

MINUTES
NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING – Library Conference Rooms 1 & 2
Thursday, November 16, 2023 (4:00 p.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kring, Rasmussen, and Shirilla

ABSENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Fought and supported by Trustee Etienne that the agenda be approved.

AYES: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kring, Rasmussen, and Shirilla

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

4. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER

Chairman Rasmussen noted as many are aware, Trustee Jennifer Shorter tendered her resignation from the Board of Trustees on October 26, 2023, creating a vacancy.

Pursuant to the Community College Act of 1966, Act 331, Section 389.158, the remaining members of the Board, by majority vote, shall fill the vacancy immediately. This person so appointed shall hold office until the next regular community college election held for the election of members to the board of trustees.

It was moved by Chairman Rasmussen that the board appoint Keith Pretty to fill the vacancy on the Board, and he provided the following background:

Keith Pretty joined Northwood University as President and CEO in 2006 and retired as President Emeritus in 2019. He came to Northwood from Walsh College where he served as President for seven years. Prior to Walsh, he was Vice President for external affairs and General Counsel at Western Michigan University and President and CEO of the Western Michigan University Foundation. Prior to his service at WMU, Pretty held executive roles in the private sector with the Standard Oil Company. Pretty earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Western Michigan University and a juris doctor degree from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He is the recipient of many awards and commendations and has served on numerous boards and commissions in both the public and private sectors. Pretty is married to Gretchen and they have four adult children and reside in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

The motion was supported by Trustees Shirilla and Fought.

AYES: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kring, Rasmussen, and Shirilla
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Chairman Rasmussen welcomed Trustee Pretty to the North Central Michigan College Board of Trustees

Chairman Rasmussen issued an additional statement for the record and for future reference. Please know 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. We as a Board are working to establish a process for future appointments and have sought input from various stakeholders and best practices from external sources. Please understand that many times we are working under a very tight 30-day requirement, so it helps to have an existing pool of candidates that are desiring to serve and have been partially vetted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Erick Haight, Professor of Psychology and Humanities at North Central Michigan College, inquired as to how many individuals are in the current pool of candidates for consideration of the Trustee position. Chairman Rasmussen estimated the pool consists of 15-20 candidates.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Kring motioned and Trustee Fought supported that the meeting be adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

AYES: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kring, Rasmussen, and Shirilla
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None



/S/ Daniel D. Rasmussen, Chairman



/S/ Melissa Keiswetter, Secretary