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## DCC Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: February 24, 2025

Meeting Location: DCC Board Room


Approval: FINAL

Recorded By: BreAnn Miller & Daisy Nyberg

Attendance for the February 24, 2025, Board of Trustee Meeting

Name	Title/Organization	Present
Cindy Larsen	Chair	Yes
Sarah Thorson	Vice Chair	Yes
Gloria Garceau-Glaser	Trustee	Yes
Brendan Heidner	Trustee	Yes
Lesley Gibbs	Trustee	Yes
Sandy Johnson	Trustee	Yes
Chad Knudson	President of DCC	Yes
Becky Smith	Dean of Finance and Operations	No
Daisy Nyberg	Interim Dean of People and Culture	Yes
BreAnn Miller	Interim Dean of Academic Affairs /DCC ALO	Yes
Joe Peterson	Athletic Director	No
Community Members		
Will Conley	Ranger Review	Zoom
Christina Di Gangi	Dawson Community College Instructor	Zoom
Dennis Harp	DC Foundation	Yes

  
Cindy Larsen, Chair

  
Sarah Thorson, Vice Chair

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Dawson Community College Board of Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 24, 2025, at 5:35 pm  
Recorded by BreAnn Miller & Daisy Nyberg

Chairwoman Larsen called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

I. Introductions

Chairperson Larsen called for introductions. Introductions were made around the room.

II. Correspondence

Glendive Community Cancer Fund request to serve alcohol at their Night of Hope Dinner on Friday, March 29, 2025.

III. Minutes

Trustee Garceau-Glaser moved and Trustee Thorson seconded to approve the minutes from January 28, 2025, regular board meeting. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved.

Reports

- President's Update:

President Knudson reviewed the ongoing legislative process regarding the college's budget. Executive action on HB10 was scheduled to happen today; however, nothing had been reported as of this meeting. All three (3) community colleges were included in the approved legislative action regarding the 12Free to cover tuition for dual enrollment. HB204 did not pass the senate.

President Knudson reviewed that our Accreditation Mid-Cycle Report is being finalized and the preparation for the Accreditation Mid-Cycle visit is being completed. President Knudson stated that the Para Pathway Project has gone live at the state level with 102 students that have enrolled in the program. This is the largest enrollment the company has seen in a program roll out.

The 2025-2026 calendar has been decided. We will continue with a 5-day school week with fewer holidays in the fall, but allowing for longer Christmas break with Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and day after Christmas having the campus closed.

Mid-term is the end of next week with Spring Break to follow the week after that. One student has qualified for nationals in indoor track with two other students who have provisionally qualified. Men's Basketball will host the regional finals on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. If the team continues to win, future game dates are Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Department Reports:

Reports were included in the packet for review.

Interim Dean Nyberg, and Interim Director Miller reviewed each departments' report included in the board packet. President Knudson and Interim Dean Nyberg are continuing to restructure how we approach housing positions and are excited for the possibilities. Interim Director/ALO Miller will be reviewing the mid-cycle visit schedule and determine if board participation is required. Interim Director Miller is finalizing the fall

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2025 semester class schedule with faculty input by the end of March. Interim Director Miller also stated that summer semester is ready for students to enroll.

- Finance Committee

Trustee Thorson reviewed the Finance Committee's meeting and was thankful to Dean Smith for the mid-calendar budget provided. President Knudson stated that we are in good shape as of February compared to this budget; however, the finance department will need to get the revenue to date added to that report. The Finance Committee is expecting large expenditures in the near future. These expenditures are for Insurance, Financial Audits, and Jenzabar.

- HR Committee

This committee did not meet. HR be recruiting for positions in housing. Austin Gray was hired as an Assistant I Baseball Coach through May, 2025. Trustee Heidner is revising the Presidential evaluation and a survey will be sent out to the college employees.

- Policy Committee

This committee did not meet.

IV. Public Comment

Chairperson Larsen called for public comment. There was no public comments.

V. New Business

- Trustee Thorson moved and Trustee Garceau-Glaser seconded to allow the Glendive Cancer Fund Night of Hope to serve alcohol. The motion passed with Trustee Gibbs and Trustee Johnson abstaining.

VI. Consent Items

- Trustee Heidner moved and Trustee Johnson seconded to approve the consent items distributed in the Board Packet. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Press Releases are forwarded to Board members as they are issued.

VIII. Open Forum for Public Input on Dawson Community College Issues.

Chairperson Larsen called for public comment. Trustee Gibbs stated that one of the track students was running with the traffic and asked us to remind the students to run against the traffic for safety. No other public comment given.

The Regular Board of Trustee meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.