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Dear Dr. Aman:

This is in reply to electronic correspondence received in our office on May 30, 2017, notifying the Commission that the Idaho State Board of Education renamed Eastern Idaho Technical College to College of Eastern Idaho (CEI). Additionally, the College is requesting approval from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) to establish an independent governing Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2017. This request is the result of the enactment of the Idaho State Board of Education (ISBE) resolution on January 27, 2017, establishing a new community college in Bonneville County, Idaho, to be known as College of Eastern Idaho. The new Board is entirely separate and autonomous from the ISBE. On June 15, 2017, the ISBE approved the new College of Eastern Idaho community college district and the trustee zone boundaries. The ISBE will appoint the inaugural College of Eastern Idaho Board of Trustees from a list of Board of Trustee applications in July 2017. These appointees will serve until the next general election on November 6, 2018.

The prospectus that outlined the proposed change included thorough documentation of steps taken by the CEI regarding the careful attention to the relevant NWCCU Eligibility Requirements and Standards for the establishment of an independent Board of Trustees. It is now noted CEI is not a state agency, board, commission, or institution for purposes of state statutes or constitutional provisions. Using a new allocation of \$5M through the Idaho State Legislature, CEI has sufficient resources and capacity to implement this change in governance.

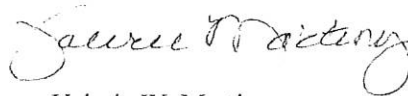
Insofar as the mission of the CEI has not changed, the Commission has reviewed and approved the provisions for an independent governing Board of Trustees of the College of Eastern Idaho under the Commission's Policy on *Substantive Change*. The independent governing Board of Trustees of the College of Eastern Idaho is now recognized as the governing body of the College of Eastern Idaho and is responsible for ensuring the College's compliance with Standard 2.A *Governance*, for ensuring the fulfillment of the University's mission and its overall sustainability (Standard 5).

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The College's accreditation status is not altered by the new name designation. The institution's file, as well as the Commission's database and website, will be revised to reflect the institution's name change.

We wish you and the Board of Trustees all the best as you work together to further enhance the quality and vitality of the College of Eastern Idaho. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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