

**WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**December 17, 2024**

Mr. Bagstad, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 2:01 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at Western Technical College, 111 7<sup>th</sup> St N Rm 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: R. Alderson, L. Bagstad, M., C. Doering III, K. Hennessey, A. Lawrence, M. Skarlupka, M. Wolf, M. Greendeer-Rave, and R. Stanford, President. Excused: K. Peterson

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on December 12, 2024, at 3:29 p.m., 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 19.81-19.98.

Others present were J. Pintz, W. Hackbarth, R. Hopkins, A. Thornton, C. Heit, J. Lemon, E. Jacobson, D. Hamann, K. Dean, and T. Dryden (Western employees).

Motion Lawrence seconded by Hennessey to approve the Commendation for Mike Earll. Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion passed.

Information on the clean college audit with K. Gruber of Wipfli, C. Heit, and W. Hackbarth. Jacobson and Lemon led a discussion about the January DBA and February ACCT visits with legislative members, and Hackbarth shared information on the 2025 borrowing plan. Dryden and Stanford shared details on closing out the last strategic plan and what we are doing to develop the next plan. Due to an absence, current co-worker well-being initiatives will be shared at a future meeting. No action was taken.

3:00 p.m. Hennessey was excused.

Correction to the minutes: the October 15, not September 17, minutes were approved.

Motion Skarlupka seconded by Doering that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items: 1. Minutes - a. Nov.19, 2024, District Board Regular Meeting; b. Jun 13, 2024 Budget & Facilities Subcommittee Minutes 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-Nov 2024 b. Capital Projects-Nov 2024 c. General Rev/Exp Report- Nov 2024, d. Dept Budget-Nov 2024, e, Enterprise-Nov 2024. 3. Project Submissions a. 2025-29 Adult Education & Family Literacy Act Grant Program; b. 2025-26 State Gat Funds Votes: Ayes, 6, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.


Motion Lawrence second Alderson to Roll Call approve the following: 1. Adopt Changes to FYE24 Annual Budget Modifications, 2. Capital Projects Funds, 3. Adopt the FY2023-2024 Financial Audit Report, 4. Adopt the FY2025 Capital Borrowing Plan, 5. Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of not to exceed \$21,860,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin; Alderson, Y; Bagstad, Y; Doering, Y; Greendeer-Rave, Y; Lawrence, Y; Skarlupka, Y; Wolf Y. Motion Approved.

President's Report: Dr. Stanford congratulated everyone for all the hard work that has been done to have a clean audit again this year and for the years past. Congratulations to the college for completing the fall 7-week term. January meeting will be adjusted to start at 1:00 pm and include a Wanek Center tour. Due to college-related travel, several people will join the February meeting virtually. The Board Appointment meeting is scheduled for March 13. The March and April board meetings will be at BRF & VRQ (respectfully), and community meetings will be prior to the regular meetings. January 2026, the board meeting will move to the fourth Tuesday. Shared information and a picture of the Mobile Healthcare Training Lab.

District Board Chairperson's report: Mr. Bagstad and Ms. Skarlupka shared information about the events of the November DBA meeting and Neurodivergent presentation; Skarlupka took the information back to her workplace for formal presentation. They toured the Fox Valley campus. The DBA had its formal board meeting on Friday, during which they voted to appoint Diane Handrick as the executive director; additional contract information was discussed, and the board will reconvene to continue conversations in January. Plus Delta reminders.

4:11 p.m. Motion Doering second Skarlupka that the board move into closed session and adjourn immediately after. Alderson, Y; Bagstad, Y; Doering, Y; Greendeer-Rave, Y; Lawrence, Y; Skarlupka, Y; Peterson, Y. Wolf, Y. Motion Approved.

4:15 p.m. Motion to Adjourn Alderson and seconded by Wolf. Votes: Ayes, 7, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

  
Ken Peterson, District Board Secretary