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Adams State president sues trustees



Richard Wueste

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Wueste's lawsuit, filed by the Denver law firm of McNamara and Martinez, alleges that the trustees violated the state's open meetings law in its actions leading up to his being placed on leave June 28. The lawsuit filed in Alamosa County District Court seeks Wueste's reinstatement as ASC president and unspecified damages.

The trustees named Provost David Svaldi interim president on Aug. 26.

Wueste was hired as ASC president in May 2004 on a three-year contract, the lawsuit states.

Julie Waechter, ASC director of communications, said Friday afternoon that "the college is unable to comment on this because the suit is between Dr. Wueste and the board of trustees."

Kathleen Eck, a Vail attorney and chairman of the board of trustees, was traveling and unavailable for comment.

Trustee Tim Bachicha said that he could not comment on the lawsuit "because this deals with a personnel issue and we just want to make sure we do what's right."

A phone call to the law firm representing Wueste was not returned.

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