



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.

3520 East Highway 44, Rapid City, SD, 57703

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The Western Dakota Tech Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, January 20, 2024, at 10:00 am, in person at 3250 E. Hwy 44, Rapid City, SD. The Board Trustees in attendance included: Thomas Brunner, Brad Heltzel, Dick Johnson, Lynn Kendall, Curt Pochardt, Andrea Powers, Linda Rabe, Andy Scull, and Dr. Steve Willard.

Others present included: Mike Hickey (Attorney, Bangs McCullen Law Office), Nick Wendell (Executive Director of the South Dakota Board of Technical Education), and Dr. Ann Bolman (President, WDTC).

Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman POCHARDT called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The format for how the meeting would proceed was discussed to include providing each party with twenty minutes to present information and ten minutes for questions.

WILLARD moved, and BRUNNER seconded to approve the Special Meeting Agenda. MOTION CARRIED (9-0).

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

POCHARDT asked if there were any public comments, none were expressed.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BRUNNER moved, seconded by HELTZEL to go into executive session at 10:07 am per SDCL 1-25-2 – (1) Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.; (3) Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters. MOTION CARRIED (9-0).

President Bolman left the Executive Session at 10:07 am. At 11:10 am the Board recessed for a break and Mr. Wendell left the Executive Session at this time. The Board returned to the Executive Session at 11:15 am, and President Bolman joined the Executive Session at this time. Board member Willard left the meeting at 12:15 pm. President Bolman left the Executive Session at 12:38 pm. At 1:42 pm Mr. Wendell joined the Executive Session. At 1:51 pm Mr. Wendell left the Executive Session and left the meeting. At 1:57 pm President Bolman joined the Executive Session.

The Executive Session concluded at 2:57 pm.

5. ADJOURNMENT

POWERS moved and RABE seconded to adjourn at 2:57 pm. MOTION CARRIED (8-0).



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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. [unclear]", written over a horizontal line.

Board Chair