

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, May 22, 2024

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the HERO Center on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Chairperson.

Open Meeting Compliance

L. Allen confirmed the meeting was duly noticed in accordance with state statutes for open meeting compliance.

Roll Call

Present: Jesse Adams, Ram Bhatia, Benjamin DeSmidt, William Duncan, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Nicole Oberlin – Student Trustee, Scott Pierce, Jason Tadlock, Pamela Zenner-Richards and Rebecca Matoska-Mentink

Virtual: None

Excused: None

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 32 virtual and 30 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by P. Zenner-Richards, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2024 Regular Meeting. It was moved by P. Zenner-Richards, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2024 Public Hearing Meeting.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

4 of 9 Trustees Responded to the April survey plus the Student Trustee. Below are the comments received.

Strategic - The agenda was well put together and aligned with what work needed to be completed. The agenda items meet the strategic requirements, including the presentation of three years strategic facilities plan, FY24/25-FY26-27.

Task - I was so well prepared for the meeting, having reviewed everything prior that even Ram would be proud of me and my efforts.

Action - Agenda items, including the three year strategic Facilities Plan, Policy Governance Monitoring Reports focus on the board's governance role, and provided guidance to the president.

Results - None

Chairperson's Report - Review Wording of Policy 2.4 Monitoring College Effectiveness

The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the wording of Policy 2.4.

Chairperson's Report - Review Wording of Policy 3.2 Human Relationships

The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. Following discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve the wording of Policy 3.2.

Board Member Community Reports

Z. Lange-Irisson shared how well graduation went this year. She also spoke at a Latino event recently and reminded everyone about the Foundation Golf outing being tomorrow, May 23, 2024.

S. Pierce attended a virtual ACCT webinar recently and will forward the link to L. Allen to share with all trustees.

President's Report - Announcements

R. Raju provided college updates.

President's Report – Dashboard

The dashboard report included information about graduation and an update about Microsoft. R. Raju will share a link with the college that contains information about Microsoft's AI Co-Innovation Lab. Chancellor Mark Mone from UW Milwaukee joined virtually and shared information about the partnership with Gateway and UW Milwaukee.

President's Report – Ad Hoc Committee Update

R. Bhatia provided an update about the president's evaluation tool. P. Zenner-Richards suggested adding a specific number to the Part A Standing Goals, Goal #6, bullet point #4. S. Pierce stated that the committee will review and modify the "Ratings Guide" terms at the next June 6th Ad Hoc Committee meeting, which will be the final meeting. J. Tadlock suggested having less goals in Part B to concentrate on fewer issues. The committee will seek approval for the evaluation tool at the June 20, 2024 board meeting.

President's Report – Recognition of Suzanne Sublette and Raquel Palacios

Raquel received the Academic Advisor of the Year award and Suzanne Sublette received a letter and pin for her 5 years of advisor service of the Alpha Xi Lota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

President's Report – Introduction of Dan Lyons

R. Raju introduced Dan Lyons, the new GTEA president.

Student Trustee Report

Nicole Oberlin gave an update on student activities that have been taking place over the past month.

Operational Agenda - Action Agenda

Resolution No. F-2023-2024G.2 – Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024G of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin

Administration is recommending approval of a resolution awarding the sale of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2023-2024G; in the principal amount of \$1,000,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and repair projects.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to roll call vote to approve F-2023-2024G.2 – Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024G of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin

Aye: 9

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 0

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET REVISION #2

The FY 2023-24 budget requires a revision in the Special Revenue – Non Aidable Fund, Capital Fund, and the Enterprise Fund. The modification in the Special Revenue – Non Aidable and Capital Funds will reflect a transfer of funds to the Capital Fund for the purchase of a student van. The modification in the Enterprise Fund will reflect an increase due to anticipated expenses through the end of the year.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 1 (Z. Lange-Irison was out of the room)

Consent Agenda

Prior to approving the Consent Agenda, an item was discussed. J. Adams shared information about how Gateway requires contractors to either be associated with a Gateway program or have a State registered apprenticeship program. The problem isn't with the actual construction company we hire (because they are associated with a program), it's with the contractors they hire because they don't meet the two criteria above. Sharon Johnson will contact J. Adams for further discussion.

It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried that the following items in the consent agenda be approved.

Bids:

Bid No. 1699 – Parking Lot Repairs – Elkhorn Campus

Bid No. 1710 – Student Life Office Refurbishment – Kenosha Campus

Bid No. 1711 – Every Child's Place Refurbishment – Kenosha Campus

Bid No. 1712 – 2024 ADA Compliance Repairs – District-wide

Finance:

Summary of Revenue and Expenditures: Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of April 30, 2024.

Cash and Investment Schedules: Approved the monthly cash reconciliation, investment schedule and investment report.

Personnel Report for January: Approved the personnel report of (12) twelve new hires, (1) one transfer, (7) seven retirements and (7) seven separations.

Grant Awards: None

BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for April 2024.

Protective Services Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for April 2024.

High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for April 2024.

Advisory Committee Activity Report: Approved new members as of May 1, 2024.

Policy Governance Monitoring Reports - Ends Policy Monitoring - Statement #5

College Ends Policy - The tri-county community benefits from affordable higher education that allows residents to develop knowledge and skills for family-supporting careers that contribute to the growth and sustainability of the local economy at a cost commensurate with the value of services provided.

Statement #5 Educational partners, locally, nationally, and internationally, connect their students to Gateway's well-developed career pathways, courses, facilities, and educational resources. – Olivia Mayen and Yoceline Vargas

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Policy, Statement #5.

Policy Governance Monitoring Reports – Executive Limitations 3.2, 3.3 and 3.9

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.2, 3.3 and 3.9.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Regular Meeting - Thursday, June 20, 2024, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Kenosha Campus, Academic Building, Garden Room.

At approximately 10:12 am, it was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned and the Gateway Technical College District Board moved to Executive Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)© to discuss **Personnel Issues**. The Board reserves the right to reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in closed session.

Aye: 9

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 0

Executive Session

At approximately 12:20 pm, the Board reconvened in open session. It was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by R. Bhatia to approve the Personnel Issues recommendation stated during Executive Session. At approximately 12:21 pm, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson to adjourn.

Submitted by,

Benjamin DeSmidt, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees