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The Western Dakota Tech Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 12:00 pm, 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 (virtual), Lynn Kendall (virtual), Curt Pochardt, Andrea Powers, Mike Roesler, Andy Scull, and Dr. Steve Willard. Foundation board members present included: Sarah Blenner, Kyler Carda, Jordan Cook, Judge Eric Kelderman, Veronica Kusser, Jonathan McCoy, Daryl Mecham, Dave Viall, and Ellen White Thunder.

Absent with notice: Linda Rabe

WDTC leadership and other staff attending included: Christine Goldsmith, Andrew Kapelewski and Noelle Simmons

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

WILLARD called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm with a roll call to order.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ROESLER moved, and BRUNNER seconded to approve the February agenda. MOTION CARRIED (8-0) via roll call vote.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Chairman Willard extended his gratitude to everyone for attending the special meeting. He also expressed appreciation to Acting President Goldsmith for her leadership in keeping the college moving forward and to the board staff for their efforts in organizing the meeting.

SCULL disclosed he has a previous customer-client relationship with one of the developers whose proposal will be discussed at this meeting. SCULL reported he has had no conversations, knowledge, nor understanding in terms of their proposal. Therefore, he does not report this constituting a conflict of interest. Chairman Willard asked if any board members have concerns regarding this disclosure and none were reported.

4. **FOUNDATION - STUDENT HOUSING FINANCING UPDATE**

Foundation Board Chair, Jonathan McCoy, explained the purpose of the update shared today is to provide an update on potential financing options for on-campus student and to hear feedback. Mr. McCoy presented on the two proposals. Mr. McCoy provided an overview of the proposals, identified comparisons between them, and entertained questions on the proposals. Next steps were discussed, including that the Foundation board will proceed in meeting and making a decision on how to move forward.

5. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled as follows: February 12, 2025 | 11:30 am | Pennington County Room

6. **ADJOURNMENT**



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes

12:00 p.m.

Pennington County Room

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SCULL moved and BRUNNER seconded to adjourn at 1:15 pm. MOTION CARRIED (8-0) via roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stew Willard".

Board Chair