

Minutes  
 Special Board of Trustees Meeting  
 Niceville Campus  
 Building 400, Morell Room 302  
 November 6, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

Brian S. Pennington, Chair  
 Lori Kelley, Vice Chair  
 Shane Abbott  
 Craig Barker  
 Charlotte Flynt  
 Reynolds Henderson (via telephone)  
 Don Litke  
 Rudy Wright  
 Hayward Dykes, Board Attorney  
 Dr. Devin Stephenson, President

Others present: Randy White, VP for Business Operations and Finance; Cristie Kedroski, VP for College Advancement; Nate Slaton, VP for Student Success; Deborah Kish, VP for Teaching and Learning; Jack Capra, General Counsel; Mike Erny, Dean, Career Education; Bill Allison, Director, Professional and Workforce Training; Mariam Dittmann, Executive Director, Institutional Effectiveness; Cole Allen, CIO, Information Technology; Anthony Boyer, Principal, Collegiate High School; Chief Aaron Murray, Executive Director, Campus Safety and Security; Jo Culberson, Officer, NWF-Police Department; Sam Renfroe, Director, Grants Development; Stephanie Linard, Executive Director, Academic Records and Enrollment; Dedria Lunderman, Director, Purchasing; Sam Jones, Director, Facilities; Deidre Price, Director, Online Learning; Charlotte Kuss, Dean, Health Sciences; Ramsey Ross, Athletic Director; Scottie Smith, Director, Welding Program; Jeanette Shires, Director, Mattie Kelley Arts Center; James Adams, Manager, Business Services; Beth Dunn, Support Specialist, Purchasing; Troy Roberts, Maintenance, Facilities; Chris Nida, Coordinator, Technical Arts; Tony Borella, Sound Engineer; Tim McSwain, Office Specialist, Teaching and Learning; Brownrygg Woolls, Videographer; Jeff McInnis, College Special Counsel; Nathan Sparks, Executive Director, EDC-Okaloosa; Dr. Paul Hsu, CEO, CTAP; Amanda Negron, Executive Director, Hsu Educational Foundation; Carolyn Ketchel, Commissioner, Okaloosa County; Tracy Stage, Director, Okaloosa Airports; Dan Perri, Hsu Special Counsel; Julie Schrod, Executive Assistant to the President

Call to Order                      Brian S. Pennington, Chairman

Introduction of Guests            At the request of Chair Pennington, President Stephenson introduced the following special guests who attended the called board meeting: Jeff McInnis, College Special Counsel; Nathan Sparks, Executive Director, EDC-Okaloosa; Dr. Paul Hsu, CEO, CTAP; Amanda Negron, Executive Director, Hsu Educational Foundation; Carolyn Ketchel, Commissioner, Okaloosa County;

Tracy Stage, Director, Okaloosa Airports; and Dan Perri, Hsu Special Counsel.

Voice and Vote

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved Reynolds Henderson to participate and vote in the meeting via teleconference. (Motion: Litke; Second: Barker; Voted For: Pennington, Wright; Abbott, Barker, Flynt, Henderson, Kelley, Litke).

Approval of Agenda

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Agenda as presented. (Motion: Flynt; Second: Abbott; Voted For: Pennington, Wright; Abbott, Barker, Flynt, Henderson, Kelley, Litke).

Public Comments

Nathan Sparks, Executive Director, Economic Development Council – Okaloosa County pledged his support for NWFSC’s Airframe and Powerplant Program to be housed at the Crestview Technology Air Park (CTAP), calling it a catalyst for the advancement of the aerospace community in our region.

Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel affirmed NWFSC’s mission to improve the lives of residents of Okaloosa County and as a member of the Okaloosa Aviation Board expressed her excitement to see the addition of Airframe and Powerplant programming as an opportunity for training for our community’s transitioning veterans.

Tracy Stage, Director of Okaloosa Airports, believes this partnership between NWFSC and CTAP can provide a pipeline of opportunity not only for students but also for business and industry looking to locate themselves in Okaloosa County. He announced that the Okaloosa Aviation Board is committing \$625,000 to build a parking lot for faculty, staff and students in the Airframe and Powerplant program at the CTAP site.

Dr. Paul Hsu thanked the NWFSC Board of Trustees for considering this partnership to bring Airframe and Powerplant programming to CTAP, vowing it will have a long-lasting impact on Okaloosa County.

Amanda Negron applauded NWFSC’s proactive stance to prepare and usher young students toward high tech educational programs for many years to come and thanked senior college leadership for the opportunity to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Hsu Educational Foundation.

**ACTION AGENDA**

Lease with CTAP, Inc. After considerable discussion, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the lease with Crestview Technology Air Park, LLC, as presented. (Motion: Barker; Second: Wright; Voted For: Pennington, Wright; Abbott, Barker, Flynt, Henderson, Kelley, Litke).

MOA with Hsu Educational Foundation The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Hsu Educational Foundation with the removal of a specific name for point of contact on page 3 of 6. (Motion: Kelley; Second: Litke; Voted For: Pennington, Wright; Abbott, Barker, Flynt, Henderson, Kelley, Litke).

**AROUND THE ROOM**

Trustee Pennington Trustee Pennington highlighted this historic day for the College and is proud to be a part of this board.

Trustee Barker Trustee Barker commended Dr. Paul Hsu's vision and leadership and is thrilled to enter into this partnership.

Trustee Wright Maj Gen (ret) Wright applauds the vision college leadership continues to have and is proud to be a part of this partnership.

Trustee Kelley Trustee Kelley is excited to be a member of this college board, who courageously decided to Take Flight and bring Airframe and Powerplant programing to the Panhandle.

Trustee Henderson Trustee Henderson thanked all of those who worked so hard to bring this partnership to reality.

Trustee Abbott Trustee Abbott recognizes the great potential that is partnership can have for our students.

Trustee Litke Maj Gen (ret) Litke is delighted to see this type of training offered to members of our community


Trustee Flynt Trustee Flynt is pleased to be a part of this partnership.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



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Dr. G. Devin Stephenson, President  
Northwest Florida State College  
And Corporate Secretary



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Brian S. Pennington, Chair  
Board of Trustees  
Northwest Florida State College

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