

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

December 14, 2022

TOPIC: Morgan Community College (MCC) Facility Naming Request: “Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades and Technology”

PRESENTED BY: Dr. Curt Freed, President, Morgan Community College

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Transform the student experience; Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships

EXPLANATION:

Morgan Community College plans to construct a new facility in support of trades and technology education. Dr. Alan Martin Dahms and Pollard (Polli) Talton Dahms have expressed support for the facility and plan to donate \$2.5 million toward the construction of the facility. Their planned donation will fund approximately 70% of the cost of constructing the facility. In return, Morgan Community College and the MCC Foundation propose naming the new facility the Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades and Technology

System Procedure 16-50, Naming of College Facilities and Programs, outlines criteria for naming spaces.

The planned gift exceeds the 35% of the total project cost required for building naming. There is no exception required to meet the SP guidelines.

Dr. Alan Dahms and his wife, Pollard (Polli) Talton Dahms are long-time residents of Fort Morgan. They both have spent their life work in education—Alan in the university setting as a Psychologist, and Polli as a K-12 educator. Their generosity is visible throughout the community through their donations to local organizations, including the City of Fort Morgan (Dahms-Talton Band Shell), Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center (Dahms-Talton Building), MCC’s Center for Arts and Community Enrichment (CACE), Fort Morgan SARA House (Polli’s Place), and a recent scholarship program offered to high school students in Fort Morgan, Brush, Wiggins, and Weldona. Considering their long dedication to education and community support, their donation to support this facility speaks of their commitment to advance opportunities in trades and technology. There have been no concerns raised regarding their reputation or background.

The Committee’s proposed name was approved by the College President and System Chancellor.

RECOMMENDATION:

Morgan Community College recommends the Board approve the Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades and Technology name as described above.