

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, April 20, 2023

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Elkhorn Campus, Room 112/114, 400 County Road H, Elkhorn, WI on Thursday, April 20, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Chairperson.

Open Meeting Compliance

K. Bartlett 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, Scott Pierce, Jason Tadlock, Pamela Zenner-Richards and Rebecca Matoska-Mentink

Excused: Zaida Hernandez-Irison and Nicole Oberlin – Student Trustee

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Kelly Bartlett, Administrative Assistant Liz Allen and 42 virtual and 16 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Chairperson's Report – Dashboard: included updates on: Certifications and Program Reviews

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary: 7 of 8 Attending Trustees Responded to the Survey including the Student Trustee. Comments included: Great meeting. Student presentations were inspiring. Excellent meeting except too long, due to packed agenda and presentations. Great presentation by Dr. Raju on Edge Online. Love the "own your future" outreach literature. Similarly, great presentations by the staff on campus welcome, End Policy. Board meeting room was COLD! Having one board meeting a month forces us to pack a lot into that 2+ hr. timeframe. Nonetheless, will work to be mindful of time constraints all have to get the best result for all. The retreat held afterwards was excellent. Well worth the time.

Chairperson's Report – Review Wording of Policy 1.5 Board Member's Role: The Trustees reviewed the wording of 1.5 Board Member's Role. **Following the discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the wording of 1.5 Board Member's Role.**

Chairperson's Report – Review Wording of Policy 1.6 Board Officers: The Trustees reviewed the wording of 1.6 Board Officers. **Following the discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried to approve the wording of 1.6 Board Officers.**

Board Member Community Reports

R. Matoska-Mentink shared a thank you note from a student that received a Gateway Foundation scholarship.

R. Bhatia also spoke on the Foundation scholarship event and said he is proud to be a part of the Gateway community helping students.

P. Zenner-Richards noted that she also attended the scholarship. It was an outstanding event.

President's Report - Announcements

Ritu announced Gateway Journey member: Diane Thygeson.

Ritu spoke on the Elkhorn expansion.

The National Signing Day video was shared with the Trustees. Signing Day was taking place the morning of the Board meeting.

President's Report – Dashboard

Included updates on: Bring students back initiative and Employee Red Carpet event.

President's Report – Campus Welcome

Terry Simmons welcomed the Trustees and spoke about projects and events that have been happening on the Elkhorn Campus. Terry also introduced students and staff from the campus and they spoke to the Trustees.

Student Trustee Report

Nicole Oberlin submitted a report on student activities that have been taking place over the past month. Chairperson Rebecca Matoska-Mentink read the report during the meeting.

Operational Agenda - Action Agenda

Resolution No. F-2022-2023F.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2022-2023F, of Gateway Technical College District, WI

The administration is recommending approval to issue General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2022-2023F; in the principal amount of \$1,000,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects district wide. This borrowing is included in the 2022-23 budget. Upon approval, appropriate legal notices will be published in the official district newspapers.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried by roll call vote to approve Resolution No. F-2022-2023F.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2022-2023F, of Gateway Technical College District, WI.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 1

Consent Agenda

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

Finance:

Summary of Revenue and Expenditures: Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of March 31, 2023.

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

Personnel Report: Approved the personnel report of one (1) transfer; three (3) separations; and no employment approvals-adjunct faculty.

Grant Awards: There were no new grant approvals this month.

BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for March 2023.

Protective Services Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for April 2023.

High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for April 2023.

Advisory Committee Activity Report: Approved the advisory committee meeting schedule and new members as of April 1, 2023.

Bid Approval: Approved the following Bid: Bid No. 1678 Horizon Center Office Remodel Kenosha, WI

Policy Governance Monitoring Reports - Ends Policy Monitoring

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 #4 Families are strengthened by the prosperity of their graduates, reduced unemployment or underemployment, and the availability of local jobs for family members.

Anne Whynott led a presentation on ends policy, statement 4.

Following discussion, it was moved by J. Tadlock seconded by W. Duncan and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Policy, Statement #4.

Executive Limitations – 3.4 Budgeting/Forecasting and 3.5 Financial Condition FY 23-24 Preliminary Budget Approval for Public Hearing

The administration recommends Board approval for the fiscal year 2023-2024 Gateway Technical College District budget presentation at a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2023 at 7 p.m., in the Quad Rooms, R102/F104, Racine Building, Racine Campus, 1001 South Main Street, Racine, WI 53403.

Following discussion, it was moved by B. DeSmidt seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve 3.4 Budgeting/Forecasting and 3.5 Financial Condition FY 23-24 Preliminary Budget Approval for Public Hearing.

Executive Limitations – 3.2 Human Relationships; 3.3 Employment, Compensation, and Benefits; and 3.9 Sustained Presidential Leadership

Jacqueline Morris led the presentation.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried to approve 3.2 Human Relationships; 3.3 Employment, Compensation, and Benefits; and 3.9 Sustained Presidential Leadership.

Executive Limitations - Review Wording of Policy 3.3 Employment, Compensation and Benefits

The Trustees reviewed the wording of Policy 3.3 Employment, Compensation and Benefits.

Following the discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve the wording of Policy 3.3 Employment, Compensation and Benefits.

Executive Limitations - Review Wording of Policy 3.9 Sustained Presidential Leadership

The Trustees reviewed the wording of Policy 3.9 Sustained Presidential Leadership.

Following the discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the wording of Policy 3.9 Sustained Presidential Leadership.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Public Hearing – Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 7:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, Racine Campus, Quad Rooms R102/R104.

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Kenosha Campus, Madrigano Board Room. At approximately 10:20 am. it was moved by J. Adams, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried by 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)(c) to discuss personnel matters. The Board reserves the right to reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in executive session.

Aye: 8

Nay: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 1

Executive Session

At approximately 11:16 am, the Board reconvened in Open Session. S. Pierce motioned, seconded by W. Duncan to approve the recommendation on the personnel matters.

At 11:17 am it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried by roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned.

Aye: 8

Nay: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 1

Submitted by,


Zaida Hernandez-Irisson, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees