

**Cowley College
Board of Trustee Special Meeting Minutes**

August 4, 2021

I. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cowley College was called to order on August 4, 2021, at 4:00pm in the President's Dining Room, McAtee Dining Center, Arkansas City, KS.

Trustees **Gary Wilson, Chair**
 Glennis Zimmerman, Vice-Chair
 Dr. Steve Abrams, Trustee
 JoLynn Foster, Trustee
 Ned Graham, Trustee
 Brian Sanderholm, Trustee
 Christopher Swan, Trustee

Staff **Dr. Dennis C. Rittle, President**
 Tiffany Vollmer, Board Clerk
 Paul Erdmann, VP of Information Technology
 Janet Grace, Sumner Campus Operations Officer
 Holly Harper, VP of Finance and Administration
 Michelle Schoon, VP of Academic Affairs
 Rama Peroo, Institutional Communications and Public Relations

Guests **John Shelman, Cowley Courier Traveler**
 Stacy Davis, Director-Sumner County Economic Development
 Brett Bazil, Trustee Candidate
 Kori Gregg, President-Cowley College Foundation
 Craig Nelson, President and CEO-Conco Construction

II. Approval of Board Minutes

A copy of the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, conducted on July 19, 2021 were provided for Board review and approval.

JoLynn Foster introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the regular meeting, conducted on July 19, 2021 as presented.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Steve Abrams and the following votes were cast:

Chair Wilson	Aye	Brian Sanderholm	Aye
Vice Chair Zimmerman	Aye	Trustee Swan	Aye
Trustee Abrams	Aye	Trustee Graham	Aye
Trustee Foster			

Motion carried.

III. Discussion Agenda

Chair Wilson requested the Board discuss the potential construction of student housing at the Sumner campus.

Gary Wilson introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes Conco Construction to begin the design and engineering phase for the construction of student housing on the Sumner Campus at a cost not to exceed \$84,500.

The motion was seconded by Chris Swan and the following votes were cast.

Chair Wilson	Aye	Trustee Sanderholm	Nay
Vice Chair Zimmerman	Aye	Trustee Swan	Aye
Trustee Abrams	Aye	Trustee Graham	Aye
Trustee Foster			

Motion carried.

IV. 2021-2022 Amended Operating Budget

Administration requested approval of the 2021-2022 amended operating budget.

Chris Swan introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2021-2022 amended operating budget of \$25,317,010 as presented.

The motion was seconded by Gary Wilson and the following votes were cast:

Chair Wilson	Aye	Trustee Sanderholm	Nay
Vice Chair Zimmerman	Aye	Trustee Swan	Aye
Trustee Abrams	Aye	Trustee Graham	Aye
Trustee Foster			

Motion carried.

V. First Executive Session

Gary Wilson introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, regarding professional negotiations, pursuant to the exception for discussion relating to non-elected personnel for 15 minutes, beginning at 4:14 pm and reconvening in open session at 4:29 pm in the same room with no action to follow. The Board requests Dr. Rittle and David Andreas be present in the executive session.

The motion was seconded by Glennis Zimmerman and the following votes were cast:

Chair Wilson	Aye	Trustee Sanderholm	Aye
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Vice Chair Zimmerman	Aye	Trustee Swan	Aye
Trustee Abrams	Aye	Trustee Graham	Aye
Trustee Foster			

Motion carried.

The meeting then resumed in open session at 4:29 pm in the same room.

VI. Second Executive Session

Gary Wilson introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, regarding professional negotiations, pursuant to the exception for discussion relating to non-elected personnel for 10 minutes, beginning at 4:30 pm and reconvening in open session at 4:40 pm with no action to follow. The Board requests Dr. Rittle and David Andreas and Holly Harper be present in the executive session.

The motion was seconded by Glennis Zimmerman and the following votes were cast:

Chair Wilson	Aye	Trustee Sanderholm	Aye
Vice Chair Zimmerman	Aye	Trustee Swan	Aye
Trustee Abrams	Aye	Trustee Graham	Aye
Trustee Foster			

Motion carried.

The meeting then resumed in open session at 4:40 pm in the same room.

III. Adjournment

With no other business to be considered, Chair Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.



Tiffany Vollmer
Board Clerk