MINUTES
NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SPECIAL MEETING (RETREAT)
Bay Harbor Yacht Club – Founder's Room
Tuesday, June 23, 2026 (1:00 - 3:00 P.M.)

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Chairman Pretty called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL
   PRESENT: Trustees Fought, Keiswetter, Kromm, Pretty, Shirilla, and Wozniak
   ABSENT: Trustee Etienne
   ALSO PRESENT: President Finley

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   It was moved by Trustee Fought and supported by Trustee Keiswetter that the agenda be approved as written.

   AYES: Trustees Fought, Keiswetter, Kromm, Pretty, Shirilla, and Wozniak
   NAYS: None
   ABSENT: Trustee Etienne

4. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF MEETING
   Board Retreat.

5. TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS IN ACCORD WITH STATED PURPOSE:
   President Finley provided the Board with Summer 2026 and Fall 2026 enrollment updates. He also noted that with the addition of new programs, summer demand and enrollment have increased significantly. Summer headcount was up 12.8% and contact hours are up 19% over last year. The primary focus right now is on 2026 Fall enrollment. Head count is up 3.2% compared to this time last year, however contact hours are down 2.67%. The push is to get as many students enrolled by the end of June as possible.

   a. Campus Initiatives

   i. CATEE Project/STEP Center

   The Martin Jahn Technology Center is slated to be completed early August. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for August 31, 2026.

   The Health Education and Science Center is slated for completion at the end of October.

   The 10.000 sq. ft. Skilled Trades Education Pathways (STEP) Center is planned. This project was submitted for the 2026 Capital Outlay Request.

   ii. Dental Hygiene

   An event was held last Thursday to introduce the community to the planned clinic location. This $10M campaign is underway.

This program aims to fill a regional need for dental hygienists, as well as enable local students to pursue a career path that sustains liveable wages. HLC approval is anticipated in the next few weeks.

iii. **Voted Millage – November 3, 2026**
The remaining timeline for the voted millage was reviewed. Right now, the college is informing the community of the many services we provide. Concern over the ballot language was expressed; however, we are legally constrained to this wording.

iv. **New Residence Hall**
Additional student housing is an ongoing objective, and many meetings and conversations continue to occur to find a way to make this happen. Currently, pursuing this project would involve taking on debt. A debt planning workshop related to student housing is in discussion.

2:14 pm – Trustee Etienne joined the meeting.

v. **Personnel Matters**
President Finley apprised the board of some expected retirements over the next several years. Succession planning is underway.

vi. **Comprehensive Campaign**
The Foundation team and Board are considering a different approach to fundraising campaigns. They are looking at a comprehensive campaign rather than separate, individual campaigns.

vii. **Charlevoix County Annexation**
Inviting Charlevoix County to join the College district remains on the list of initiatives to pursue when the time is appropriate. Geography (a big lake in the middle) remains a challenge for equal access to all school districts within the county.

b. **Personnel Evaluation – Presidential Goals for 2026-2027**
Personnel Evaluation. *Closed session to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named individual requests a closed hearing. MCL 15.268.1(a)*

President Finley requested that the Board move into closed session to consider his Personnel Evaluation and Goals Point Grid. Trustee Fought motioned and Trustee Kromm supported going into a closed session per President Finley's request.

AYES: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kromm, Pretty, Shirilla and Wozniak.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The trustees met in closed session at 2:45 p.m.
The trustees returned to open session at 3:26 p.m.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL TAKEN
AYES: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kromm, Pretty, Shirilla and Wozniak.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

c. Board Reflection/Self Assessment

The board was asked to review *The Effective Board Chair* publication from ACCT, and complete the checklist provided.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT
   None

7. OLD BUSINESS
   Trustee Keiswetter reminded the board to keep the option of renaming of the College on the radar.

8. ADJOURNMENT
   There being no further business, Trustee Etienne motioned and Trustee Wozniak supported that the meeting be adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

   AYES: Trustees Etienne, Fought, Keiswetter, Kromm, Pretty, Shirilla and Wozniak.
   NAYS: None
   ABSENT: Trustee

Keith A Pretty
/S/ Keith A. Pretty, J.D., Chairman

Melissa Keiswetter
/S/ Melissa Keiswetter, Secretary