

WACCT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 27, 2022

ZOOM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by WACCT President Reggie Clark at 4:03 pm.

Those present:

Kathy Dolan, CC

Steve Degenfelder, CC

Dr. Darren Divine, CC

Christopher Lorenzen, CC

Don Erickson, LCCC

Dr. Joe Schaffer, LCCC

Craig Tolman, CWC

Dr. Brad Tyndall, CWC

Reggie Clark, WWCC

Dr. Veronica Donaldson, WWCC

Erin Kilbride, NWCCD

Tara Kuipers, NWC

Mark Wurzel, NWC

Robert Palmer, GCCD

Nello Williams, GCCD

Janell Oberlander, GCCD

Erin Taylor, Executive Director

A motion was made and seconded for the agenda for the April 27th meeting.

There was no objection for the February 24, 2022, WACCT Board Minutes and the April 18, 2022, WACCT Executive Committee minutes.

New Business

- Financial Reports
 - The year-to-date profit & Loss and balance sheet were presented to the Board and the key elements discussed. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial reports.**
 - Treasurer Erickson explained the annual budget drafting process which involves reviewing the past several years of financials and programming needs. He asked members of the Board to send ideas for the upcoming fiscal year to either the Treasurer or the ED. The draft budget will be presented at the June 8th meeting.

- Finally, the ED explained the process for executing the annual Executive Director review. Board members and Presidents should look for an email from President Clark with the ED's self-assessment and a survey for the goals.

Other Business

- **Higher Education Attainment Council Update** – The ED told the Committee of the HEAC's support for Wyoming's Tomorrow during the legislative session and that the Council is set to sunset via legislation.
- **Wyoming Innovative Partnership** – Both the ED and Dr. Divine updated the Board on the legislative understanding of the WIP, work on Phase I projects and movement toward getting an independent executive director in place. The WIP website is now live and WACCT will link to the WIP and WACCT websites.
- **WACCT Advocacy Update** –
 - **Executive Director** – The ED gave a quick summary of the successes and challenges from the legislative session and the interim topics as assigned impacting the colleges. A few takeaways include the following:
 - WACCT will host a brainstorming meeting on May 31st in Casper just prior to the Joint Education Meeting where the colleges will be on the agenda on June 1st. The purpose of the meeting will be to determine WACCT's advocacy messaging for this fiscal year. All Presidents and Wyoming Community College Commission staff and Commissioners will be invited.
 - WACCT will host the Joint Education Committee in Casper on May 31st if the evening is available. ED will reach out to the Chairmen as soon as possible.
 - Programming to support advocacy efforts and trustees (the ED asked for ideas for webinars or whitepapers, etc.):
 - Community College Funding (perhaps record for future use)
 - Role of the WCCC and meet the Commissioners
 - Wyoming Innovative Partnership
 - Wyoming's Tomorrow, What's the Next Step?
 - Advocacy 101
 - Each college has an opportunity to formalize their relationship with high-level industry partners in their service territories. This will help to activate the third-party advocacy support when the colleges need it – especially during the fast-paced legislative session.
 - **Linden** – Finally, Linden gave the WACCT Board and expanded group of college presidents and public relations folks an update on the WACCT marketing plan. Linden asked for a follow up from the colleges for local news and events, and they have the initial meetings with Wyoming PBS to start on a piece highlighting the colleges planned. Ideas highlighting students in all communication efforts was warmly received. Linden would also like to build more communications illustrating the link between the colleges and local industries and the colleges and local communities.
- **WACCT Awards** – Finally, it was suggested that the WACCT Awards event be considered as an agenda item for the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.