. There were 13 bidders, which is the most we have had.

The winning Bidder was JP Morgan with a 3.8852% True Interest Rate.

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to approve the opening and consideration of the sealed bids by the Vice President of Finance & Operations/Board Treasurer, Secretary of the Board and the Municipal Advisor for the School.

 [Resolution Opening Bids Iowa Western CC GO 2026 8.4.pdf](#)

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the opening and consideration of sealed bids.

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

8.5. Approval of Resolution for Consideration of Sealed Bids Opened and Reviewed by the VP of Finance and Operations/Board Treasurer, Secretary of the Board and Municipal Advisor and Directing the Sale, Not to Exceed \$55,000,000 GO Bonds, Series 2026

Board Chair Hornbeck asked for a motion to approve the resolution for consideration of sealed bids opened and reviewed by this listed above.

 [Resolution Considering Bids Iowa Western CC GO 2026 8.5.pdf](#)

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the resolution for consideration of sealed bids open and reviewed.

Motion moved by Gilbert Thomas and motion seconded by Tom Riley. A roll call vote was taken with all aye votes recorded. Motion carried.

9. Future Agenda Items

Board Chair Hornbeck reminded the Trustees of the Special Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23rd for the next steps on the bond process.

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 Gilbert Thomas and motion seconded by Chris Blake. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.