

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2012**

MINUTES

Chair Alex Vasquez called the Special Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Friday, October 19, at 3:32 p.m. in the Burns Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Members Present: Alex Vasquez (Chair), Joe Spivey, Randy Lawson, Joan Clifford, Ric Clifford, Johnny Haney, Mike Shupe

Also in Attendance: Wyley Elliott and Jesse Pierce

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Mr. Vasquez told the Board the purpose of the meeting is for the Board to consider the recommendation from the Presidential Search Committee. He thanked Mr. Lawson for his leadership on the search committee. He also thanked the search committee for their work. Mr. Vasquez said there is work being conducted on the compensation contract for the new President. He said they would likely be discussing this in an Executive Session.

Mr. Lawson thanked Mr. Wyley Elliott, Mr. Steven Hinds, Ms. Miranda Smith, Mr. Jim Hall, and the culinary department for all their assistance with the committee. He then read a prepared statement indicating that after completing the semi-finalist interviews, the committee recommends Dr. Jo Alice Blondin, Dr. Evelyn Jorgenson, Dr. Anthony Kinkle, and Dr. Carol Spencer as the finalists. He thanked the search committee for their work.

Mr. Lawson said it was the recommendation of the committee that Dr. Jo Alice Blondin, Dr. Evelyn Jorgenson, Dr. Anthony Kinkle, and Dr. Carol Spencer be brought in as finalist for interviews with the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Shupe thanked Mr. Lawson and the Search Committee. Mr. Lawson said the committee did a good job in looking at the Presidential profile to align them with the candidates. Mr. Clifford thanked the committee. Mr. Vasquez said the Board did a lot of work to provide information to the committee. He appreciated the Board for giving this context to the committee.

Mr. Spivey asked what would happen if the Board conducts the interviews and there is not a good fit. He also asked if the committee considered the knowledge of the campus and vision of where the College is going. Mr. Lawson said the committee did a very thorough job in asking 15 questions that were broad and covered all the key areas needed. Mr. Vasquez said if none of the finalist are the fight fit, they would re-conduct the search.

Mr. Haney asked if background checks would be completed on the finalists. Mr. Lawson said the semi finalists have had significant reference checks by ACCT and a more thorough background check will be

completed at a later date. Mr. Vasquez said more information on the finalists visits will come soon. He said Ms. Smith would contact the Board to look at dates for the finalist interviews.

Approval of Recommendation of the Search Committee be Accepted by the Board

Mr. Lawson moved and Mr. Haney seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee that Dr. Jo Alice Blondin, Dr. Evelyn Jorgenson, Dr. Anthony Kinkle, and Dr. Carol Spencer be brought in as finalist for on campus interviews with the Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Mr. Alex Vasquez, Chairperson

Mr. Randy Lawson, Secretary