

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
JULY 24, 2025**

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An emergency meeting of the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area was called to order at 6:31 PM.

Chair Reinhardt asked Cari Henry to call the roll:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Phillip Klein
Theresa Love-Hug, Assistant Secretary
Linda McDermitt, Treasurer
Maureen Monahan, Secretary
Jessica Powell
Zach Reinhardt, Chair
Fred Uhe, Vice Chair
Tammy Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Martha Bruckner
Kristen DuPree
Adam Gotschall
Jeff “Boomer” Strawn, Faculty Ex Officio
Samuel Pembele, Student Ex Officio

Also Present: Randy Schmailzl, College President

As required by law, news media previously requesting notification of Board of Governors meetings were notified of this emergency meeting by email sent to them on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at approximately 4:14 PM. A copy of that email is attached to these minutes.

Agenda Item 1 — Preliminaries

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 had been posted in the rear of the room.

Agenda Item 2 — Report Agenda

Agenda Item 2a — Clarification of Nature of Emergency

The following information was included with the notice and agenda for the meeting:

The Nebraska Open Meetings Act provides for the holding of emergency meetings. The nature of the circumstances for holding an emergency meeting has been described in Nebraska case law as “any event or occasional combination of circumstances which calls for immediate action or remedy; pressing necessity; exigency; a sudden or unexpected happening; an unforeseen occurrence or condition.” (Steenblock v. Elkhorn Township Board, 245 Neb. 722, 515 N.W.2d 128 (1994))

The emergency nature of this evening’s meeting relates to the Board’s unanimous approval of a resolution at its July 22, 2025 Board of Governors meeting officially requesting the immediate resignation of Adam Gotschall from his position on the Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors. At the time of the unanimous approval of that resolution, Mr. Gotschall refused to resign, which resulted in significant turmoil for the persons involved, for the College, and for the Board. Today, July 24, 2025, Mr. Gotschall has subsequently tendered his written resignation from the Board, which under Nebraska law requires formal acceptance by the Board to be effective.

As such, this emergency meeting has been called to immediately accept Mr. Gotschall’s resignation from the Board to help bring closure to this matter for the parties involved and to proceed in a timely manner with the process to fill the vacancy on the Board as required by Nebraska law and Board policy.

No questions were asked. No comments were made.

Agenda Item 3 — Action Agenda

Agenda Item 3a — Consideration of Resolution to Accept the Resignation of Board Member Adam Gotschall from the Board of Governors

***WHEREAS**, Adam Gotschall, a member of the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area from District 3, has submitted his resignation from the Board of Governors; and*

***WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute § 32-562 specifies that such a resignation shall not take effect until it is accepted by the Board of Governors, and Nebraska Revised Statute § 32-574 specifies that a vacancy on the Board of Governors shall be filled within forty-five days after the vacancy occurs unless good cause is shown that the requirement imposes an undue burden.*

***BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF GOVERNORS** that it hereby officially accepts the resignation of Board member Adam Gotschall from his position on the Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors from District 3, effective on July 24, 2025.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as such resignation will create a vacancy on the Board of Governors in District 3 as of July 24, 2025, the Chair of the Board and the College President, or their designates, in accordance with the requirements of state law and the procedures specified in Board of Governors Policy 10103, shall initiate and take such actions as may be necessary or convenient to enable the Board of Governors to fill such vacancy within the required forty-five-day period.

MOTION: Uhe moved to approve the resolution; Monahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote on Action Agenda:

Phillip Klein – yes
Theresa Love-Hug – yes
Linda McDermitt – yes
Maureen Monahan – yes
Jessica Powell – yes
Zach Reinhardt – yes
Fred Uhe – yes
Tammy Wright – yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4 — Adjournment

MOTION: Monahan moved to adjourn the meeting; McDermitt seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote on Adjournment:

Phillip Klein – yes
Theresa Love-Hug – yes
Linda McDermitt – yes
Maureen Monahan – yes
Jessica Powell – yes
Zach Reinhardt – yes
Fred Uhe – yes
Tammy Wright – yes

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Maureen Monahan
Secretary, Board of Governors

Date

Henry, Cari

From: Henry, Cari
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 4:14 PM
To: Adam Gotschall; Bruckner, Martha; DuPree, Kristen; Linda McDermitt; Love-Hug, Theresa (talove-hug); Maureen Monahan; Phillip Klein; Powell, Jessica; Reinhardt, Zach; Tammy Wright; Uhe, Fred; Barry, Nathan; Beber, Missy; Girard, Gary; Goeman, Bob; McDonnell, Tom; Vazquez, Maria; Ashland Gazette; Bellevue Leader; Clark, Teonne; Dan Crisler - OWH; Douglas Co. Post-Gazette; Fremont Tribune; Gretna Breeze; Kadi Lukesh - NECCPE; KETV; KFAB; KIOS; KMTV; KPTM; Luna Stephens - OWH; Omaha Star; Omaha World-Herald; Scott Stewart - Daily Nonpareil; Telemundo Nebraska; Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise; WOWT; WOWT 6
Cc: Ayers, Brian; Friesen, Kay; Schmailzl, Randy; Crisler, Patricia; Thibodeau, James; David Hohman
Subject: Notice of Emergency Meeting of MCC Board of Governors | July 24, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Attachments: 07 24 25 Agenda.pdf

An emergency meeting of the MCC Board of Governors has been called for Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Fort Omaha Campus Mule Barn (Building 21), Room 112, located at 32nd and Sorensen Parkway, Omaha, NE.

Meeting subject: Adam Gotschall Membership on the Board of Governors

An agenda is attached for your reference.

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