

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

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person on the Elkhorn Campus on Thursday, August 22, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Jason Tadlock, Chairperson.

**Open Meeting Compliance**

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

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Ram Bhatia, Benjamin DeSmidt, Preston Gardner, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Andrea Nunez – Student Trustee, Nicole Oberlin, Scott Pierce and Jason Tadlock

**Virtual:** Zaida Lange-Irisson

**Excused:** William Duncan

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 50 virtual and 20 in person citizens/reporters.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting. It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2024 Special Meeting. It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2024 Special Meeting. It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by B. DeSmidt, S. Pierce abstained, and carried to approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2024 Special Meeting. N. Oberlin stated there was an error in the Minutes of the July 8, 2024 Organizational Meeting. The named FY2024/25 Treasurer should be P. Garnder, not Z. Lange-Irisson. With this correction, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2024 Organizational Meeting.

**Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:**

6 of 9 Trustees Responded to the June survey plus the Student Trustee. Below are the comments received.

Strategic

Presentation on support programs for needy students very well done and informative. The agenda was well planned, and met my expectations.

Task

I am always prepared, and maintain positive communications.

Action

I don't believe the follow-up with the president was provided sufficiently, but future meetings will address this. The agenda items met this goal.

Results

Very pleased to note the performance success such as FTE, Head Count increases while lowering the employee headcounts. Compliments to the college leadership team, and all for their efforts. Very proud of the GTC team for creating the Connections Center! I look forward to getting another tour once the center is complete. My request is to let the board know what is needed at the food pantry before board meetings, so trustees have the option of bringing items to the board meeting.

### **Chairperson's Report - Review Wording of Policy 1.1 Governance Commitment**

The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.1.

### **Chairperson's Report - Review Wording of College Ends Statement #2**

The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the wording of College Ends Policy #2.

### **Chairperson's Report - Review District Board Association November Meeting Conflict**

The November 20-22, 2024, DBA meeting conflicts with the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve moving the November board meeting to November 19, 2024.

### **Chairperson's Report – Hard Copies of Monthly Board Meeting Booklet**

J. Tadlock asked board members if they would like to continue having hard copies of the board booklet at each board meeting or use an electronic copy. All documents for the board meeting are uploaded to the Google shared drive for trustee review. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to use electronic files instead of a hard copy of the board booklet.

### **Board Member Community Reports**

R. Bhatia shared information about the District Board Association. Meeting attendance has decreased over the last several years. Other colleges are having discussions about DBA membership. Currently, dues are \$39,000 per year. The role of the DBA is to lobby for issues (which have now been outsourced to TEAM) and for board members to come together and learn from each other. R. Bhatia also stated that now would be a good time to rewrite the Executive Director job description since there is a change in leadership right now.

Z. Lange-Irisson attended the Nursing Pinning Ceremony which was emotional and a testament to the students. J. Tadlock reported a successful Gateway Edge year with a larger cohort for next year. N. Oberlin attended the ACCT Board Governance conference earlier in the month. S. Pierce attended two ACCT webinars and offered to lead a discussion on the topics. S. Pierce also asked about bringing back "Community on the Whole" sessions to cover specific topics. He also commented on the July Retreat summary and stated the board should focus on these items.

### **President's Report - Announcements**

Gateway recently received the Hispanic Serving Institution designation. Dr. Tammi Summers and many others have been working hard toward this for the last two years. Gateway also received full approval from the Higher Learning Commission. Governor Tony Evers toured the Center for Sustainable Living on 8/15/24. FTE and headcount are up for the fall semester.

### **President's Report – Dashboard**

The dashboard report included information about NC3, procurement review, Call Night, and Fast Track.

### **President's Report – Recognition of Denise Savel**

Congratulations to Denise Savel for receiving the Veterinary Technician Educator of the Year Award.

### **Student Trustee Report**

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

### **Operational Agenda - Action Agenda**

**Resolution No. F-2024-2025 B.1 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025B of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin**

The administration is recommending approval to issue General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2024-2025B; in the principal amount of \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects.

**Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to roll call vote to approve F-2024-2025B. 1 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025B of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

**Aye: 8**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: 1**

**Resolution Number B-2024 B.2 Approval of Preliminary Concept for the Racine Campus Welding Lab Remodel**

The administration is recommending approval from the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board of Resolution Number B-2024 B.2 for the Preliminary Concept of the Racine Campus Welding Lab Remodel project.

**Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to roll call vote to approve B-2024 B.2 Approval of Preliminary Concept for the Racine Campus Welding Lab Remodel of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

**Aye: 7**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: 2**

**Resolution Number B-2024 C.1 & C.2 Approval for the Racine Campus Dental Lab Remodel**

The administration is recommending approval from the Gateway Technical College District Board of Resolution Number B-2024 C.1 for the Racine Campus Dental Lab Remodel project.

**Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to roll call vote to approve B-2024 C.1 & C.2 Approval for the Racine Campus Dental Lab Remodel of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

**Aye: 8**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: 1**

**FY 2024-2025 Budget Revision #1**

The FY 2024-25 budget requires a revision in the General and Capital Fund and budget modification in the Debt Service Fund.

**Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to roll call vote to approve FY 2024-2025 Budget Revision #1 of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin**

**Aye: 7**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: 2**

**Consent Agenda**

**It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink 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 July 31, 2024.

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

**Personnel Report for August:** Approved the personnel report of (2) two new hires, (1) one promotion, (2) two transfers, (4) four reclassifications and (1) one separation.

**Grant Awards:** 28 new grant awards were received in July 2024.

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

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

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

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

**Policy Governance Monitoring Reports - Ends Policy Monitoring - Statement #2**

**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 #2 Businesses benefit from a well-trained, educated workforce and access to customized business and workforce solutions that support a positive business climate.** Mark Kappes and Katie Dembowski led the presentation, along with guest speaker Tim Simmermon from Scot Forge.

**Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Policy, Statement #2.**

**Policy Governance Monitoring Reports – Executive Limitations 3.10**

Anne Whynott led the presentation. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.10.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjourn**

Regular Meeting - Thursday, September 19, 2024, 3:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, Kenosha Campus, Board Room.

At approximately 10:49 am, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink 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: 7**

**No: 0**

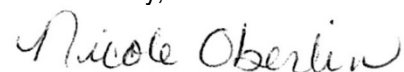
**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: 2**

**Executive Session**

The board did not reconvene in open session.

Submitted by,



Nicole Oberlin, Secretary

Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees