

**WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**April 18, 2023**

Mr. Ken Peterson, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Western Technical College, Public Safety Facility, 11177 County Rd A, Sparta, WI. Board members present Andrew Bosshard, Lance Bagstad, Michelle Greendeer-Rave, Angie Lawrence, Ed Lukasek, Ken Peterson, and Roger Stanford, President. Board members Majel Hein, Jim Dillin, and Kevin Hennessey were excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 12:12 pm, 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, Amy Thornton, Jessica Pintz, Jacque Schreiner, Tracy Dryden, Christina Heit, and John Heath (Western employees); Western Student Government Executives; Tessa Thurin, Shanna Thul, and Jesus David Gonzalez.

Motion Lawrence, second Bosshard, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the Resolution of Commendations | Tamra Brown, Health Information Technology, Instructor, and Doug Thesing, Automotive Instructor, presented by President Stanford. Votes: Ayes, 6 Opposed, 0. Motion carried. **Copy of the resolutions are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments A and B.**

Presentations included updates on Student Government Activities and a Foundation Review.

Motion Bagstad, second Lawrence, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes - a. March 21, 2023, District Board Regular Meeting; 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-March b. Schedule of Payments-February, c. General Revenue/Expense- February, d. Department Budget Summary - February, e. Enterprise Services- February, f. Capital Projects- February; 3. Project Submission and Acceptance 2023-24 a. Workforce Advancement Training Grants, b. Lowe's Foundation Gable Grants. Votes: Ayes, 5, Opposed 0, Abstain 1 from Vendors over \$2,500. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Bagstad, that the Western Technical College District Board approve: Appoint the Private Sector Review Committee for 2023-2024. Votes: Ayes, 6, Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

President's Report, Dr. Stanford shared information about the Western community and media events, a Commendation from Gov. Evers for Tena Quackenbush, and recent college events.

District Board Chairperson's report, the Chairperson will attend the DBA April meeting at Gateway, Kenosha, and reviewed recent college events. Reminder to complete Plus Delta.

4:32 p.m. Motion Bagstad, second Lukasek, that the Western Technical College convene into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(b)(c)(e), Wis. Stats. for the purpose of discussing the use of public funds, personnel matters, and the President's evaluation. No action. Roll call: Lawrence, yes; Greendeer-Rave, yes; Bagstad, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

5:20 pm: Motion Greendeer-Rave second Lawrence that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Votes: Ayes, 5; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Majel Hein, District Board Secretary



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## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Tamra Brown**

*Whereas*, Tamra Brown, Health Information Technology instructor in the Academic Affairs Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 24, 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*, Tamra is the ultimate instructor and leader at Western, using her experience to lead by example for her entire division; and

*Whereas*, she lives by our motto, every student, every day, always being student-focused and dedicated to student success; and

*Whereas*, Tamra had an incredible relationship with her coworkers, using her humor and work ethic to provide strong leadership to her fellow instructors; and

*Whereas*, her long experience in the field helped guide students for years, helping shape a profession in the region for decades to come; and

*Whereas*, her expertise, knowledge, and humor 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 Tamra Brown 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 Tamra many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

Ken Peterson, Chair



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## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Doug Thesing**

*Whereas*, Doug Thesing, Automotive Technician instructor in the Academic Affairs Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 24, after completing 24 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

*Whereas*, Doug had a passion for teaching and watching students learn, he took pride knowing that Automotive graduates are well prepared to be leaders at local employers; and

*Whereas*, he works hard every day to ensure he is prepared for his students, working long days to ensure every student is successful; and

*Whereas*, Doug is well respected among his coworkers, helping wherever he can to make sure students are well prepared for the workforce; and

*Whereas*, he has a plethora of experience at Western and in the workforce, being able to provide history and context to a number of issues that arise; and

*Whereas*, his knowledge, passion, and work ethic 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 Doug Thesing 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 Doug many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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