

**MINUTES**  
**NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING – Library Conference Rooms 1 & 2**  
**Tuesday, January 27, 2026 (4:00 p.m.)**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND READING OF THE CALL OF THE MEETING.

President David Roland Finley, Ph.D., called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He stated that today's Special Meeting would be conducted in the format of an Organizational Meeting and he read the following call of the meeting:

*In the absence of both a Chair and Vice Chair, I will begin the meeting pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Section III of Act 331 of the Public Acts of 1966 as amended, I, Dr. David Roland Finley, president of North Central Michigan College, hereby call to order a Special Meeting for the Board of Trustees of North Central Michigan College for 4 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2026.*

2. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL TAKEN:

PRESENT: Trustees Keiswetter (via phone), Kromm, Pretty, Shirilla, and Wozniak

ABSENT: Trustee Etienne

3. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF MEETING.

President Finley stated the purpose of today's meeting is to formally accept a resignation, appoint a trustee to fill the vacancy created, elect a new board chair, and determine committee assignments.

4. TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS IN ACCORD WITH STATED PURPOSE.

a. Acceptance of Resignation

It was moved by Trustee Shirilla and supported by Trustees Kromm and Keiswetter (via phone) that the letter of resignation from Dan Rasmussen received January 14, 2026, be accepted effective immediately, with thanks for his service.

AYES: Trustees Keiswetter (via phone), Kromm, Pretty, Shirilla, and Wozniak

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Etienne

b. Appointment of Trustee

It was recommended and moved by Trustee Shirilla and supported by Trustee Wozniak that the Board appoint John Fought to fill the vacant seat through the remainder of the trustee term which runs through the end of the calendar year.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

AYES: Trustees Kromm, Pretty, Shirilla, and Wozniak

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Etienne and Keiswetter

Trustee Fought was asked to join the meeting and did so.

President Finley shared a reminder that the Board of Trustees collects names of those that are interested in serving on the Board. The current process would be to send an email to the Board at boardoftrustees@ncmich.edu with qualifications, background, and a statement of interest. The Board continues to work to refine the process for future trustee appointments following retirement or

resignation. To this end they have sought input from various stakeholders and best practices from external sources. Please understand that many times the board is working under a very tight 30-day requirement to fill vacant positions, so it helps to have an existing pool of candidates that are desiring to serve and have been partially vetted.

c. Election of Officer

It was moved by Trustee Wozniak and supported by Trustee Fought that Trustee Pretty be elected as board chair of North Central Michigan College's Board of Trustees, effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

AYES: Trustees Fought, Kromm, Pretty, Shirilla, and Wozniak

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Etienne and Keiswetter

President Finley turned the meeting over to Board Chair Pretty.

d. Committee Assignments

Chair Pretty shared that there have been several changes to the Board of Trustee Committee Assignments for 2026. The Bylaws & Policy Committee will be chaired by Trustee Kromm and will include Trustees Pretty and Fought. The Finance & Facilities Committee will be chaired by Trustee Fought and will include Trustees Pretty and Kromm. The Personnel Committee will continue to be chaired by Trustee Shirilla and will include Trustees Etienne and Wozniak. The Curriculum Committee remains unchanged. Trustee Wozniak will serve as the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) delegate.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, Trustee Fought motioned, and Trustee Shirilla supported the meeting be adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

AYES: Trustees Fought, Keiswetter (via phone), Kromm, Pretty, Shirilla, and Wozniak

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Etienne

  
/S/ Keith A. Pretty, J.D., Chairman

  
/S/ Melissa Keiswetter, Secretary

