BOT Agenda Item II.D.



Board of Trustees

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
November 4, 2025
1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Zoom
Greeley, Colorado

MINUTES

Trustees Present: Dick Monfort (chair), Steve Jordan (vice chair), Greg Anton, Maia Babbs, Brenda Campos-Spitze, Prateek Dutta, Fritz Fischer, Annette Martinez

Trustees Absent: Audra Yocum

University Staff Present: Andy Feinstein, Darren Dunn, Tamra English, Stephani Etheridge-Woodson, Kirsty Fleming, Keith Humphrey, Beth Longenecker, Jennifer McDuffie, Harmony Newman, Dale Pratt, Lori Riley

I. Call to Order / Roll / Approval of Agenda

Board Chair Dick Monfort called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. General Counsel Tamra English noted the roll and verified a quorum.

Chair Monfort sought a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Chair Steve Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Maia Babbs and approved by all Board members in attendance.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Action Items

A. Recommended New Academic Degree (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine)

Vice Provost for Enrollment Services and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Stephani Etheridge-Woodson outlined the recommendation for a new University of Northern Colorado College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNC COM) Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine academic degree. Etheridge-Woodson also noted that Dean Beth Longenecker is present for any questions.

During discussion, Vice Chair Jordan asked how UNC COM's proposed curriculum compares to other newly accredited osteopathic medical programs.

Dean Longenecker stated that UNC COM hired a consultant in 2022 to review all curriculum at osteopathic colleges across the country and identify best practices and commonalities, based on outcomes of placement rates, board scores, and student satisfaction surveys. The proposed curriculum integrates the findings with unique features of community and public health focus, hybrid learning options, foundations of medical knowledge courses, and a distinctive physician/patient/community course. The review also ensured alignment with accreditation standards, core competencies, and standards for osteopathic medical schools.

Chair Monfort sought a motion to approve the new Doctor of Osteopathic Medical Degree for the UNC College of Osteopathic Medicine. Vice Chair Jordan made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Annette Martinez and approved by all Board members in attendance.

IV. Adjourn

With no further discussion or business, Chair Monfort asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Jordan, which was seconded by Trustee Babbs and approved by all Board members in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.