

**National Park College  
Minutes of the  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 31, 2021**

The National Park College Board of Trustees met in a regular session on March 31, 2021. The Finance Committee began at 3:15 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 3:30 p.m. Trustees present were Larry Bailey, Joyce Craft, Gail Ezelle, Jim Hale, Rhonda Harrington, Bev Joe, Forrest Spicher, and Raymond Wright.

Staff and faculty members present were Nathan Ritter, Dorothy Norris, Sara Caldwell, Diane Meredith, James Montgomery, Ashley Clayborn, Cari Elliott, Melony Martinez, Lisa Hopper, Darlene Gentles, Debra Wilson, Katherine McCorkle, Brad Hopper, Darla Thurber, Jill Houlihan. Brian Kroening, Nicole Herndon, Latisa Beason, Miles Morton, Blake Butler, Jennifer Lyons, Wade Derden, Sheryl Strother, Jessica Ellis, Stacey Armstrong, Jaymes Doss, Bruce Hankins, Sheryl Strother, Melissa Krafft, Robin Pelton, Kelli Embry, Bill Allison, Dr. Gwendolyn Carter, Steve Trusty, Julie Larue, Sharon Sinclair, Amy Fincham, Toni Knupps, Janice Ivers, Lynn Valetutti, Susan Millerd, Jerry Thomas, Te'Airra Blanchard, Matthias Elder, Terri Helms, Roger Fox, Eric Boardway, John Tucker, Bill Ritter, Amy Watson, Samantha Christian, Yolanda Cox, Scott Post, Michael Barnes, Mike Wiles, Chris Coble, and Susan Gaither-Maddox.

The media was notified of the meeting.

Chair Forrest Spicher welcomed everyone to the March National Park College Board meeting.

Raymond Wright presented the invocation.

President John Hogan noted the absence of Trustee Mike Bush, and expressed his hope of his expedited recovery.

**Items for Action**

- a. Gail Ezelle made a motion to approve the February 24 Meeting minutes. Larry Bailey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. During the Finance Committee Meeting preceding the regular meeting, Trustee Larry Bailey moved to streamline the process of financial information presentation. Larry Bailey moved to accept the financial reports as presented in the committee meeting. Raymond Wright seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- c. Kelli Embry, Vice President of Administration, presented a resolution to begin discussions of a New NPC Welding Technology Center. Gail Ezelle made a motion to approve the initiatives. Raymond Wright seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Wade Derden, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented a marine technology academic program for approval. Jim Hale made a motion to approve the ratifications as presented. Bev Joe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- e. Julie LaRue, Director of Human Resources, presented the ratifications of personnel actions. Raymond Wright made a motion to approve the ratifications as presented. Gail Ezelle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Items for Report

- a. Chair Spicher discussed Trustee Wright's new appointment to Campus Development Committee Chair.
- b. Yolanda Cox, Director of National Park University, on behalf of Wade Derden, Vice President of Academic Affairs, provided updates on commencement plans for 2021 and opening plans for Fall 2021.
- c. President John Hogan discussed plans moving forward including commencement and reopening in Fall 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

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Forrest Spicher, Chair

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Joyce Craft, Secretary/Treasurer

