

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 18, 2025

Mr. Bagstad, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at Western Technical College, 111 7th St N Rm Admin 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: R. Alderson, L. Bagstad, C. Doering III, M. Greendeer-Rave, K. Hennessey, A. Lawrence, K. Peterson, M. Skarlupka, M. Wolf, and R. Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on February 13, 3:31 p.m., and the agenda was 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 were J. Pintz, W. Hackbarth, R. Hopkins, A. Thornton, E. Jacobson, J. Heath, and J. Lemon (Western employees).

Hackbarth, Hopkins, and Thornton provided an enrollment update related to all areas of the college. No action was taken.

Motion Skarlupka seconded by Wolf that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes – a. Jan 16, 2025, District Board Regular Meeting. 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-Jan 2025; b. Capital Projects-Jan 2025; c. General Rev/Exp Report-Jan 2025; d. Dept Budget-Jan 2025; e. Enterprise-Jan 2025; 3. Project Submissions a. FY26 WI Dept of Safety & Professional Svcs. Youth Volunteer Figherfighter; b. FY25-26 WTCS State Grant Funds-Emergency Assistance. Votes: Ayes, 9, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Motion Peterson, second Greendeer-Rave 1. Resolution Authorization the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of \$6,995,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025B, of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin. Alderson: Y, Bagstad: Y, Doering: Y, Greendeer-Rave: Y, Hennessey: Y, Lawrence: Y, Peterson: Y, Skarlupka: Y, Wolf: Y. Motion carried.

President's Report: Dr. Stanford shared college updates and recent activities, a tour and a visit with CEO Scott Zillow at Kwik Trip; they will be coming to tour the main campus in May. The Wanek Center Grand Opening will be this summer before the fall classes start (final date to be announced). The K-12 Administrator's breakfast was a great success. TUMMA Awards were last week very well attended, and students were awarded scholarships. We are working with FT.McCoy leadership to organize a visit to the main campus; they recently toured the Sparta Public Safety Facility. A few leaders traveled to Whitehall School District to work on direct CTE pathways for students, from high school to Western, to UW-Stout. About 60 co-workers came together to work on an environmental scan that will help us with the development of our 2030 strategic plan. He gave a brief update on federal changes; information is vague, and we are working through things and acting as needed.

District Board Chairperson's report: Mr. Bagstad, E. Jacobson, Ms. Skarlupka, and J. Lemon shared their experiences at the ACCT Conference. They shared Western and student stories (our Student Government President also attended and shared his personal student story; Skarlupka shared her student story); these student stories resonate with lawmakers, and they support the technical college system. Everyone was thankful for the time they had with our representatives. Representatives want to continue open conversations with the college and their offices. Wolf excused at 3:55 p.m.

Three applications were received for the three open board member positions. That meeting is scheduled for March 13. During the District Boards Association (DBA) update, Chairperson Bagstad indicated that he has been approached to run for an executive board position on the DBA Board.

Hennessey motioned to support Bagstad in running for a position on the Executive Board of the DBA, which Greendeer-Rave seconded. Votes: Ayes 8, Opposed: 0, Abstain:0. Motion carried.

4:00 p.m. Motion to Adjourn Lawrence, second Hennessey. Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.


Ken Peterson, District Board Secretary