



## Board of Trustees Meeting | October 13, 2025

### Minutes

Iowa Western Community College  
10/13/2025 2:00 PMCDT

@ Iowa Western Community College, 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, Shane Larson, Matt Mancuso, Erin McKee, Molly Noon, Kim Vrba

##### **Absent:**

Guests: Jenny Kruger

#### 1. Call to Order

Board Chair Hornbeck called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

#### 2. Roll Call

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

#### 3. Approve Agenda

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

##### **Motion:**

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

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

#### 4. Correct, Amend and Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting held September 15, 2025

Board Chair Hornbeck asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the Regular meeting held September 15, 2025. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

 [Board of Trustees Meeting September 15, 2025 Minutes.pdf](#)

##### **Motion:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 15 meeting as presented.

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

## 5. Public Comment

Board Chair Hornbeck asked if there were any members of the public present for comment. There was no one in attendance and nothing was submitted in writing.

## 6. Monitoring Information About College Operations

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

Dr. Kinney updated the Trustees on the following items:

- We are looking at a 7% enrollment increase.
- Housing -started the year at 87%. Today's report is at 86.7%.
- In the process of enrollment for spring. Things are going well, but it's too early to report.
- Dr. Kinney shared the funnel for spring and fall - applications are up 12% , admitted students are up 4%. The most recent report was handed out.
- Dr. Kinney continues to focus on the bond referendum right now. This week is full of presentations. He continues to hear positive comments from the public. The Board echoed Dr. Kinney's comments that they are also hearing positive feedback in their communities. Their was a discussion on the impact in the rural communities and the trickle down from the open space, and how will this impact the space needed for BA's if that would happen.
- The Pathway Center opened in Glenwood last week. Ag and Teacher Education tracks and up and going this semester. They are looking at a robotics track.
- Dr. Kinney shared that he was asked to sit on a Future Ready Workforce Study Executive Committee through the Omaha Chamber.
- We are seeing an increase in Omaha high school students enrolling at Iowa Western.
- Reiver Fever Friday's have been bigger this year than last year.
- ACCT is next week. Dr. Kinney reviewed some of the travel details with the Board.
- The Community College BA Project is getting a lot of momentum right now. Teaching, Nursing and Business are the programs being mentioned as the most needed.
- Dr. Kinney is hearing that the enrollment at other community colleges are even or down in enrollment.

There was mention of the Council Bluffs City Council and Mayoral elections and the candidates comments lacking knowledge of our Small Business Development Center and other programs offered by the college. Matt shared how the SBDC visits chambers and city councils in our region to provide information about their services.

 [Daily Fall Enrollment October 5.pdf](#)

 [Recruiting Funnel Update.pdf](#)

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

Tom shared that he has nothing new to report as the Community Colleges for Iowa Board has not met since the last meeting.

There will be an Iowa Reception in New Orleans at the ACCT Leadership Congress and a joint meeting with the CC for Iowa Board and the President's in November.

### 6.3. Other Reports

There were no other reports to present.

## 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 Matt Johnson. All a votes were recorded. Motion carried.

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

Eddie Holtz presented the Board with this month's Personnel Report:

New hires include: Patricia Callaghan, Food Service Worker.

Employees leaving include: Dawn Jones, Bus Driver; Jamie Manhart, Continuing Education Coordinator.

 [Board Report October 2025.pdf](#)

### 7.2. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Randy Pash and Gilbert Thomas served as the auditors and reviewed the financial statements. There were no questions or concerns.

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

Eddie Holtz presented the Board with the financial statements ending September 30, 2025.

He shared that the College will be looking at significant changes for health insurance plans.

The zero based budgeting project is making everyone look more closely at their budgets.

 [FY25 September Financials.pdf](#)

## 8. Action Items

There were no items requiring Board action on the agenda.

## 9. Future Agenda Items

Next month the Board will be presented with the Fall Enrollment Report.

The Black Tie Harvest for Scholarships is this Saturday.

## 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 Kirk Madsen and motion seconded by Chris Blake. All aye votes were recorded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:51pm.