

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 22, 2023**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Chair Uhe asked Julie Lanxon, Recording Secretary to the Board, to call the roll:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brad Ashby, Vice Chair  
Kristen DuPree  
Adam Gotschall, Secretary, arrived at 6:22 p.m.  
Ron Hug  
Phillip Klein  
Theresa Love-Hug  
Linda McDermitt, Assistant Secretary  
Maureen Monahan, Treasurer  
Zach Reinhardt  
Fred Uhe, Chair  
Tammy Wright  
Conrad Cusick, Student Ex Officio

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Zach Pechacek, Faculty Ex Officio

**Also Present:** Randy Schmailzl, College President

**Agenda Item 1d—Announcement of Posted Location of Open Meetings Act**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chair reported that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available in the rear of the room.

**Agenda Item 1e—Recording of Notice of Public Meeting**

The Chair then reported on the recording of the Notice of Public Meeting and stated he had the following:

1. *Proof of Publication, pursuant to Policy 10503 of the Board of Governors, in the form of an affidavit of an employee of the Omaha World-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation within Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties, Nebraska to the effect that notice of this Special meeting was published in that newspaper on August 11, 2023, and on the Omaha World-Herald website Omaha.com from August 11 – August 17, 2023.*

2. *Affidavit of College employee Julie Lanxon, to the effect that a copy of the published Notice of Meeting was transmitted to each member of the Board of Governors via email on August 9, 2023, as specified by Board Policy 10503 of the Board of Governors.*

*The notice of the meeting stated that an agenda for this meeting, kept continually current, was available for public inspection at the principal office of the Board of Governors, Building No. 30, 30th and Fort Streets, Omaha, Nebraska, during normal business hours.*

*Without objection, the Chair of the Board directed that the affidavits, along with the methods and dates of notice be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.*

The Chair added that, due to an air conditioner failure in Building 21 on Monday, August 21, he, in conjunction with the administration, made the decision to move the Board meeting to Building 22. The secretary to the Board amended the location on the agenda, sent a notice of the amended agenda to all Board members and everyone on the email notification list (media, employees, union, anyone else who requested to receive an electronic copy), posted signs on the entrances of Buildings 21 and 22, and had a police officer on site at the Mule Barn to direct people to Building 22. A copy of the amended agenda was made available in the principal office of the Board of Governors located in Building 30.

## **Agenda Item 2—Proposed 2023-24 Budget Statement**

### **Agenda Item 2a—Proposed 2023-24 Budget Statement Synopsis**

- **Review of 2023-24 Budget**

Schmailzl explained that Neb.Rev.Stat. § 13-506 requires that a public hearing on the Proposed Metropolitan Community College Area (MCCA) Board of Governors Budget Statement be held separately from the regular August Board of Governors meeting. The Board Chair, after consulting with administration and legal counsel, decided to schedule the special meeting immediately before the regular August meeting of the Board of Governors. A written record will be kept of the hearing. The regular August Board of Governors meeting will begin at its regular time of 6:30 p.m., or promptly following the adjournment of this meeting.

Schmailzl introduced the budget topic and presented updated information. He reviewed the key provisions in the Proposed MCCA Board of Governors' Budget Statement, including a comparison to the prior year's budget. Key details highlighted:

- The General Fund levy rate is 7.5 cents per \$100 of property valuation and has been since FYE 2011. MCC's general fund levy is equivalent to \$75 for every \$100K of property valuation. MCC continues to decline to take the full tax authority of 11.25 cents per \$100 of property valuation.
- Enrollment in 2022-23 increased by approximately 6.07%.
- Beginning with the 2024 tax year, community colleges will only be levying 2 cents for their capital funds and 0 cents for their general funds; taxpayers can

receive a 100% tax credit on any property taxes paid to the community colleges.

Schmailzl reviewed the FYE 2024 Total All Funds expenditure budget summary, noting the total expenditures to increase approximately \$31 million. General funds is projected to increase approximately \$8 million. The capital fund is projected to increase approximately \$27.7 million, as funds have been appropriated to various campus projects that align with the upcoming strategic plan.

The Capital Fund levy rate is unchanged at 2 cents per \$100 of property valuation. MCC's overall property tax rate remains at 9.5 cents; MCC will generate approximately \$11 million (13.5% increase) using the same levy rate as in previous years. MCC's levy rate has remained steady around 84% of the allowable tax authority since 2010; a total levy of 9.5 cents.

### **Agenda Item 3—Public Hearing**

#### **Agenda Item 3a—Public Hearing for Proposed Metropolitan Community College Area Board of Governors' Budget Statement 2023-24**

Uhe called for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed Metropolitan Community College Area (MCCA) Board of Governors' Budget Statement for 2023-24.

**MOTION:** Hug moved to open the Public Hearing; McDermitt seconded the motion.

Kristen DuPree, yes  
Adam Gotschall, yes  
Ron Hug, yes  
Phillip Klein, yes  
Theresa Love-Hug, yes  
Linda McDermitt, yes  
Maureen Monahan, yes  
Zach Reinhardt, yes  
Fred Uhe, Chair, yes  
Tammy Wright, yes  
Brad Ashby, yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Uhe declared the Public Hearing open and asked President Schmailzl to confirm that three copies of the Proposed Budget Statement were available to the public at this hearing.

Schmailzl confirmed that three copies of the Proposed Budget Statement were available.

Uhe asked if there were any members of the public who wished to provide input on the proposed MCCA Board of Governors' Budget Statement for 2023-24.

Hearing from no one, Uhe asked for a motion and second to close the Public Hearing.

**MOTION**: Hug moved to close the Public Hearing; Monahan seconded the motion.

Adam Gotschall, yes  
Ron Hug, yes  
Phillip Klein, yes  
Theresa Love-Hug, yes  
Linda McDermitt, yes  
Maureen Monahan, yes  
Zach Reinhardt, yes  
Fred Uhe, yes  
Tammy Wright, yes  
Brad Ashby, yes  
Kristen DuPree, yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Uhe declared the Public Hearing closed.

#### **Agenda Item 4—Adjournment**

**MOTION**: Reinhardt moved to adjourn the meeting; Hug seconded the motion.

Ron Hug, yes  
Phillip Klein, yes  
Theresa Love-Hug, yes  
Linda McDermitt, yes  
Maureen Monahan, yes  
Zach Reinhardt, yet  
Fred Uhe, yes  
Tammy Wright, yes  
Brad Ashby, yes  
Kristen DuPree, yes  
Adam Gotschall, yes

Motion carried. The Special meeting of the Board was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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Adam Gotschall, Secretary, Board of Governors

Date

**AFFIDAVIT OF TRANSMISSION OF NOTICE OF  
MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF  
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA**

STATE OF NEBRASKA    )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS )

**Julie Lanxon, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and states as follows:**

- 1. That pursuant to direction received from the Chair of the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area, I caused the following Notice to wit:**

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY**

State of Nebraska  
Budget Form – Notice

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA IN DODGE, DOUGLAS, SARPY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, NEBRASKA

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Nebraska State Statute Sections 13-501 et seq., that the governing body of Metropolitan Community College Area will meet on August 22, 2023, at 6:15 p.m., at Metropolitan Community College, Fort Omaha Campus, Building 21, Room 112, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Sorensen Parkway, Omaha, Nebraska, to hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget is available at the office of the secretary during regular business hours.

**PROPOSED BUDGET.** In compliance with Sections 13-501 *et seq.* of the Nebraska Statutes, as amended, a public hearing will be held at a special public meeting on the date and at the time and place stated above to consider the proposed 2023-24 budget statement of the College Area, a summary of which is printed below (and copies of which are available at the office of the secretary during regular business hours and will be available at the public hearing).

Adam Gotschall, Secretary

2021-22 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	<u>\$182,477,623.00</u>
2022-23 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	<u>\$166,417,964.00</u>
2023-24 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	<u>\$266,120,535.00</u>
2023-24 Necessary Cash Reserve	<u>\$ 85,251,223.00</u>
2023-24 Total Resources Available	<u>\$351,371,758.00</u>
Total 2023-24 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	<u>\$ 95,197,167.21</u>
Unused Budget Authority Created for Next Year	<u>\$ 21,196,402.45</u>
<b>Breakdown of Property Tax:</b>	
Personal & Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	<u>\$ 0</u>
Personal & Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	<u>\$ 95,197,167.21</u>

**PUBLISH on Friday, August 11, 2023**

to be published in *Omaha World-Herald* on August 11, 2023; and that the order to said newspaper was made by electronic transmission on August 9, 2023.

1. That on August 11, a copy of such Notice was addressed and sent by e-mail or, if so requested, by personal delivery to each member of the Board of Governors.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Julie Lanson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023



Jolynn Emery  
Notary Public



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### AFFIDAVIT

State of Florida, County of Charlotte, ss:

I, Bailee Liston, being of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath, hereby depose and say that I am agent of Column Software, PBC, duly appointed and authorized agent of the Publisher of Omaha World Herald, a legal daily newspaper printed and published in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, and of general circulation in the Counties of Douglas, and Sarpy and State of Nebraska, and that the attached printed notice was published in said newspaper on the dates stated below and that said newspaper is a legal newspaper under the statutes of the State of Nebraska.

PUBLICATION DATES:  
11 Aug 2023

NOTICE NAME: 08 22 23 Budget Public Hearing Notice

PUBLICATION FEE: \$78.83

*Bailee Liston*

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

### VERIFICATION

State of Florida  
County of Charlotte

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me on this: 08/11/2023

*Rachael Mary Schultz*

Notary Public

Notarized online using audio-video communication





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