



February | NIACC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

North Iowa Area Community College – Regular Board Meeting
2/19/2026 6:00 PM
NIACC Campus | 500 College Drive | Mason City, IA, 50401

I. Preliminary/Information Items

A. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

President Julseth called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. A quorum was declared with the following persons in attendance:

Members Present:

1-David Steffens, Jr. (remote) 2- Kurt Herbrechtsmeyer, 4- John Rowe
5- Willie Weis (remote) 6- Andy Julseth 9- Nicki Prantner

Members Absent: 3- Dave Moore, 7- Stephanie Nettleton, 8- Debra Hill

Executive Officer: Joel Pedersen

Board Secretary: Abby Donald

Board Treasurer: Mindy Eastman

Visitors: Patti Hanson, Dr. Laurel Klinkenberg, Dr. Rachel McGuire

B. Additions to the Agenda and Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made by Director Herbrechtsmeyer and seconded by Director Prantner to adopt the agenda. Ayes – all. Motion carried.

II. Board Items

A. Community Colleges for Iowa Report

There was no report this month.

B. Legislative Report

President Pedersen reported that a new bill impacting the 260E program is moving through the Senate committee and would make our 260E programs in rural Iowa unfeasible. We also continue to monitor state general aid. He is unsure whether the bill allowing Community Colleges to offer bachelor's degrees will pass this year; if it does, NIACC would qualify if the program were not offered by Waldorf.

C. AEA267 Joint Board Meeting | April 1, 2026 4:30 PM

Abby reminded the Board that the joint meeting with the AEA, Hawkeye Community College, and Iowa Valley Community College is on April 1 at 4:30. It will be a Zoom meeting, but you are welcome to come to the board room if you would like. A quorum is not required, but NIACC representation is.

D. Spring Board Retreat | April 16, 2026

No agenda items were requested. Tentative agenda items include an insurance update, a solar update, a facilities master plan, and a tour of the new nursing offices.

E. Board Member Forum

Director Steffens reported that seven Lake Mills students participated in the state wrestling tournament.

F. Agenda Items for the March Board Meeting | March 19

No agenda items were requested.

III. Consent Agenda

President Julseth asked if anyone would like to discuss or remove items from the Consent Agenda. Director Prantner made a motion, seconded by Director Herbrechtsmeyer, to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes-all. The motion carried.

A. Approval of Minutes

Workshop meeting minutes and regular meeting minutes from January 15, 2026.

1. Workshop Minutes - January 15, 2026
2. Regular Meeting Minutes - January 15, 2026

B. Financial Report and Actions

Director Julseth reviewed the bills and found them to be in order.

1. Bills for the Month of January 2026 and Budget Statements through January 31, 2026

C. Personnel Items

The personnel recommendations were included in the Board packet.

1. Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations | Authorizations | Appointments | Other

D. Action Items

1. Addendum to the Contract for Educational Services for Concurrent Enrollment Career Link Programs
 - a. Hampton-Dumont Community School District

IV. Action Items

- A. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Early College Success Program with Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates (A memorandum from Joel Pedersen was included in the Board book requesting approval of the

Memorandum of Understanding for the Early College Success Program with Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates. A motion was made by Director Prantner and seconded by Director Rowe for approval. Ayes – all. Motion carried.

B. Request for Approval of Gift Agreement Between North Iowa Area Community College and the NIACC Foundation

A memorandum from Joel Pedersen was included in the Board book requesting approval of the Gift Agreement Between NIACC and the NIACC Foundation. A motion was made by Director Herbrechtsmeyer and seconded by Director Rowe for approval. Ayes – all. Motion carried.

C. Request for Approval of Proposed Parcel Change with City of Mason City

A memorandum from Joel Pedersen was included in the Board book requesting approval of the Proposed Parcel Change with the City of Mason City. A motion was made by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Herbrechtsmeyer for approval. Ayes – all. Motion carried.

D. Request for Approval of FY26 Major Purchase

A memorandum from Mindy Eastman was included in the Board book requesting approval of the FY26 Major Purchase. A motion was made by Director Rowe and seconded by Director Prantner for approval. Ayes – all. Motion carried.

V. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda

VI. President's Report

President Pedersen reported that he plans to meet with the MacNider family in March to discuss plans for the Indianhead property. Joel toured the Franklin County Center. It is on budget and time, and will be a great building. We will begin discussing naming rights with partners. Tomorrow we are interviewing to be a semi-finalist for the Aspen Prize.

VII. Adjournment

Director Rowe made a motion, seconded by Director Steffens, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes-all. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Andy Julseth, President
NIACC Board of Directors

Abby Donald, Secretary
NIACC Board of Directors