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The Western Dakota Tech Board of Trustees met on Friday, July 19, 2024, at 8:00 am, in person at the Western Dakota Tech campus in the Pennington County Room. The meeting was also available virtually via Teams. The board trustees in attendance included: Tom Brunner, Brad Heltzel, Lynn Kendall, Curt Pochardt, Andrea Powers, Mike Roesler, Andy Scull, and Dr. Steve Willard. Board member Linda Rabe was absent with notice.

WDTC leadership staff attending included: Dr. Ann Bolman

Others present included: ACCT Consultant, Ken Burke, and Noelle Simmons

Breakfast

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman POCHARDT called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

BRUNNER moved, and HELTZEL seconded to approve the July agenda. MOTION CARRIED (6-0).

3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

POCHARDT asked if any trustee had potential conflicts. None were disclosed.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

5. **SWEAR IN NEW BOARD MEMBER**

President Bolman led Mike Roesler through the Oath of Office for the 2024-25 term.

SCULL arrived at 8:37 am.

6. **RETREAT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

President Bolman introduced ACCT Consultant, Ken Burke, the retreat facilitator. Ken began by first covering the purpose of the Retreat and then the below topics were discussed. Strategic conversation topics included internal and external relationships, housing, and enrollment. Action items for follow-up were identified as appropriate.

- Introductions
- Best Practices in Board Governance
- Case Studies
- Board Self-Evaluation (mini version)
- Strategic Conversations

Lunch

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 19, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Pennington County Room

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7. **SINE DIE FOR PURPOSE OF ELECTING BOARD CHAIR**

The meeting under POCHARDT's leadership was adjourned for Dr. Bolman to facilitate the formal election of the Board Chair for 2024-25.

8. **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR**

POCHARDT nominated WILLARD for 2024-25 Board Chair. BRUNNER moved and HELTZEL seconded to cease nominations and elect WILLARD as Board Chair. MOTION CARRIED (8-0).

9. **ELECTION OF BOARD VICE CHAIR**

BRUNNER nominated KENDALL for 2024-25 Vice Chair, seconded by POCHARDT. BRUNNER moved and SCULL seconded to cease nominations and elect KENDALL as Vice Chair. MOTION CARRIED (8-0).

Chairman WILLARD expressed gratitude to outgoing Chairman POCHARDT for his leadership and service as Board Chair for the past two years.

10. **RETREAT TOPICS CONTINUE**

Retreat topics continued with discussing additional strategic conversation topics.

11. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

September 11, 2024 | 11:30 AM | Pennington County Room

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chair