

**WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**June 21, 2022**

Mr. Ken Peterson, District Board Interim Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:02pm on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street N, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: Lance Bagstad, Kevin Hennessey, Ed Lukasek, Angie Lawrence, Ken Peterson, Dennis Treu and Roger Stanford, President. Member present via zoom: Majel Hein. Board member Andrew Bosshard was excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 10:10am 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, Mike Swenson, John Heath, Tracy Dryden, Amy Thornton, Josh Gamer, Julie Lemon, Christina Heit, Liz Wallace, Jerry Miller, (Western employees)

An advance session was held during which Policies A0100 Mission, Vision, Values and Practices and A0113 Duties of Officers of Board were discussed.

A Public Hearing on the 2022-23 proposed Budget was held at 2:30pm on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI. No comments or questions were presented for consideration during the Public Hearing.

Motion Lukasek, second Hennessey that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolution of commendation for Dennis Treu recognizing his 12 years of service as a Board member. Votes: Ayes 7, Opposed, 0. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.

Motion Lawrence, second Lukasek that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation for Mark Hanson and Joan Miksis on retirement from the college. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. Copies of resolutions are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments B, and C.

Presentations: Higher Learning Commission (HLC), Hot Jobs, a preview for the upcoming strengths session, COVID and policy subcommittee updates

Motion Lukasek, second Bagstad that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Minutes – 1. April 19, 2022 District Board meeting; 2. April 26, 2022 District Board Budget Meeting; 3. May 10, 2022 District Board Meeting; 4. June 13, 2022 Policy Subcommittee Meeting; B. Financial Reports – May – 1. Schedule of Payments; 2. Vendors Over \$2,500; 3. General Revenue/Expense Report (April/May); 4. Department Budget Summary (April/May); 5. Auxiliary Services Report (April/May); 6. Capital Projects Reports; C. Policy Discontinuance | First Reading – 1. A0125 Board Procurement Policy; 2. A0202 Code of Ethics for College President; Votes: Ayes, 7, Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Lukasek, second Bagstad that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the 2022-23 District Budget as presented. Roll call: Bagstad, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Hennessey, yes; Hein, yes; Treu, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion Lukasek, second Hennessey, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following under one motion: 1. Approve and Adopt the Total Salary Increase (3%) including the Range (4.7%) Adjustments for FY2022-23; 2. 2022-23 Bargaining Agreement with Faculty and Non-Teaching Prof (NTP) Unit of Local #3605 which Increases Total Base Wage Pool by 3%; 3. Three-Year Facilities Plan 2022-25; 4. Out of State Tuition Remission – 2021-22 Annual Report on Out of State Tuition Remissions; 2022-23 Tuition Remission Request; 2021-22 Approved Out of State Waiver spreadsheet and 5. District Boards Association 2022-23 Fee Assessment. Votes: Ayes, 7, Opposed 0. Motion carried.

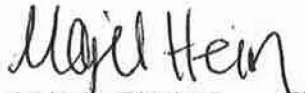
Motion Hennessey, second Bagstad that the Western Technical College District Board approve amendment to President's employment contract. Motion carried. Roll call: Bagstad, yes; Hennessey, yes; Hein, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

4:50pm: Angie Lawrence excused

Under the President's Report, the District Board was informed that the POW memorial event was highly successful as well as the Sparta Public Safety facility ribbon cutting, and a verbal organizational chart update was provided. Mr. Lukasek expressed thanks to those who assisted with the Sparta open house event, naming a few: Eric Jacobson, Kevin Dean, Marc Thompson, Sheila Schendel, Barb Olson, Jay McHenry, Brian Haun, Wade Hackbarth, Blake Deiber, Melissa Elliott, Deb Slaby.

During the District Board Chairperson report, Mr. Peterson informed that new members Jim Dillin and Michelle Greendeer-Rave have been invited to the July meeting. A reminder was provided of the July 21-23 District Boards Association meeting in Wausau. Mr. Peterson expressed a thank you to Dennis Treu for his commitment to Western and years of service on the District Board.

5:06pm: Motion Lukasek, second Bagstad that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Votes: Ayes, 6; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.



Majel Hein, District Board Secretary



# Western Technical College

## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Dennis Treu**

*Whereas*, Dennis Treu has served as a member of the Western Technical College District Board for 12 years, from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2022; and

*Whereas*, Dennis has provided leadership to Western Technical College by serving as District Board Treasurer (2013-15) and Chairperson (2015-17), as well as chairing the Presidential Search Committee (2016-17) and serving on Western's District Board Policy Subcommittee (2017-18 and 2021-22), as well as numerous other assignments; and

*Whereas*, he is a humble servant leader, intentional in his words and thoughtful in the ways Western can improve the lives of those in our community; and

*Whereas*, Dennis led the challenging task of replacing Western's long-time President, Lee Rasch, launching a nationwide search with support from all areas of the college; and

*Whereas*, he was passionate about the rehabilitation of incarcerated individuals, using his experience and skill to help Western find new ways to serve these communities; and

*Whereas*, Dennis was influential in the development and execution of Western's Vision 2020, helping secure support for Western's facilities for decades to come; and

*Whereas*, his passion, leadership, and vision 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 Dennis Treu for his years of service as a member of the District Board and extends to him continued best wishes for the future.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

Ken Peterson, Interim Chair

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# Western Technical College

## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Mark Hanson**

*Whereas*, Mark Hanson, Faculty Developer in the Academic Excellence Division, will retire from Western Technical College on June 30, after completing 2+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

*Whereas*, Mark was someone who never turned down a task, always looking to be challenged while knowing what he was doing was helping someone else; and

*Whereas*, he always had a positive attitude, making it easy to work with his fellow colleagues on various projects; and

*Whereas*, Mark was flexible and supportive, able to work both independently and as a team to complete important tasks; and

*Whereas*, his creative mind allowed him to think outside the box, helping solve issues creatively and with input from others; and

*Whereas*, his undying sense of humor – especially his dad jokes - 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 Mark Hanson 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 Mark many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Joan Miksis**

*Whereas*, Joan Miksis, Associate Dean in the Health and Public Safety Division, will retire from Western Technical College on July 2, after completing 21+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

*Whereas*, Joan was an outstanding colleague and even better leader, always putting her faculty and staff first and willing to assist any time they needed her assistance; and

*Whereas*, she was great with detail and is extremely organized, easily recalling meetings from years ago using her extensive notes; and

*Whereas*, Joan had a big heart and a caring personality, very supportive of her staff and always going to bat for them on a variety of issues, both professionally and personally; and

*Whereas*, her leadership, friendliness, and loyalty to her co-workers 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 Joan Miksis for her years of service and her commitment to excellence; and be it

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

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