

**WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Minutes of Organizational Meeting**  
**July 13, 2020**

Mr. Andrew Bosshard, District Board Chair, called the organizational meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:05pm on Monday, July, 13, 2020 at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI (room 408). Meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom technology. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Kara Burgos, Carrie Buss, Majel Hein, Kevin Hennessey, Dave Laehn, Ed Lukasek, Angie Lawrence, Dennis Treu and Roger Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 11:15am with the agenda being distributed to interested persons, sent to the District's official newspaper (The La Crosse Tribune), and distributed to other news media throughout the District in compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 19.81 through 19.98.

Others present: Wade Hackbarth, Janice Strupp, Kat Linaker, Mike Swenson, Tracy Dryden, Rande Daykin, John Heath, Amy Thornton, Jess Strelow, Jill Grennan, Raj Ramnarace, Cory Kleman, Kari Reyburn, Josh Gamer (Western employees), Western student David Beal and La Crosse County Board Chair Monica Kruse

Mr. Bosshard administered the oath of office to newly appointed members Majel Hein and Kevin Hennessey and reappointed member Ed Lukasek who were appointed to serve 3-year terms beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023. Signatures were obtained virtually from Board members affirming their understanding and compliance to Policy A0106-Oath of Office and Code of Ethics for the District Board.

Carrie Buss nominated Andrew Bosshard for the position of District Board Chairperson. Carrie Buss cast unanimous ballot; seconded by Kara Burgos. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed 0. Mr. Bosshard was reappointed.

Dave Laehn nominated Carrie Buss for the position of District Board Vice Chairperson, seconded by Kara Burgos. Nominations closed. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed 0. Ms. Buss was reappointed as Vice Chairperson.

Dennis Treu nominated Ed Lukasek for the position of District Board Secretary, seconded by Dave Laehn, No other nominations were presented. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Mr. Lukasek was appointed as District Board Secretary.

Ed Lukasek nominated Dennis Treu for the position of District Board Treasurer, seconded by Majel Hein. No other nominations were presented. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Mr. Treu was appointed as Treasurer.

Presentations: Cyber Security program highlight; HLC/CBE Update; Western's Equity Plan; COVID 19 update; and President goals for 2020-21

Policy Subcommittee updates were provided.

Motion Burgos, second Treu, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. June 16, 2020 District Board Meeting Minutes; B. June 16, 2020 Budget & Facilities Subcommittee Meeting Minutes; C. July 6, 2020 Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes; D. Financial Reports – June 2020 – 1. Schedule of Payments; 2. Vendors Over \$2500; 3. Capital Projects Reports; 4. Bids/RFPs Awarded; E. Policy Revisions | Second Reading – 1. A0102 Board Authority and Legal Status; 2. A0205 Hold Harmless Policy for President; 3. B0500 Procurement; F. Policy Revisions | First Reading – 1. A0104 Hold Harmless in Performance of Duties; 2. A0106 Oath of Office and Code of Ethics for District Board; 3. A0200 Delegation of Authority; 4. E0500 Student Government; G. Policy Review – No Revisions | First Reading – 1. F0301 Commercial Advertising and Displaying of Signs and Posters; H. Policy Discontinuance | First Reading – 1. A0102 Budget and 2. B0105 Audits. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Reports, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Treu that the Western Technical College District Board designate the District Board's meeting dates, times, and locations for 2020-2021 as follows, subject to change as needed. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

## 2020-2021 Meeting Dates

	Day	Date	Time	Location
Organizational	Monday	July 13, 2020 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday)	1:00pm	Zoom
Regular	Tuesday	August 18, 2020	1:00pm	Lunda Center/Zoom
Regular	Tuesday	September 15, 2020	1:00pm	Apprenticeship Center/ Zoom
Regular	Tuesday	October 20, 2020	1:00pm	TBD
Regular	Tuesday	November 17, 2020	1:00pm	A408
Regular	Tuesday	December 15, 2020	1:00pm	A408
Regular	Tuesday	January 19, 2021	1:00pm	A408
Regular	Tuesday	February 16, 2021 (Tentative-ATD Conference)	1:00pm	A408
Regular	Tuesday	March 16, 2021	1:00pm	A408
Regular	Tuesday	April 20 2021	1:00pm	TBD
<i>Special</i>	Tuesday	April 27, 2021 (Budget Meeting)	9:00am	Sparta
Regular	Tuesday	May 11, 2021 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday-Non Renewals)	1:00pm	A408
Regular	Tuesday	June 15, 2021 (Preceded by Public Hearing on Budget)	1:00pm	A408
<i>Special</i>	Tuesday	(Tentative) June 22, 2021 (Consideration of Public Comment)	1:00pm	A408
Organizational	Monday	July 12, 2021 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday)	1:00pm	A408

Motion Lukasek, second Buss, that the Western Technical College District Board appoint District Board members to 1) the WTC Boards Association Standing Committees for 2020-2021 as follows: Internal Best Practices Committee-Andrew Bosshard, Dennis Treu and Majel Hein; External Partnerships Committee-Carrie Buss, Kevin Hennessey; Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Committee-Ed Lukasek, Angie Lawrence; Award Nominations Raters-N/A; 2) for 2020-2021 to appoint Angie Lawrence, Chair, Dennis Treu, Kevin Hennessey and Ed Lukasek to the Budget & Facilities Subcommittee; Carrie Buss, Chair, Kara Burgos, Dave Laehn and Majel Hein to the Policy Subcommittee; Angie Lawrence as Chair of the District Board New Directions Committee; 3) Carrie Buss to represent Western on the WTCS Insurance Trust Consortium; 4) Angie Lawrence as the District Board representative on the Western Foundation Board 2020-2023. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Burgos, that the Western Technical College District Board authorize the administration to use Johns Flaherty and Collins as both general and personnel counsel; Strang, Patteson, Renning, Lewis & Lacy, S. C. as labor relations counsel; Quarles and Brady as bond counsel with Mr. Brian Lanser as principal attorney; and to further designate and consult with specialized counsel as the need may arise in 2020-2021. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Lukasek, second Hein that the Western Technical College District Board authorize the administration to use the firm of Robert W. Baird & Co as the District's Public Finance Advisor for 2020-2021 with Mr. Brian Brewer as principal consultant. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Treu, second Buss, that the Western Technical College District Board designate the La Crosse Tribune as the District's official newspaper for 2020-2021. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Burgos, second Laehn that the Western Technical College District Board approve the eight selected qualified public depositories throughout the District for all public monies coming into the hands of the Treasurer of the Western Technical College District Board. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Lawrence, second Buss that the Western Technical College District Board approve the annual calendar for 2020-2021. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

3:30pm: Motion Treu, second Buss, that the District Board will convene into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19.85 (1)(c)(e) for the purpose of discussing personnel and property matters. The Board will convene in closed session for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who is rendering oral advice concerning strategy to be adopted with regard to possible litigation pursuant to 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats. No action. The Board will reconvene into open dialog session immediately following closed session. Roll call: Buss, yes; Burgos, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Lawrence, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

4:25pm: Motion Burgos, second Treu that the Western Technical College District Board reconvene into open session. Roll call: Buss, yes; Burgos, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Lawrence, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

Under the President's Report, updates were provided relative to legislator communication, WLDI program, July 25 drive-by graduation event, and AFIT Summer Institute. An enrollment update was provided

Under the District Board Chairperson report, Mr. Bosshard asked members to forward signed code of ethics to Janice Strupp, thanked the board for nominating him as Chairperson, informed CDC regulations will be followed during the August board meeting and September meeting is tentatively scheduled at the Apprenticeship Center.

5:17pm: Motion Lukasek, second Laehn, that with no further business to come before the Western Technical College District Board, the meeting be adjourned. Votes: Ayes 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Lukasek', written in a cursive style.

Ed Lukasek, District Board Secretary