

 **North Idaho College**
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
Edminster Student Union Building
February 9, 2026
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mary Havercroft called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and verified that a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Brad Corkill (via Zoom)
Rick Durbin
Mary Havercroft
Eve Knudtsen (via Zoom)
Tarie Zimmerman (via Zoom)

Also present: Nick Swayne, PhD, President (via Zoom)
Lloyd Duman, PhD, Interim Provost
Ed Harri, EdD, Senior Vice President, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) (via Zoom)

APPROVE AGENDA

Vice Chair Havercroft called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Rick Durbin made the motion which was seconded by Trustee Brad Corkill. The Vice Chair called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously with five votes in favor. Vice Chair Havercroft then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PROVOST

Interim Provost Dr. Lloyd Duman reflected on the challenges of the past four years and expressed gratitude to the NIC community, both internal and external, for their support. He stated that the special Board meeting was convened to hear the NWCCU's decision on the College's accreditation status. Dr. Duman also reported that President Swayne, Chair Tarie Zimmerman, and former Chair Trustee Brad Corkill were representing NIC at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., and acknowledged Trustee Eve Knudtsen's attendance at a separate meeting in California.

INFORMATION ITEMS

President Swayne expressed regret for being unable to attend the meeting in person and highlighted examples of NIC's continued progress over the past several years despite ongoing challenges. He then introduced and welcomed Dr. Ed Harri, NWCCU Senior Vice President and the Commission's liaison to NIC.

Dr. Harri thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend and reported that the Commission's decision regarding NIC's accreditation had been communicated to College leadership earlier in the day. He explained that the Commission reviewed four governance-related recommendations and determined that all had been fulfilled. Consequently, the mid-cycle report was accepted, the probation sanction was removed, accreditation was reaffirmed, and the College returned to the Commission's regular reporting and review cycle.

TRUSTEE REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Swayne thanked Dr. Harri for attending the meeting and for delivering the positive news directly to the College community.

Chair Zimmerman acknowledged the challenges faced by the College and community and noted the importance of adhering to the accreditation process. She stated that, as an elected body, the Board of Trustees is entrusted with governing in the College's best interests, requiring integrity, stability, and commitment to its mission. She reported that since the most recent election, the Trustees have worked collaboratively to restore trust and uphold governance best practices. Chair Zimmerman expressed appreciation to Dr. Harri for attending, to President Swayne for his leadership, and to NIC faculty and staff for their dedication.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzy Scura, Board Clerk

Addenda:

- 1) Official Notification Letter from the NWCCU