

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 19, 2024

Mr. Bagstad, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at Western Technical College, 111 7th St N Rm 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: R. Alderson, L. Bagstad, M. Greendeer-Rave, K. Hennessey, A. Lawrence, K. Peterson, M. Skarlupka, M. Wolf, and R. Stanford, President. Excused: C. Doering III

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on November 15, 2024, at 1:12 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 J. Pintz, W. Hackbarth, R. Hopkins, A. Thornton, C. Heit, J. Lemon, K. Reyburn, B. Shane, L. Wallace, K. Dean, T. Keifer, A. Martin, C. Newman, T. Ludeking. (Western employees).

Motion Lawrence seconded by Peterson to approve the Commendation for Kristine Stegemeyer. Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion passed.

The board discussed Employee Engagement, Q12 Results, and coworker Well-Being, heard updates on the Capital Funding Process and ARRIVE Gant, and heard from students about the Apprenticeship program. No action was taken.

K. Peterson provided an update on the Budget and Facilities Subcommittee. No action was taken.

Motion Peterson seconded by Hennessey that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent & at-table items as presented: 1. Minutes - a. Oct. 15, 2024, District Board Regular Meeting, 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-Oct 2024 b. Capital Projects-Oct 2024 c. General Rev/Exp Report- Sept & Oct 2024, d. Dept Budget-Sept & Oct 2024, e, Enterprise-Sept & Oct 2024. 3. Project Submissions a. 2025-26 Perkins V Strengthening Career & Technical Education Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence second Hennessey to approve 1. Annual Business & Industry Services Contract Training, 2. Vehicle Technology Center (VTC)-Automotive Facility Expansion 3. VTC - Automotive Facility Remodel, 4. Student Success Center Remodel, 5. New Program Dev. Concept Approval - Assoc Degree AAS-Landscape Horticulture Sales and Marketing; Votes: Ayes, 8 Opposed 0 Abstain 0 Motion Approved.

Motion Peterson second Hennessey to Roll Call approve Resolution Review of Procurement for FY2024-25 performed by Business Office; Alderson, Y; Bagstad, Y; Greendeer-Rave, Y; Lawrence, Y; Skarlupka, Y; Hennessey, Y; Peterson Y. Wolf Y. Motion Approved.

President's Report: Dr. Stanford announced the celebration of a new Sim Lab with a Ribbon Cutting and 40 years of respiratory therapy education. He provided an update on the WTCS State Board meeting at the AMETA Center and mentioned plans to visit Mid-State to discuss donor support for the new center. Veterans Week was celebrated on campus, with various opportunities for staff and students, including a lunch with Viterbo. E. Jacobson joined President Stanford for a post-election update.

District Board Chairperson's report: Mr. Bagstad updated the board on upcoming DBA and ACCT events. Mr. Peterson discussed scholarship reviews, encouraging board members to participate as a way to get to know our students. Due to the number of new members and limited time together, there will be no board evaluation this year; feedback can be shared via Delta Plus forms. He expressed gratitude for this board being a high-functioning, kind, and respectful team.

3:47 p.m. M. Wolf excused. Motion Peterson second Hennessey that the board move into closed session. Alderson, Y; Bagstad, Y; Greendeer-Rave, Y; Lawrence, Y; Skarlupka, Y; Hennessey, Y; Peterson, Y. Motion Approved.

4:56 p.m. Motion Hennessey second Peterson that the board move into open session. Votes: Ayes, 7. Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

4:57 p.m. Motion Peterson second Hennessey that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Votes: Ayes, 7. Opposed, 0. Motion carried.


Ken Peterson, District Board Secretary