

Cloud County Community College
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting Minutes
HLC Mock Interviews
for **September 29, 2020**

Present: Ellen Anderson, Richard Hubert, Jim Koch, Jesse Pounds; Interim President, Amber Knoettgen, Diane Leif – Board Clerk.

Others Present: Jim Lowell – Blade Empire, Toby Nosker – KNCK Radio, Susan Dudley, Brandon Galm, Cindy Lamberty, Jessica LeDuc, Stefanie Perret, Tom Roberts, Jennifer Schroeder, Dr. Betty Stevens (ZOOM), Chris Wilson

Not Present: Greg Askren, Pat Macfarlane

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jesse Pounds at **5:00 PM** in Room 257 of the President’s Addition.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Adopt the Agenda** – Jim Koch moved and Ellen Anderson seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Approval of Microsoft Renewal** – Ellen Anderson moved and Jim Koch seconded to approve the Microsoft Renewal of \$20,235.91 and authorize payment from Tech Fees. Motion passed.
 - B. **Approval of the Vice President for Academic Affairs – Dr. Kim Zant** – Jim Koch moved and Richard Hubert seconded the appointment of Dr. Kim Zant to the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs on a full-time, KPERS covered administrative contract with an effective date of October 21, 2020. Motion passed. Jim Koch announced that although he approves Dr. Zant, he was bothered that the media made this announcement of the Vice President’s hire before it was approved by the Board of Trustees.
- V. **HLC Mock Interviews with Dr. Betty Stevens** – Dr. Betty Stevens has been serving as a consultant evaluator and visiting team chair for the Higher Learning Commission for over 25 years. She works with institutions conducting accreditation visits to colleges and universities in the North Central region, stretching from West Virginia through the upper

Midwest and the northern Great Plains to Wyoming and south to Arizona. The Higher Learning Commission will perform a Comprehensive Evaluation of the college in late October. Due to COVID, the evaluation will include an on-site visit by a single peer reviewer, and five virtual peer reviewers to verify that the claims made by CCCC in its submitted assurance argument report to the Higher Learning Commission are accurate. Dr. Stevens said the peer reviewer will be largely interested in the decisions made by the Board of the Trustees in the last six months, including the unanimous decision in May to not renew the contract of former President Dr. Adrian Douglas, along with the long-term stability of the college. Stevens went on to say, their action to non-renew had unusual timing with the HLC visit looming.

Dr. Stevens told the Board, "HLC will want to be assured the action you took was the right and necessary thing to do."

- VI. Adjournment** – Ellen Anderson moved and Jim Koch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:37PM. Motion passed.

Diane Leif, Clerk of the Board
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