

Northwestern Michigan College
State of Michigan

A special 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 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., local time.

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

ABSENT: DOUG BISHOP

RESOLUTION REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF
ANNEXATION PROPOSALS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
AND CERTIFIED TO THE BENZIE COUNTY CLERK

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee BOTT
and supported by Trustee MARSH.

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, the Board of the Trustees of the College (the "Board") adopted a Resolution Proposing Annexation of Benzie County (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, approving the form of the annexation proposals to be included on the ballot and authorizing the 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, after the Annexation Resolution was approved and the State Superintendent issued his approval for the proposed annexation the College timely certified an Annexation Proposal and Annexation Millage Proposal (collectively the "Annexation Proposals") to the Benzie County Clerk for inclusion on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 general election under the Community College Act; and

WHEREAS, after the Annexation Proposals were timely certified to the Benzie County Clerk the College discovered that an explanatory statement made in the preamble to the Annexation Proposals was not technically accurate under the Community College Act; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2024, the Board adopted an Amendment to Resolution Proposing Annexation of Benzie County ("Amendment to Annexation Resolution") which corrected the inaccurate explanatory statement in the preamble to the Annexation Proposals in an effort to provide accurate information to the voters; and

WHEREAS, immediately after the Amendment to Resolution was approved, the College submitted it to the Benzie County Clerk requesting that the Annexation Proposals be amended as provided in the Amendment to Annexation Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the College's efforts to correct the proposed ballot language did not prevail; and

WHEREAS, although the College could move forward with the Annexation Proposals, the Board believes that submitting the Annexation Proposals to the voters with the inaccurate explanatory statement in the preamble to the Annexation Proposals is not fair to the voters of Benzie County and does not align with the College's goal to provide full and accurate information to the voters and therefore the Board of Trustees desires to withdraw the Annexation Proposals and hereby requests that the Benzie County Clerk remove the Annexation Proposals from the ballot for the November 5, 2024 general election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The College, through its Board of Trustees, hereby requests that the Benzie County Clerk withdraw and remove the Annexation Proposals, which were previously certified to the Benzie County Clerk, from the ballot for the November 5, 2024 general election.

2. The Board Secretary, or his designee, are authorized and directed to submit this Resolution to the Benzie County Clerk.

3. The Board Secretary, or his designee, are further authorized to take any and all action as may be required under Michigan law to effectuate the withdrawal and removal of the Annexation Proposals from the ballot for the November 5, 2024 regular election.

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

AYES : ROBITSHEK, BOTT, WEAVER, WARNER, MARSH,
OBLINGER

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Chris M. Bott
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 29, 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. Bott
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Northwestern Michigan College