

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 16, 2025

Mr. Hennessey, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at Western Technical College, Student Success Center, 400 7th St N, Rm 130, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: R. Alderson, C. Doering III, J. Felton, M. Greendeer-Rave, K. Hennessey, K. Peterson, M. Skarlupka, M. Wolf, and R. Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on September 11, 4:10 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, J. Lemon, C. Heit, J. Heath, K. Dean, E. Nesius, B. Shane, K. Keyburn. (Western employees).

At table agenda: the board was informed that L. Bagstad has resigned from the board for personal reasons. The group discussed that they would vote on a chair position at that October meeting. No action taken.

Presentations included an enrollment update from the vice presidents; a discussion of the FY2026 Tax Levy with W. Hackbarth and C. Heit; a discussion of the referendum polling with A. Thornton, J. Lemon, and W. Hackbarth; and D. Handrick of the District Boards Association was rescheduled. No action was taken.

Motion Peterson seconded by Wolf that the Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes – a. August 19, 2025, District Board Meeting. 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-Aug 31, 2025; b. Capital Projects-Aug 31, 2025. 3. Program Submission: New Program Dev. Concept Review, Assoc. Degree, Food, Industrial & Environmental Lab Tech. Motion carried 8/0/0.

Monthly approval: Motion Skarlupka second Greendeer-Rave to approve the Western Technical College | Western Foundation Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried 8/0/0.

President's Report: Introduction of Elizabeth Nesius, Dean of General Studies, new SLT member. Shared information about the tour(s) after adjournment and dinner at the Union Market. Ribbon Cutting today for the Basic Needs Center, will be included in the tour. NSA Homeland Security approval for our cyber security program. Nursing assistance accreditation approval. Lean Consortium annual meeting on campus today. Distinguished Alumni Luncheon tomorrow (9/17), Nick VanHaden, his family owns Winona Heat and Ventilation, his is a foundation board member and has been a great contributor to the college. The State has come through with \$218,000 we can put towards rural EMS programming (this is an ongoing contribution).

District Board Chairperson's report: Anything for the Delta Plus, please complete the form

3:59 p.m. Wolf motioned, and Doering seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried 8/0/0.


Ken Peterson, District Board Secretary