



# January | NIACC Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

North Iowa Area Community College – Regular Board Meeting

1/15/2026 6:30 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 6:38 PM. A quorum was declared with the following persons in attendance.

#### Members Present:

1-David Steffens, Jr.	2- Kurt Herbrechtsmeyer,	3- Dave Moore
4- John Rowe	5- Willie Weis	6- Andy Julseth
7- Stephanie Nettleton	8- Debra Hill	9- Nicki Prantner

**Members Absent:** None

**Executive Officer:** Joel Pedersen

**Board Secretary/Recording Secretary:** Abby Donald

#### Visitors:

Mindy Eastman	Patti Hanson	Dr. Laurel Klinkenberg
Dr. Rachel McGuire		

#### B. Additions to the Agenda and Adoption of the Agenda

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

### II. Board Items

#### A. Community Colleges for Iowa Update

Director Hill reported the following: ▪ Community Colleges for Iowa hired a new Director of Government Relations, Ryan Roberts. ▪ Day on the Hill is coming up in early March if you're interested in attending.

#### B. Legislative Update

President Pedersen reported: ▪ A bill will be submitted to authorize community colleges to offer bachelor's degrees. Community Colleges requested additional

funds to launch bachelor's programs, but the proposed bill does not include any additional funding. ▪ Joel attended the Republican legislative breakfast in Des Moines to hear about the party's priorities. Eminent domain and property taxes were at the top of the list.

C. **Board Member Forum**

Director Rowe asked for the contact information for a demonstration of audio technology in the NIACC auditorium

D. **Agenda Items for February Board Meeting**

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 Moore made a motion, seconded by Director Weis, to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes-all. The motion carried.

IV. **Action Items**

There were no action items

V. **Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda

VI. **President's Report**

President Pedersen reported: ▪ Thanked Dr. Klinkenberg and her team for a successful faculty credentialing process for the upcoming Department of Education's visit ▪ Headcount and credits are up for the fourth consecutive semester. ▪ A new lighted sign is now on the NIACC barn. ▪ Shared figures on athletic projects and sought board input on bidding options for foundation-funded projects.

VII. **Adjournment**

Director Steffens made a motion, seconded by Director Prantner, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes-all. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andy Julseth, President  
NIACC Board of Directors

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Abby Donald, Secretary  
NIACC Board of Directors