

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 16, 2024

K. Peterson, Chair, called the Board of Western Technical College District meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at Western Technical College, Admin Center, 111 7th St. N., Rm 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: A. Bosshard, C. Doering III, M. Greendeer-Rave K. Hennessey, M. Hein, J. Dillin, A. Lawrence K. Peterson, and R. Stanford, President. Excused: L. Bagstad

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on January 11, 2024, at 12:40 p.m., 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 19.81-19.98.

Others present: J. Pintz, W. Hackbarth, A. Thornton, R. Hopkins, J. Heath, T. Dryden, D. Hether, C. Heit (Western employees); K. Gruber, Wpfli, LLP.

Motion Hennessey seconded Bosshard to approve the resolutions of commendation for D. Fish and J. Martin. Votes: 8, A/0, N/0, A. Motion carried. **Copies of the resolutions are attached and incorporated into these minutes as attachments A and B.**

Presentations included the FY2022-2023 Audit with Hackbarth, Heit, and guest K. Gruber of Wpfli, LLP, annual enrollment update with Thornton and Hether, code of ethics with the board members, president, and vice presidents, and a 1-page report on sustainability was attached to the agenda. The code of ethics policy will be reviewed by the policy subcommittee team and brought back for approval.

Hein provided an update from the Policy Subcommittee meeting; three policies will be ready for first reads at February meeting.

Motion Bosshard, second Dillin, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes - a. December 19, 2023, b. November 21, 2023-B&F; 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-Dec. b. Capital Projects-Dec. c. General Revenue/Expense Report - Dec., Dept. Budget Summary - Dec. Enterprise Services Summary - Dec. Votes: 7 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstain: from Vendors over \$2,500. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Hein, Role Call Approval for 1. FY2022-2023 Audit. 2. Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of \$7,825,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024A of Western Technical College Borrowing. Role Call: A. Bosshard, yes; C. Doering III, yes; M. Greendeer-Rave, yes; M. Hein, yes; K. Hennessey, yes; A. Lawrence, yes; K. Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

Presidents reported on recent events and priorities and invited T. Dryden to share information on the Aspen Application.

The District Board Chairperson shared upcoming DBA dates, invited Greendeer-Rave to share College Day updates, and reminded them of Plus Delta feedback.

4:17 Motion Hein, second Dillin to move into closed session. No action was taken. Roll Call: A. Bosshard, yes; C. Doering III, yes; M. Greendeer-Rave, yes; M. Hein, yes; K. Hennessey, yes; A. Lawrence, yes; K. Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

4:36 p.m. Motion Hennessey, second Hein, that the Western Technical College District Board move back into open session and adjourn. Votes: Ayes, 9 Opposed, 0. Motion carried.


- Jim Dillin, District Board Secretary -



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Resolution of Commendation to **Dave Fish**

Whereas, Dave Fish, Admissions Coach in the Outreach and Admissions Department will retire from Western Technical College on January 31 after completing 39+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Dave's commitment to Western and its mission goes unmatched, dedicating his entire four-decade professional career to go above and beyond for students and to ensure their success at college; and

Whereas, he is informally known as a historian of Western, working with four Western Presidents and three name changes, as well as countless students and co-workers, many of which he remains in contact; and

Whereas, Dave led Western's athletic department for years, first as basketball coach and later as athletic director, being a mentor to hundreds of student-athletes for nearly four decades; and

Whereas, he has numerous relationships with area high school counselors, continuously advocating for the value of Western and technical education in general; and

Whereas, his sarcasm, quiet voice, humor, wisdom, and love of athletics will be missed; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Dave Fish for his years of service and his commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Dave many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Jerome Martin**

Whereas, Jerome Martin, Coordinator in the Campus Community Safety Department will retire from Western Technical College on February 1 after completing 3+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Jerome has consistently demonstrated a unique combination of qualities that make him an outstanding worker and leader in the Campus Community Safety department, contributing significantly to the safety and well-being of our college community;

Whereas, Jerome has seamlessly navigated various environments, whether interacting with the College President, new employees, or community partners, he showcases exceptional interpersonal skills and a commitment to teaching others about Campus Community Safety initiatives;

Whereas, Jerome's problem-solving powers, communication skills, and unyielding work ethic have proven invaluable, ensuring positive outcomes even in the face of challenging tasks;

Whereas, Jerome's professionalism and impartiality, maintained in all interactions with students, colleagues, and visitors, have strengthened the reputation of the Campus Community Safety department.

Whereas, his friendship, compassion, and infectious laugh will be missed; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Jerome Martin for his years of service and his commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Jerome many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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