

# Southeast Community College Board of Governors – District 2

**Ed Heiden**  
(Republican)

**Tim Pendrell**  
(Democrat)

**Donald Reiman**  
(Democrat)

**Milan Tomek**  
(Republican)

## Questions List

Other	County Priorities	Decency	Personal Story	Homosexuality
Biographical	State to County	Property Tax	Constitution	Past President
Motivation	Revenue	Eminent Domain	Family	Anything else?
Qualifications	Job Creation (County)	County Business	Personal/Political	
Sustainable Development	Gambling	Connection	Abortion/capital punishment/etc.	
	Immigration	Governing documents		

Other - Information about making contact with the candidate.

<b>Ed Heiden (Republican)</b>	Incumbent. Questionnaire emailed: Fri, 11 Apr 2014 6:11pm, Sat, Apr 12, 2014 12:19 am, MailChimp reminder email. Answers copied from email response received Wed, 23 Apr 2014 3:47pm.
<b>Tim Pendrell (Democrat)</b>	Contacted by resident of the district. Fri, 11 Apr 2014 6:14pm, questionnaire emailed. Sat, Apr 12, 2014 12:19 am, MailChimp reminder email. Tue, Apr 29, 2014 01:59 am, MailChimp reminder sent. Tue, May 06, 2014 09:38 pm, MailChimp offer to answer only 10 of the questions with Wednesday midnight deadline.
<b>Donald Reiman (Democrat)</b>	Contacted by resident of district. Questionnaire emailed Fri, 11 Apr 2014 6:13pm. Sat, Apr 12, 2014 12:19 am, MailChimp reminder email. Tue, Apr 29, 2014 01:59 am, MailChimp reminder sent. Tue, May 06, 2014 09:38 pm, MailChimp offer to answer only 10 of the questions with Wednesday midnight deadline.
<b>Milan Tomek (Republican)</b>	Contacted by resident of district. Waiting for response.

All following responses from **Ed Heiden**

<u>Biographical</u> - Please include biographical information you consider important for voters to know and/or reference your website.	I graduated from Hampton Nebraska High School and Southeast Community College at Milford. I was on the Sterling Nebraska Board of Education for 12 years and on the Nebraska School Board Association for two years. I have been on the Board of Governors for Southeast Community College for 13 years. I am a Viet Nam veteran and served during the Post Tet Offensive in 1968.
<u>Motivation</u> - What has motivated you to seek this office? What do you hope to accomplish?	The first time I ran, I wanted to give back to the college as much as they helped me in my livelihood. Southeast Community college is ranked 8th in the nation of 1500 Community colleges. I want to stay in that ranking or improve.
<u>Qualifications</u> - What three qualifications do you bring to this office?	School board member as well as 13 years as member of the Board of Governors of SCC.
<u>Sustainable Development</u> - In some venues, the term "sustainable development" is tied to the UN Agenda 21 thinking. Others consider conservation of natural resources to be tantamount. Where would you place yourself on environmental issues and why?	Not applicable
<u>College Purpose/Priorities</u> - Describe your vision for the college, what is its niche? And therefore, what do you think are the biggest priorities for the college at this time?	We set policy, attend graduations and give out diplomas, attend national conferences to get more education as to how we can improve our positions. We just finished a nationwide search for a new President of the college as our present President is retiring.
<u>College Leadership</u> - How can you give leadership to the college without micromanaging?	Previously discussed in #3 (Qualifications) and #5 (College Purpose/Priorities).
<u>Faculty Accountability (college)</u> - What policies would you support concerning keeping faculty (especially adjunct faculty) accountable?	When unemployment increases, our enrollment increases so that people of all ages can get a better position.
<u>Business Partnerships</u> - Describe your view on how partnerships between local business and the college can be a benefit and/or a detriment.	Through discussion with the Board and voting privileges.
<u>Climate Change</u> - What action do you think the state should take with regard to Global Climate change?	None.
<u>Scientifically Criticize Evolutionary Theory</u> - Should teachers be allowed to include scientific criticisms of evolutionary theory in their science curriculum? Why or why not?	I don't consider this a partisan position.
<u>College Business Connection</u> - Do you or your employer have any business relationships serving the college? Please describe.	I will do my best to keep taxes down and still support the interests of my students.

<b>Personal Story</b> - Please briefly describe a situation where you had to stand alone for what you thought was right when the momentum was pushing the other way. What was the result?	There have been several situations when there was a difference of opinion but discussion followed and was resolved by majority vote.
<b>Constitution</b> - Regardless of the position sought, "upholding the Constitution" is part of the oath of office. What does taking that oath mean to you?	I have taken an oath to do my very best in my position in support of the Constitution. I have done that several times including when I became a Governor at Southeast Community College and when I was drafted into the military.
<b>Family</b> - What role has your family played in your seeking this office? In holding this position, how do you foresee it affecting your family?	Full support of my family. It does not affect my family.
<b>Personal/Political</b> - To what degree should an office holder's personal principles be reflected in political decision making? To whom/what will you go for counsel in decision making?	It should be for the best of Southeast Community College.

**Everyone questions** - (Regardless of what office is being sought, we ask the following questions so voters can better predict how you will handle tough issues.) [This statement preceded the following questions on the candidate's questionnaire.]

<b>Abortion/capital punishment/etc.</b> - What definition do you give for each of these terms: pro-life, pro-choice? How do you define yourself and how did you arrive at that view? How does your position relate to the death penalty, embryonic stem cell research, and physician-assisted suicide?	Not applicable
<b>Homosexuality</b> - Some consider same-sex relationships should carry the same rights and privileges as traditional marriage. Some view homosexuality as an issue of potential discrimination on the level with race or ethnicity. Some consider it a matter of personal privacy. Some say marriage, for numerous reasons, should remain defined by government as between one man and one woman. Some say children should be raised by a mother and a father and that they are being forgotten in today's discussions on the subject. With which group's philosophy do you most closely agree, and why?	My position is to the best for the students no matter what their choice is.
<b>Past President</b> - What key considerations did you use in deciding how you voted for President in 2012?	Not applicable.
<b>Anything else?</b> - Declare anything else you want voters to know about you.	Nothing