

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, December 21, 2023

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Horizon Center for Transportation, Conf. Room 106, 4940 88th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53144 on Thursday, December 21, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.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, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Nicole Oberlin – Student Trustee (late), Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Scott Pierce, Jason Tadlock and Pamela Zenner-Richards

Virtual: William Duncan

Excused: None

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 20 virtual and 24 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried to approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

7 of 8 Attending Trustees Responded to the Survey including the Student Trustee. Below are the comments received.

Strategic

No Ends review given..????? Question president emeritus role discussed in closed session.....transparency? Agenda is getting lighter with less information, hearing less from staff ??? Losing a very valuable staff member - John Frost - and yet there was no recognition given to him about the work he has done to keep the college out of harm's way (\$\$\$) and to keep personnel situations from escalating. He has rare, valuable skills that we are losing. The exodus continues.Thankful Scott Pierce stepped up. This was the first Board Meeting that we did not include a Board Governance Ends Policy Monitoring. Oversight or are we changing board meeting format?

Task

I am sensing based on some comments from fellow Trustees that questioning issues related to the college may indicate not supporting our President. Each of us as Trustees have a responsibility to represent our constituents asking questions to help clarify overall college operations. We need to be prepared to provide educated responses to our publics when questions are asked!

Action

Not much on this. We meet only once a month so we need more information to stay engaged. We did not provide our President guidance on Governance when we did not review any policies from our normal monthly monitoring reports.

Results

I think this survey is still relevant and a fine manner in which to collect the feedback. No need to re-work it. Focus on audit was well done given the volume of information in the booklet. Thanks to John Frost for his leadership and support of our College during his tenure. It was unfortunate we did not provide greater recognition for his many contributions. I wish him the very best in his retirement.

Chairperson's Report - Review Wording of Policy 1.15 Board Development: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. Following the discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.15.

Chairperson's Report - Review Wording of Policy 3.6 Asset Protection: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. Following the discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by S. Pierce and carried to approve the wording of Policy 3.6.

Chairperson's Report – WTCS District Board Association Member of the Year Nomination: Z. Lange-Irison nominated Chairperson Matoska-Mentink. Chairperson Matoska-Mentink graciously declined the nomination and then nominated R. Bhatia due to his considerable engagement with the District Board Association. A show of hands agreed that R. Bhatia will be nominated. The deadline is January 12, 2024.

Board Member Community Reports

Z. Lange-Irison urged all board members to make a donation to the Gateway Foundation for 100% board participation. J. Adams thanked those that attended the Safe Families Gala on 11/16/23. The date of the Scholarship Award Ceremony will be 2/3/24. R. Bhatia attended the Nurse Pinning and Law Enforcement graduations and urged Trustees to attend these events too. J. Tadlock stated that Gateway Edge students completed their first semester with very positive feedback.

President's Report - Announcements

R. Raju provided college updates.

President's Report – Dashboard

The dashboard report included information about Microsoft, enrollment updates and the State of the College event scheduled for January 25, 2024, 8:30 am on the Kenosha Campus in the Madigrano Conference Center.

President's Report – Strategic Plan

A discussion was held about the new Strategic Plan, which is moving from a 3 year to a 4 year plan. Trustees will review the plan and provide feedback to R. Raju. A discussion was also held about the Energage Employee survey. Results of the survey will be sent to the Trustees.

President's Report – Campus Welcome

Steve McNaughton welcomed the Trustees to the Horizon Center for Transportation and shared information about current events.

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-2023-2024D.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024D, of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin

The administration is recommending approval to issue General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2023-2024D; in the principal amount of \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects and \$2,500,000 for the public purpose of financing the acquisition of movable equipment.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by J. Adams to approve Resolution No. F-2023-2024D.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024D, of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by J. Adams 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 November 30, 2023.

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

Personnel Report for November: Approved the personnel report of (3) three new hires, (3) three new reclassifications and (4) four separations; no employment approvals - adjunct faculty.

Grant Awards: No grants were awarded for the month of November 2023.

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

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

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

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

Program Approval: Approved the program approval for IT Service Desk Technician Apprenticeship.

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 #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, Katie Dembowski and Jamie Rauth led a presentation on Ends Policy #2. Guest speakers included A.J. Keg from Horizon Systems Machining and Paul Bothe from Bothe Associates, Inc.

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

Policy Governance Monitoring Reports – Executive Limitations, 3.4 Budgeting/Forecasting

Jason Nygard led the presentation.

Following discussion, it was moved by P. Zenner-Richards and seconded by S. Pierce to approve the 3.4 Budgeting/Forecasting for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Parameters and Budget Calendar.

Policy Governance Monitoring Reports – Executive Limitations, 3.6 Asset Protection

Jeff Robshaw led the presentation.

Following discussion, it was moved by J. Adams, seconded by S. Pierce to approve 3.6 Asset Protection.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Regular Meeting - Thursday, January 18, 2024, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Burlington Center, Room 100, 496 McCanna Parkway, Burlington, WI 53105.

At approximately 5:25 pm, it was moved by J. Adams, seconded by B. DeSmidt 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)(c) to discuss the President's Semi-Annual Review and Personnel Matters. The Board reserves the right to reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in executive session.

Aye: 9

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 0

Executive Session

The Board did not reconvene in open session.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. DeSmidt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Benjamin DeSmidt, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees