

**MINUTES**  
**NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING Library Conference Rooms 1 & 2**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2024 (4:00 p.m.)**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL TAKEN:

PRESENT: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kromm, Pretty, Rasmussen, and Shirilla

ABSENT: None

Chairman Rasmussen welcomed Trustee Kromm to his first meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Etienne and supported by Trustee Pretty that the agenda be approved with the following modification: Addition of item 8.e. Michigan Scholarships.

AYES: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kromm, Pretty, Rasmussen, and Shirilla

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Fought and supported by Trustee Shirilla that the minutes of the August 27, 2024, Regular Meeting, be approved as drafted.

AYES: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kromm, Pretty, Rasmussen, and Shirilla

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS

More information may be found here:

<https://www.ncmich.edu/community-events/news-and-press-releases/shakespeare-four-humors-exhibit.html>

b. NCMC

AYES: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kromm, Pretty, Rasmussen, and Shirilla  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

## 8. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

President Finley shared the following:

a. Lifelong Learning Success

Dean of Corporate and Community Education (CCE), Christy Lyons, announced that all classes in August were fully booked, and 14 classes for September and October are also at full capacity. In four short years, Lifelong Learning has grown to serve over 7,000 unique participants.

b. Ground Blessing – October 7, 2024

North Central Michigan College is pleased to partner with the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians to conduct a Ground Blessing on campus October 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. This ceremony is being held as we prepare to begin Phase II of the Career and Technical Education Enhancement (CATEE) Project. During Phase II, we will be expanding the Health Education and Science Center and also razing/rebuilding the Technology Center.

It is a way to honor the history and heritage of this area, and the peoples who have lived here for many generations.

c. CATEE Project Update

Phase I of the CATEE project, which is four mock hospital rooms, a debriefing room and storage space is near completion. We are on track to have access to this area on November 1, 2024.

d. Enrollment

The final enrollment report came out and showed we are up nearly 5% on overall head count. Additionally, we saw a 4% increase in degree seeking (non-dual headcount) and 12% increase in full-time students. We applaud everyone on campus for their continued outstanding work to build the Fall 2024 incoming class.

e. Michigan Scholarships (Utilization of State Scholarships)

Dr. Beverly, Director of MiLEAP shared with President Finley that North Central is 'leading the pack' in awarding state-funded scholarships in comparison to our peers. President Finley thanked the Financial Aid and Business Office staff for their outstanding work.

Industry Partnerships, 2. Education Partnerships, and 3.

AYES: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kromm, Pretty, Rasmussen, and Shirilla

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

c. Committee Assignments for Trustee Kromm

Chairman Rasmussen noted that Trustee Etienne will be replaced by Trustee Kromm on the Curriculum Committee, and Trustee Pretty will replace former trustee Dave Kring on the Finance and Facilities Committee.

13. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no unscheduled public comment.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, Trustee Fought motioned and Trustee G(mot)-U0000091.0.0g6m0 G{ )JTJETQer