

**WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**February 21, 2023**

Mr. Ken Peterson, District Board Chair, called the advance session and regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 2:04 pm on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street N, La Crosse, WI. Board members present Andrew Bosshard, Lance Bagstad, Michelle Greendeer-Rave, Majel Hein, Kevin Hennessey, Angie Lawrence, Ed Lukasek, Ken Peterson, and Roger Stanford, President. Board member Jim Dillin was excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, February 17, 2023, at 12:49 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, Janice Strupp, Christina Heit, Tracy Dryden, Josh Gamer, Kari Reyburn, AJ Clauss, John Heath, Liz Wallace, Casey Meehan, and Jay McHenry (Western employees); Mike Herro and Alex Lueck (Excel Energy representatives); Brian Strupp, Stewart Strupp (public)

Presentations included Xcel Energy microgrid and Annual Planning update.

Motion Lawrence, second Greendeer-Rave, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the Resolution of Commendations | Retirements of David Boen, Sue Kirscher, and Janice Strupp, presented by President Stanford. Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed, 0. Motion carried. **A copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A, B, and C.**

Ms. Hein provided a Policy Subcommittee update.

Motion Lawrence, second Hennessey, that the Western Technical College District Board remove the following consent item: Project Submission and Acceptance 2023-24 A. Wisconsin Public Service Commission/Energy Innovation Grant Program – Microgrid. Votes: Ayes, 7, Opposed, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Hein, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Minutes – 1. January 17, 2023, District Board Regular Meeting; 2. C. Policy Revisions | Second Reading – 1. B0200 Resident Status | B0200 Procedure for Out-of-State Applications (District Board reference only); 2. E0202 Enrollment of Students Under Age 18 | E0202p Procedure for Enrolling Students Under Age 16 (District Board reference only). 3. Project Submission and Acceptance 2023-24 B. WTCS Systemwide Leadership Grant / WACRAO Conference for 2023. Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Hennessey, that the Western Technical College District Board discuss: Project Submission and Acceptance 2023-24 A. Wisconsin Public Service Commission/Energy Innovation Grant Program – Microgrid. Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Hennessey, that the Western Technical College District Board amend removal and table: Project Submission and Acceptance 2023-24 A. Wisconsin Public Service Commission/Energy Innovation Grant Program – Microgrid. Votes: Ayes, 7, Opposed, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Hein, second Lawrence, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds, the Establishment of Escrow Accounts with Respect to and the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A, dated February 2, 2017, and Certain of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017F, Dated December 28, 2017. Roll Call: Bosshard, yes; Bagstad, yes; Greendeer-Rave, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried. Dillin, absent.

Under the President's Report, Dr. Stanford shared an article regarding technician shortages; President's evaluation will be held in closed session during the March meeting; travel to the Dream 2023 was a success, and there will be an Achieve the Dream update in the coming months, a reminder that March and April meetings will be at alternate locations, and board dinner follows the meeting.

During the District Board Chairperson report, he shared that there was a small group of employees, a student, and the District Board Chairperson who traveled February 5-8 to the ACCT conference and met with lawmakers in Washington, DC; it was great to have a student join us; connections were made with legislative members, and they were happy to see us. District Boards Association, the April meeting will be held at Gateway Technical College.

Reminder to complete Plus Delta.

5:16 pm: Motion Lawrence second Greendeer-Rave that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn.  
Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

  
Majel Hejn, District Board Secretary



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## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Janice Strupp**

*Whereas*, Janice Strupp, Executive Assistant to the President and District Board will retire from Western Technical College on March 17, after completing 32 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

*Whereas*, Janice has a knowledge and understanding of Western that cannot be replicated, providing valuable guidance and organizational skills for Western's President and the District Board; and

*Whereas*, she is a detailed-oriented employee, with strong editing abilities and a work ethic that goes unmatched; and

*Whereas*, Janice was cool under fire (when needed), maintaining her poise and was always very conscientious, carefully taking complex notes while maintaining confidentiality on a number of issues; and

*Whereas*, she was known for her kindness to others, often taking in her co-workers under her wing and helping all of her friends and colleagues when needed; and

*Whereas*, her work ethic, kindness, and smiles around the pillar 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 Janice Strupp 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 Janice many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Stanford".

Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Peterson".

Ken Peterson, Chair

Adopted, approved, and recorded by the Western Technical College District Board on February 21, 2023



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## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Sue Kirscher**

*Whereas*, Sue Kirscher, College Advisor in the Student Service and Engagement Division, will retire from Western Technical College on March 3, after completing 15+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

*Whereas*, Sue was a reliable and thorough person with whom you could always go for help, always exceptionally organized and with strong memory of individual student experiences; and

*Whereas*, she truly embodied the motto, "Every Student, Every Day," providing steady and thoughtful leadership through an array of situations that would pop up; and

*Whereas*, Sue had excellent editing skills, quickly becoming the go-to person to find typos in any document; and

*Whereas*, she was respected by her colleagues for her attitude, gentle nature, and willingness to lend a hand whenever needed; and

*Whereas*, her smile, laugh, and amazing baking skills 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 Sue Kirscher 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 Sue 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* **David Boen**

*Whereas*, David Boen, HVAC Instructor in the Academic Affairs Division, retired from Western Technical College on February 17, 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*, David was passionate about student success, connecting well with students and always finding ways to help them succeed; and

*Whereas*, he continued to give back following his retirement in the industry, using his expertise to give back to his community; and

*Whereas*, David has a positive energy that is contagious and brings a smile to everyone's face that meets him; and

*Whereas*, he is an avid sportsman, enjoying biking, hiking, kayaking, and almost anything that is outdoors; and

*Whereas*, David provided a necessary perspective to help the HVAC program make curriculum changes that reflect the trends in the industry; and

*Whereas*, his humbleness, leadership, and passion 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 David Boen 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 David many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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