

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 21, 2025

Mr. Bagstad, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at Western Technical College, 400 7th St N Rm SSC 209, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: R. Alderson (excused at 1:40 p.m.), L. Bagstad, C. Doering III, M. Greendeer-Rave, A. Lawrence (joined at 1:56 p.m. before consent agenda.), M. Skarlupka, M. Wolf, and R. Stanford, President. Excused: K. Hennessey

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on January 16, 10:47 a.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, C. Heit, E. Jacobson, L. Wallace, K. Reyburn, D. Hether, J. Heath, and B. Shane (Western employees).

D. Hether shared information about Enrollment Services; A. Thornton shared information about the upcoming changes to the Student Success Center and how these are helpful to new and current students; and W. Hackbarth shared details on how the State of WI funds the technical colleges and details specific to Western. No action was taken.

1:40 p.m. Alderson was excused. 1:56 p.m. Lawrence joined.

Motion Peterson seconded by Wolf that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes – a. Dec.17, 2024, District Board Regular Meeting. 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-Dec 2024 b. Capital Projects-Dec 2024 c. General Rev/Exp Report- Dec 2024, d. Dept Budget-Dec 2024, e, Enterprise-Dec 2024. 3. Project Submissions a. FY25 WTCS Systemwide Leadership Grant Votes: Ayes, 7, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Motion, Wolf; second Greendeer-Rave to approve 1. New Programs a. Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship; b. Mechatronics Technician Apprenticeship. Votes: Ayes, 7, Opposed 0, Abstain 0 (7/0/0) Motion carried.

Roll Call: Motion Skarlupka; second Peterson to approve the Resolution Amending the Resolution Adopted December 17, 2024, Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Scale of Not to Exceed \$1,860,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin With Respect to Maturity Schedule. Skarlupka: Y, Peterson: Y, Wolf Y, Greendeer-Rave Y, Doering Y, Lawrence Y, and Bagstad Y.


Motion Peterson, second Greendeer-Rave to Authorize the Administration to use Quarles and Brady for personnel and Labor Relations Counsel. Votes: 7/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion Skarlupka, second Peterson to approve Vehicle Technology Center Automotive Facility Expansion Updated. Voted: Votes: 7/0/0. Motion carried.

President's Report: Dr. Stanford shared a little on College Day, mentioning the history of the college; we are doing the same type of work and supporting our community now as we did when the college first opened in 1912. We are thankful for the final donation from the Wanek Foundation. He also shared about the upcoming AFIT conference travel; looking forward to a great learning opportunity. The March board meeting is the Community Luncheon Meeting; all board members are invited. The meeting will be in Black River Falls, and we are working with the Ho-Chunk Nation to include them. The April board meeting will be in Viroqua following that community luncheon. Other community luncheons will be held at the other Regional Learning Centers and invitations have been sent to board members to join in their respective areas. Tracy Dryden will facilitate community meetings to collect information from our community stakeholders and input for the 2030 strategic plan.

District Board Chairperson's report: Mr. Bagstad, E. Jacobson, Ms. Skarlupka, and Mr. Doering shared their experiences of the DBA Legislative Summit and ACCT Government Leadership Institute (GLI) in Madison (Jan 15-17). Collectively, it was a great experience. Sharing stories about our students and communities with lawmakers is impactful; they see how we are making a difference to our students and businesses in our communities; the messages were well received. The information shared at the GLI meeting was informative; both opportunities were a great way to prepare for the upcoming ACCT Summit in Washington, DC (Feb.). The board appointment meeting will be coming up in March. Mr. Bagstad has been asked to run for an officer position on the Executive Board of the DBA. Reminder to review the 1-Page Report and the Plus Delta form reminder.

2:27 p.m. Motion to Adjourn Wolf, second Doering. Votes: Ayes, 7, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.


Ken Peterson, District Board Secretary