

**Cowley College  
Board of Trustee Official Minutes**

**September 23, 2021**

**Call to Order**

A vision casting of the Board of Trustees of Cowley College was called to order on September 23, 2021 at 9:30am, in the President's Private Dining Room inside the McAtee Dining Center, 206 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Arkansas City.

**Trustees**      Present      Gary Wilson, Chair  
Glennis Zimmerman, Vice Chair  
Dr. Steve Abrams  
JoLynn Foster  
Chris Swan

**Staff**                                      Dr. Dennis C. Rittle, President  
Tiffany Vollmer, Board Clerk  
Dr. Michelle Schoon, VP of Academic Affairs  
Holly Harper, VP of Finance and Administration  
Julie Rhoads, Director of Education

**Guests**                                      Brett Bazil, Trustee candidate  
Gary Jones, Trustee candidate

**Vision Casting**

Chair Wilson lead a Board discussion on immediate priorities, short-term (1-3 years) goals, and long-term (3-5 years) goals for the College moving forward.

**Immediate Priorities -**

- Pre-renovation of Ireland Hall (obtain bids)
- Enrollment stability
- Business plan (money, curriculum, students)
  - increase enrollment and funding sources
  - Non-traditional student growth
- Leverage centennial celebration to grow enrollment
- Grow business partnerships
- Selling Cowley College
  - What is the forced multiplier?
- Frequent vision casting sessions (quarterly?) and update priorities

**Short-Term Goals -**

1. Using new data to evaluate existing programs and explore new programs (faculty needs) – **6 months**
  - a. Space utilization plan – **6 months**
  - b. Create a plan for a new CTE center (funding, enrollment, retention) – **1 year**

- **Bus building (4 stalls)**
- **Capital outlay mill funds plan (prioritize projects)**
- **Sumner Curriculum Expansion**
- **Roadmap to SB13 compliance (RNR)**

**Long-Term Goals –**

- **Air handling in welding and machine shop (boilers in Walker-Tech)**
- **New tech center**
- **Dormitory (space utilization plan)**
- **Converting dorms to single occupancy**
- **Combat population decline**
- **Divest from Ireland Hall (space utilization plan)**

**Adjournment**

**With no other business to be considered, Chair Wilson declared the work session adjourned at 11:30 a.m.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiffany Vollmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Tiffany Vollmer  
Board Clerk**