

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, December 19, 2024

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person on the Racine Campus on Thursday, December 19, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm 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, Zaida Lange-Irison, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Andrea Nunez (student trustee), Nicole Oberlin, Scott Pierce and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: William Duncan

Excused: Benjamin DeSmidt and Preston Gardner

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 45 virtual and 20 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Z. Lange-Irison, seconded by S. Pierce and carried to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

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

Strategic: It was unfortunate that the meeting lasted too long to enable Dr. Raju to present her mid-year goals review. I am confident she took considerable time to prepare only to be cut off at the end of the meeting due to the personnel issue in closed session along with the need to end due to the holiday party. Perhaps our Chair needs to be a better time manager....as it was, we didn't start the meeting until 3:08 PM.....!

Task: I always take considerable time to review all topics of the agenda. I had a number of questions that needed to be addressed but fortunately many of the Staff that I would have directed questions to were present prior to the start of the meeting providing me time to have my questions answered prior to the start of the meeting.

Action: No responses.

Results: If there was a category for a "Neutral" response, that would have been my selection....therefore, I chose not to respond to any of the descriptors above.

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of College Ends Policy, Statement 1: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the wording of Ends Policy Statement 1.

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 1.3: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.3. S. Pierce suggested that the wording review of these policies be more thoroughly reviewed at the board retreat.

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 1.4: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by S. Pierce and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.4.

Board Member Community Reports: Z. Lange-Irison attended the ACCT in Seattle in October. R. Bhatia attended the DBA meeting, along with Z. Lange -Irison and N. Oberlin. Diane Handrick was named the new Executive Director for the DBA.

President’s Report – Signing Ceremony with UMOS and Gateway: The attendees from United Migrant Opportunity Services were Jose Martinez, President/CEO, Maria Borda Wiesner, UMOS Board Member, Don Cohen, UMOS Board Member, Cynthia Galvan, VP Social Services, Kaye Hartmann, VP Planning & Resource Development and Michael Vogt, Communications and Development Manager. Jose Martinez and Dr. Raju signed the Education and Training Services Agreement.

President’s Report – Announcements: President Raju provided college updates.

President’s Report – Dashboard: The dashboard report included information about the Girl Scouts partnership, Open Arms Gala and Dr. Raju being selected for the Wisconsin 275 Most Influential Business Leaders. S. Pierce requested future dashboards display previous year enrollment for data comparison.

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-2024-2025C.2 – Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025C

The administration is recommending approval of a resolution awarding the sale of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024- 2025C; 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 Z. Lange-Irisson and carried to roll call vote for approval of Resolution No. F-2024-2025C.2. – Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025C.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 2

Resolution No. F-2024-2025D.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025D

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

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 2

FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #3 – The FY 2024-25 budget requires a revision in the General Fund, Special Revenue – Operational Fund and the Capital Fund. A budget reclassification in the General Fund is recommended to reflect a transfer of General Fund Reserves to the Reserve for Post-Employment Benefits. The modification in the Special Revenue–Operational Fund and the Capital Fund will reflect adjustments for new and revised grants..

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried to roll call vote to approve a FY 2024-25 budget revision in the General Fund, Special Revenue – Operational Fund, and the Capital Fund.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 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, except the Advisory Committee Activity Report. After discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia to approve the Advisory Committee Activity Report.

Bid No. 1718 – AHU Replacement - Tech Building – Kenosha Campus

Bid No. 1728 – Inspire Center - RTU Replacement – Kenosha Campus

Bid No. 1719 – Tech Building - AHU Replacement – Racine Campus

Bid No. 1720 – Dental Lab Remodel – Racine Campus

Finance:

Summary of Revenue and Expenditures: Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of 11/30/24.

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

Personnel Report for November: Approved the personnel report of (2) separations.

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

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

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

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

Grant Awards: The college received 5 new grant awards.

Executive Limitations - 3.4 Budgeting/Forecasting FY 2025-2026 Budget Parameters and Budget Process: Jason Nygard led the presentation.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by S. Pierce and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.4.

Executive Limitations - 3.6 Asset Protection: Sharon Johnson and Jeff Robshaw led the presentation.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.6.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Kenosha Campus, Board Room.

At approximately 5:08 pm, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by N. Oberlin 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 the President's Mid-Year Review and 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

Excused: 2

At 5:32 pm the board reconvened. It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by S. Pierce to approve the personnel issue recommendation suggested by administration and to defer the discussion of the President's Mid-Year Goals to the next meeting.

At 5:33 pm the board adjourned.

Submitted by,



Nicole Oberlin, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees