

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, February 18, 2021

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually on Thursday, February 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Scott Pierce, Chairperson.

I. Call to Order

A. Open Meeting Compliance

- K. Bartlett confirmed the meeting was duly noticed in accordance with state statutes for open meeting compliance.

II. Roll Call

Jesse Adams	Excused
Megan Bahr	Present
Ram Bhatia	Excused
William Duncan	Present
Zaida Hernandez-Irisson	Present
Rebecca Matoska-Mentink	Present
Bethany Ormseth	Present
Roger Zacharias	Excused
Pamela Zenner-Richards	Present
Scott Pierce	Present

Also in attendance were Bryan Albrecht, Kelly Bartlett, Mary Harpe and 51 citizens/reporters. Jesse Adams joined the meeting at 8:01 am.

III. Approval of Agenda

- A. It was moved by W. Duncan and seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried to approve the agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. It was moved by Z. Hernandez-Irisson and seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting.

V. Citizen Comments

There were no 7 verbal citizens comments and 1 written comment that was sent to the Trustees. The 7 verbal comments were from: Jay Johnson, Tina Shanahan, Nicole Gustafson, Jason Gerber, Bridget Bell, Amy Hankins and Peter Pham. The written citizens comment was from Lisa Muzaffar Kusko. All of the citizens comments were related to compensation.

VI. Chairperson's Report

A. Dashboard Report items included updates on:

- Corporate Donations Support Programs
- Gateway Students and Faculty Are Volunteering for Vaccine Disseminations.
- \$2.69M Saved Through Dual Credit Partnerships

B. Board Evaluation Summary

- 7 of 8 Attending Trustees Responded to the Survey: Informative meeting. Thanks to Zina for a great job leading the meeting. First, congratulations to Zina who did an excellent job filling in for Bryan. Second good presentation and updates such as for Cares Act Funding, Dr. MLK day celebrations, College Ends Policy monitoring. Overall, good meeting. Thank you Zina for leading the meeting.

C. ACCT Conference

- Zaida Hernandez-Irisson attended the ACCT Conference. She said it was inspirational and there was great insight from the keynote speakers.
- Bill Duncan also reported that the speeches were inspirational. There were advocates for no cost community colleges, also sessions on Wisconsin education.
- Scott Pierce enjoyed the virtual format and stated that it would have been a difficult year to attend in Washington D.C. if the event would have been in person. He shared documents from the conference with the Trustees.

VII. President's Report

A. Announcements

- Bryan Albrecht welcomed the following Journey members to the meeting: Blanca Villarreal and Dan Poole.
- Bryan thanked the Trustees for their participation in the DEI Retreats. He also thanked Tammi Summers for leading these retreats and Megan Bahr for participating.
- Jacqueline Morris gave an update on the COVID vaccine process for Gateway employees.
- Bryan reminded and encouraged everyone to review the President's Report each month. This is posted on Gateway's internet site shortly after each Board meeting.

B. National Signing Day

- Oliver Debe spoke on National Signing Day. The event will be held virtually this year. This will be Gateway's 7th year participating in this event.

C. High School Annual Report

- Katie Graf presented on the High School Annual Report

D. S.C. Johnson STEM Initiative

- Stephanie Sklba and Ray Koukari presented on the S.C. Johnson STEM Initiative. S.C. Johnson recently donated \$5.5M for STEM to support students in Racine. This will help 18 students per year over 10 years. They are able to complete their first two years at Gateway and transfer this to a four year degree at a partner school. This is an amazing partnership.

VIII. Student Trustee Report

- ### **A. Megan Bahr reported on student activities that have been taking place this past month.**

IX. Operational Agenda

A. Action Agenda

1. Resolution No. F-2020-2021E.2 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Approximately \$5,490,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020-2021E, of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin

Administration is recommending approval to issue General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2020-2021E; in the principal amount of \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects on the Elkhorn, Kenosha and Racine Campuses and approximately \$3,990,000 for the public purpose of refunding obligations of the District, including interest on them, specifically all or a portion of the obligations described on Exhibit A attached. This borrowing is included in the 2020-21 budget. Upon approval, appropriate legal notices will be published in the official district newspapers.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 2

B. Consent Agenda

It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by Z. Hernandez-Irisson and carried that the following items in the consent agenda be approved:

1. **Finance**
 - a) **Summary of Revenue and Expenditures:** Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of January 31, 2021.
 - b) **Cash and Investment Schedules:** Approved the monthly cash reconciliation, investment schedule and investment report.
2. **Personnel Report:** Approved the personnel report of four (4) employment approvals-casual, non-instructional; one (1) promotion; one (1) transfer; one (1) reclassification; two (2) retirements; two (2) separations; and no employment approvals-adjunct faculty.
3. **Grant Awards:** Approved the grant awards for February 2021
4. **BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery:** Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for February 2021.
High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for February 2021.
5. **Advisory Committee Activity Report:** Approved the advisory committee 2020-2021 meeting schedule and new members as of February 1, 2021

X. Policy Governance Monitoring Reports

A. Ends Statement Monitoring

1. **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. **#1 Students demonstrate the knowledge and skills and self-confidence required for employability, career advancement, a global perspective, and lifelong learning.**

Zina Haywood, Cyndean Jennings, Ken Riley, Promise Students and Promise to Finish Students presented on Gateway experiences.

Following discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Policy #1.

2. Policy Governance Review – Ends Policy 4.1, Statement 1

Following discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by Z. Hernandez-Irisson and carried to approve the wording of Ends Policy 4.1, Statement 1.

B. Executive Limitations

1. 3.7 Communication and Counsel to the Board

John Thibodeau presented on 3.7 Communication and Counsel to the Board.

Following the discussion, it was moved by P. Zenner-Richards, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve 3.7 Communication and Counsel to the Board.

2. Policy Governance Review – 3.7 Communication and Counsel to the Board

Following discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried to

approve the wording of Policy Governance, 3.7 Communication and Counsel to the Board.

XI. Board Member Community Reports

- Zaida Hernandez-Irisson reported on the Student Star Ambassador program. She was one of the judges and greatly enjoyed the event. There were many great ambassadors for Gateway.
- Zaida Hernandez-Irisson participated at the AACC conference as a former Gateway student. She presented on the wonderful things that Gateway has been doing.
- Jesse Adams reported that he was made aware of leadership opportunities for his company through a Board meeting many months ago. His company is experiencing a great opportunity with Gateway.
- Rebecca Matoska-Mentink spoke about this years Foundation Golf Outing.
- Scott Pierce reminded the Trustees that there will be zoom presentations with Senators Johnson and Baldwin on February 23 and 25.

XII. Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

- A. Regular Meeting – Thursday, March 18, 2021, 8:00 a.m., Virtual Meeting
- B. At approximately 9:55 a.m. it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by Z. Hernandez-Irisson and carried that the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Pamela Zenner-Richards
Secretary