

Northwestern Michigan College
State of Michigan

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northwestern Michigan College, State of Michigan, was held in the Timothy J. Nelson Innovation Center, Room 106/107, Traverse City, Michigan, on August 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: OBLINGER, ROBITSKER, BOTT, WARNER,
WEAVER, BISHOP, MARSH

ABSENT: NONE

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION PROPOSING
ANNEXATION OF BENZIE COUNTY

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee BISHOP
and supported by Trustee WEAVER.

WHEREAS, the Board of the Trustees of the College previously adopted a Resolution Proposing Annexation of Benzie County, dated August 7, 2024 (the "Annexation Resolution") authorizing the College to seek approval from the State Superintendent for the proposed annexation of Benzie County into the College's community college district, the form of the annexation proposals to be included on the ballot and authorizing the College's Board Secretary to certify the annexation proposals to the Benzie County Clerk for inclusion on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 general election; and

WHEREAS, the College has been made aware that a statement made in the preamble to the Annexation Proposal and Annexation Millage Proposal attached as Exhibit A to the Annexation Resolution is not accurate; and

WHEREAS, the College desires to correct this inaccurate statement in the preamble to the Annexation Proposal and Annexation Millage Proposal in order to provide accurate information to the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Annexation Proposition and Annexation Millage Proposition included under Exhibit A of the Annexation Resolution are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. Except for the above amendment, the Annexation Resolution as originally adopted will remain in full force and effect.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES : OBLINGER, ROBITSHEK, BOTI, WARNER
WEAVER, BISHOP, MARSH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Chris M. Boti
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Northwestern Michigan College

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of Northwestern Michigan College, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting on August 26, 2024, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act 267.

Chris M. Boti
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Northwestern Michigan College

EXHIBIT A

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
ANNEXATION PROPOSITION**

If this proposal is approved,

- o Residents of Benzie County would join the Northwestern Michigan College district.*
- o Benzie County residents would pay the lower, in district tuition rate and those eligible for the Community College Guarantee or Michigan Reconnect would receive free tuition.*
- o Northwestern Michigan College would provide increased access to skilled training and certifications.*
- o Northwestern Michigan College would provide local educational services, programming and opportunities for Benzie County residents.*
- o Northwestern Michigan College would invest approximately \$2 million each year into Benzie County for educational programs, local facilities and economic development.*
- o Northwestern Michigan College will create an advisory board composed of local Benzie County residents and businesses to advise the College how to invest in Benzie County.*

Shall Benzie County be annexed as a part of the community college district of Northwestern Michigan College, State of Michigan, in accordance with the provisions of Act 331, Public Acts of Michigan, 1966, as amended?

YES

NO

Under Michigan law, the annexation is only effective if both this Annexation Proposition and the Annexation Millage Proposition below are approved.

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
ANNEXATION MILLAGE PROPOSITION**

If this proposal is approved,

- o Residents of Benzie County would join the Northwestern Michigan College district.*
- o Benzie County residents would pay the lower, in district tuition rate and those eligible for the Community College Guarantee or Michigan Reconnect would receive free tuition.*
- o Northwestern Michigan College would provide increased access to skilled training and certifications.*
- o Northwestern Michigan College would provide local educational services, programming and opportunities for Benzie County residents.*
- o Northwestern Michigan College would invest approximately \$2 million each year into Benzie County for educational programs, local facilities and economic development.*
- o All millage funds are subject to annual independent audits and all spending will be disclosed on a public website to promote transparency and fiscal responsibility.*
- o Northwestern Michigan College will create an advisory board composed of local Benzie County residents and businesses to advise the College how to invest in Benzie County.*

To support College operations and education programs and skilled training programs in Benzie County, shall taxes currently authorized to be levied by Northwestern Michigan College, State of Michigan be assessed as new additional millage, in an amount not to exceed 2.033 mills (\$2.03 per \$1,000 of taxable value) beginning in 2025 and in perpetuity, on taxable property in Benzie County annexed as a part of the community college district of Northwestern Michigan College? If approved this millage would raise approximately \$3,516,409 for College operations when first levied in 2025.

YES
NO

Under Michigan law, the annexation is only effective if both this Annexation Millage Proposition and the Annexation Proposition above are approved.