



OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Office of the Chancellor

AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services
c/o Tammy Reichelt
1 Dupont Circle NW, Ste 700
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Committee on Directors and Membership Services:

I am writing to enthusiastically endorse Dr. Lenny Klaver, President of North Central Missouri College, as a nominee for the American Association of Community Colleges' Board. As Chancellor of Ozarks Technical Community College, I have had the privilege of witnessing Dr. Klaver's exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication to advancing the mission of community colleges.

Dr. Klaver has been an invaluable asset to the Missouri Community College Association, demonstrating his outstanding leadership qualities and tireless commitment to serving the needs of our educational community. His visionary approach and collaborative spirit have been instrumental in fostering meaningful initiatives that benefit not only North Central Missouri College but the broader landscape of community colleges across our state.

Throughout his tenure, Dr. Klaver has consistently advocated for policies and programs that enhance the accessibility, quality, and relevance of community college education. His track record as an effective advocate for the unique role and impact of community colleges on student success is unparalleled.

His profound understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing community colleges, coupled with his innovative strategies for addressing these issues, make him an ideal candidate to serve on the AACC Board. Dr. Klaver's insights, dedication, and proven leadership abilities will undoubtedly contribute significantly to the AACC's mission of advancing the collective goals of community colleges nationwide.

I wholeheartedly support Dr. Lenny Klaver's nomination for the AACC Board and am confident that his leadership will continue to inspire positive change and progress within the community college landscape.

Sincerely,

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Hal L. Higdon, Ph.D.
Chancellor



EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

Office of the President

December 21, 2023

AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services
c/o Tammy Reichelt
1 Dupont Circle NW, Ste. 700
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Committee Members:

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Lenny Klaver, president of North Central Missouri College (NCMC), for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Board of Directors as a representative of the affiliated councils. I know he will serve with commitment and integrity and bring great expertise to the board.

Dr. Klaver and I have worked closely together since he came to NCMC in 2016. We serve together on the Presidents and Chancellors Council of the Missouri Community College Association. Moreover, we have had the opportunity to work together individually on issues related to our respective institutions.

I have not worked with someone who is more committed to the students we serve. In the classroom, on campus, or on the field of competition, Dr. Klaver takes pride in the success of NCMC students and continually looks for opportunities to enhance the opportunities afforded to them.

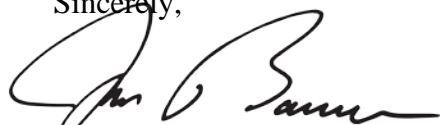
Within the Presidents and Chancellors Council, he has provided respected advice, important perspective, and a calming presence that facilitates decision-making on difficult topics. He is an asset to the council and, I know, will bring those same qualities to the AACC board.

On a personal level, Lenny has always served as a sounding board, colleague, and mentor. He is always a phone call or text away when one needs advice and counsel, and his input is unfailingly helpful and insightful.

Dr. Klaver certainly brings to the board the perspective of the small, rural community college. This is an important voice in the community college sector. However, he also has a keen understanding of issues affecting all community colleges, large and small, urban and rural, multi-campus and single campus. I would be pleased to know that he is representing community colleges on the AACC board.

I endorse his candidacy without reservation and am hopeful he will have the opportunity to serve on the AACC Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Jon Bauer, Ph.D.
President

December 20, 2023

American Association of Community Colleges
AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services
C/O Tammy Reichelt
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Members of the American Association of Community Colleges Board,

I am writing this letter to express my wholehearted support for Dr. Lenny Klaver's candidacy for a position on the American Association of Community Colleges Board. Having had the privilege of working closely with Dr. Klaver over the past 15 years, I am confident in his ability to make significant contributions to the board and advance the mission of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Dr. Klaver possesses a rare combination of academic expertise, leadership skills, and a deep commitment to the community college system. His experience as a college president has given him invaluable insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by community colleges today. Furthermore, his dedication to student success and inclusive education is evident in his time working with National Junior College Athletic Associations Presidents Advisory Committee and their Board of Directors.

One of Dr. Klaver's standout qualities is his ability to foster collaboration among diverse stakeholders. He is adept at bringing people together, facilitating productive discussions, and finding common ground to achieve shared goals. His collaborative approach will undoubtedly enhance the effectiveness of the American Association of Community Colleges Board in addressing the multifaceted issues facing community colleges nationwide.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Dr. Klaver is known for his unwavering commitment to advocacy for community colleges. He is a tireless champion for equitable access to quality education, workforce development, and the vital role that community colleges play in shaping the future of our society.

I firmly believe that Dr. Lenny Klaver's vision, leadership skills, and passion for community college education make him an ideal candidate for the American Association of Community Colleges Board. I am confident that he will make significant contributions to the board's work, and I wholeheartedly endorse his candidacy.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or if I can be of assistance in any way during the selection process.

Thank you for considering Dr. Klaver for this important position.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Dan Kinney,
President