

Board Member Travel for Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval for Board Member Leslie to attend the Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Procurement Process and Budget Information:

The approximate cost to send a participant will be around \$2800 and money is available in the college budget.

Summary:

Per Procedure 2036 – District Governing Board Travel “All travel for DGB members exceeding \$500 must be approved by the DGB prior to travel.”

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is the accrediting agency for Northland Pioneer College (NPC). With Strategic Initiatives that include offering Bachelor degrees, moving to a new Enterprise Resource Planning software, and the expected multi location visit by a HLC peer reviewer, this will be an important year to have employees and a board member attend.

The annual conference offers the opportunity to engage with HLC staff, including the college’s HLC liaison, view demonstrations from vendors, learn more of the current trends in higher education and expectations for the future, and attend presentations from leaders in the higher education sector.

President Hazelbaker will also be attending for NPC.

