

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
WEST VIRGINIA NORTHERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Tuesday, January 13, 2015 -- 9:30 a.m.
B&O Board Room and via Conference Call**

A meeting of the West Virginia Northern Community College Board of Governors was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in the B&O Board Room on the Wheeling Campus and via conference call.

1. Call to Order

Dr. Cummings convened the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Dr. Darrell Cummings; Brann Altmeyer; Christin Byrum; Bob Contraguero; Mary K. DeGarmo; Jon Greer; Toni Shute Excused: Frank DeCaria; Margaret DeCola; Sigourney Kokosinski.

Guests included: Dr. Vicki Riley, President; Steve Lippiello, Chief Financial Officer

2. Real Estate – Miller(Gas) Building

Dr. Riley gave an overview on the Miller Building. It was an opportunity that came up in late December and given that it is on the same block as the College, it was worth investigating and wanted the Board of Governors to be aware of the opportunity. The auction will take place on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Lippiello stated that he has worked with the Foundation on financing the purchase of the building if the College would decide to move forward. Mr. Lippiello described the parcel that is currently owned by the Miller family. One of the obstacles is that there is a section owned by the gas company which supplies natural gas to the city of Wheeling on the property. He stated that the gas company is not interested in moving it at this time.

The Finance Committee of the Foundation approved \$300,000 for this purchase if they decide to pursue. It would be a twenty year lease. Mr. Lippiello learned late yesterday that just for demolition, the estimated cost is \$165k. There are going to be more costs associated with abatement and this does not even include the purchase price.

At this time, Mr. Lippiello does not recommend pursuing this property. The original goal was to open up campus by clearing this block. With the costs associated with the building as well as issue with the gas company supply, it does not appear to be a viable option.

Mr. Altmeyer mentioned the potential use of eminent domain by the College but the College really does not want to pursue this option. Dr. Cummings stated that we are at a time of excitement with a new president and using eminent domain could cause some negative publicity.

Mr. Lippiello will attend the auction and report back as to what happens.

There was discussion if the building does not sell at auction, is there is a possibility that the family would donate it. Mr. Lippiello and Mr. Altmeyer will try to contact the family.

Mr. Greer made a motion the College be allowed to accept the real estate as a donation from the family. Mr. Altmeyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Minutes approved by,

Stephanie Kappel
Assistant to the President

Christin Byrum
Board of Governors Secretary