

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

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the SC Johnson iMET Center, 2320 Renaissance Blvd, Sturtevant, WI 53177 on Thursday, February 22, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.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:** Benjamin DeSmidt, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Nicole Oberlin – Student Trustee, Scott Pierce, Jason Tadlock, Pamela Zenner-Richards and Rebecca Matoska-Mentink

**Virtual:** Jesse Adams and William Duncan

**Excused:** Ram Bhatia

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 52 virtual and 40 in person citizens/reporters.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2024 Regular Meeting and the Minutes of the February 14, 2024 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.

**Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

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

7 of 9 Trustees Responded to the January survey plus the Student Trustee. Below are the comments received.

Strategic

Good update and discussions on Dashboard Report. Very appreciative of the leadership team to start to identify and address the areas of concerns and the corrective actions.

Task - I always prepare and engage in positive discussions with the fellow board members, the President and the leadership team/presenters. Positive conversations help to find the best solutions to help the college continue to move in a positive direction.

Action - Great presentation on the Ends Policy monitoring focus on the Policy Governance. Excellent time management.

Results - Again, the end policy monitoring advanced the end outcomes of linking with the community, and enacting the governing policies. Excellent time management and leadership by the board chair. Appreciated more concise staff presentations leaving more time for other business. The closed sessions was a disaster.

**Chairperson's Report - Review Wording of Policy 2.1 Unity of Control:** The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the wording of Policy 2.1.

### **DBA Office Nomination**

W. Duncan is running for a second term of DBA Vice President. It was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the nomination of W. Duncan.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Update**

S. Pierce provided an update regarding the Ad Hoc Committee that was formed to choose the presidential review tools to be used for FY2024/25. The first meeting was held 2/14/24. Future meeting dates were chosen and documents will be reviewed before the next meeting.

### **18 Month Timeline Review**

Chairperson Rebecca Matoska-Mentink encouraged the trustees to review the 18-Month Timeline that was established for the president's first 18 months.

### **Board Member Community Reports**

May 23, 2024 is the date for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Foundation Scramble. Gateway's Campus Ambassador program was held last week choosing three new 2024-2025 ambassadors.

### **President's Report – Dental Hygiene Program**

Heidi Gottfried and Renee Seymour provided a presentation about Gateway starting a new Associate Degree Dental Hygiene Program. There is a great need for dental hygienists in our tri-county area. Dr. Craig Thomas from Open Arms in Elkhorn and Dr. James Fulmer from Fulmer Dentistry in Kenosha attended to give their support of the program. More information about expenses and details will be provided to the Trustees.

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

R. Raju provided college updates.

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

The dashboard report included information about the Foundation Scholarship Ceremony, campus ambassador updates and Dr. Morna Foy's upcoming visit on 2/27/24.

### **President's Report – Campus Welcome**

Chris Perez welcomed the Trustees to the SC Johnson iMET Center and shared information about current events.

### **President's Report – Strategic Plan**

Chris Perez welcomed the Trustees and provided current campus event information.

### **Energage**

Jacqueline Morris, Magan Perez and Michelle Borkardt provided information about the results of the Energage survey and next steps.

### **Talent & Culture**

Jacqueline Morris provided information about the new name and organization structure.

### **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-2023-2024E.1 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024E of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin**

The administration is recommending Board approval to issue General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024E; in the principal amount of \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing district wide signage and building improvement projects.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by J. Tadlock and carried to roll call vote to approve F-2023-2024E.1 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024E of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin.

**Aye: 8**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: 1**

#### **Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Z. Lange-Irison, seconded B. DeSmidt 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 January 31, 2024.

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

#### **Bid No. 1697 Health Careers and Science Lab Remodel, N. Building, Elkhorn Campus**

Sealed bids were received from subcontractors; total project cost is \$1,500,000.

#### **Bid No. 1698 – HVAC-R and Welding Lab Remodel, S. Building, Elkhorn Campus**

Sealed bids were received from subcontractors; total project cost is \$1,300,000.

**Personnel Report for January:** Approved the personnel report of (11) eleven new hires, (2) two promotions, (1) one retirement and (4) four separations.

**Grant Awards:** No grants were awarded for the month of January 2024.

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

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

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

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

**Program Approval:** The Dental Hygiene Program was approved.

#### **Policy Governance Monitoring Reports - Ends Policy Monitoring - Statement #4**

**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.**

Jason Pruitt and Kevin McCray led a presentation on Ends Policy #4.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Policy, Statement #4.

#### **Policy Governance Monitoring Reports - Wording Review - Ends Policy 4.1 Statement 4**

Following discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan seconded by Z. Lange-Irison and carried to approve the wording of Ends Policy, Statement #4.

#### **Policy Governance Monitoring Reports – Wording Review - Executive Limitations 3.1**

After review, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the wording of Executive Limitations 3.1 General Executive Limitation.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjourn**

Regular Meeting - Thursday, March 21, 2024, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Elkhorn Campus, Room 112/114, 400 County Road H, Elkhorn, WI 53121

At approximately 9:46 am, it was moved by B. DeSmidt, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson 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 Evaluation**. The Board reserves the right to reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in executive session.

**Aye: 8**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: 1**

**Executive Session**

The Board did not reconvene in open session.

Submitted by,



Benjamin DeSmidt, Secretary

Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees