

**NORTHWEST COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

June 7, 2021

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** President DR. MARK WURZEL; Vice President/Secretary DR. LARRY TODD; Treasurer MS. CAROLYN DANKO; and Trustees MR. JOHN HOUSEL, MR. BOB NEWSOME, and MR. DUSTY SPOMER.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trustee MS. TARA KUIPERS
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Interim President LISA WATSON; TRACY COPENHAVER, Board Counsel; DR. GERRY GIRAUD, Vice President for Academic Affairs; DR. LOGAN BURNS; MS. KELI BORDERS, Interim Executive Secretary to the President and Board of Trustees
- CALL TO ORDER:** A special meeting of the Northwest College Board of Trustees was called to order on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 7:08 p.m. in Yellowstone Building Conference Center.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION:** **A motion was made by Trustee Danko and seconded by Trustee Todd to move into executive session. Motion carried and the executive session convened at 7:08 p.m.**
- The executive session adjourned at 9:22 p.m., and the regular session resumed.**
- INTERIM PRESIDENT CONTRACT:** **A motion was made by Trustee Todd and seconded by Trustee Danko to uphold the Board's decision related to Interim President Watson's recommendation to eliminate a position pursuant to the Reduction in Force process.**
- Trustee Housel stated his concern since January was that the final recommendation regarding Reduction in Force should have been at the discretion of the entire Board of Trustees and not solely with the Board Finance Committee. Discussions taking place in committee denied him the opportunity to participate in an equitable fashion, to ask questions or to make suggestions.
- Trustee Todd stated the tenure and promotion process needs to be reconsidered going forward.
- Trustee Spomer stated discussions have always taken place in committee and brought before the Board for discussion in a public forum. He is offended by the insinuation that the hard work done by the Finance Committee was subversive to the process.
- Trustee Danko stated nothing done in committee is secret, work is brought to the Board, and Trustees are not prevented from asking questions.
- Motion carried with Trustee Housel voting against.**
- ADJOURNMENT:** **The special meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.**

LARRY TODD, Vice President/Secretary

Date