

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, February 20, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the SC Johnson iMET Center on Thursday, February 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am 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, William Duncan, Preston Gardner, Zaida Lange-Irison, Andrea Nunez (student trustee), Scott Pierce and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: Benjamin DeSmidt and Rebecca Matoska-Mentink

Excused: Nicole Oberlin (arrived at 8:23 am)

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 114 virtual and 22 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

5 of 9 Trustees Responded to the February survey. Two Trustees left the meeting early.

Task: None

Action: I appreciated the prepared budget forecast, and the open dialogue surrounding the projections. I believe this type of conversation can only benefit the college in the long term.

Results: None

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 3.1: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the wording of Policy 3.1.

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 3.3: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the wording of Policy 3.3.

Board Member Community Reports: P. Gardner attended the Governance Leadership Institute in Madison on January 17th. He shared that in one of his sessions he learned about ineffective boards and the importance of establishing clear board accountability. P. Gardner suggested a committee be formed to establish a policy. J. Tadlock asked that this topic be placed on next month's agenda. R. Bhatia will share Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's *Board Members' Code of Conduct*. R. Bhatia shared that during the National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C., attending trustees visited with Rep. Bryan Steil, Senator Ron Johnson and Senator Tammy Baldwin. All were very supportive of technical colleges. B. DeSmidt shared that the full budget request for WTCS is part of the Governor's presentation.

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

President's Report – Dashboard: The dashboard report included information about State of the College event, Harper College visit and the ribbon cutting at the Jonathan Delagrave Youth Development Center.

President's Report – Update on Executive Orders: President Raju provided updates about the Dear Colleague Letter received on February 14, 2025, and steps put in place to accomplish the EO.

President's Report – Budget Forecast Review: Sharon Johnson provided an update on the college's budget process. As of 2/20/25, the budget is balanced, but with no salary increase. S. Pierce strongly suggested the college should give a CPI increase of 2.5%. Sharon Johnson stated if a CPI increase is allocated, the budget will have a large deficit and then the college may have to look at eliminating some positions.

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-2024-2025E.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025E, of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin

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

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to roll call vote for approval of Resolution No. F-2024-2025D.2 – DRAFT Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025D.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused:1

Resolution No. B-2025 A.1 And A.2 - Approval of Project for the North Building Toilet Room and Office Remodel, Elkhorn Campus

The administration is recommending approval by the Gateway Technical College District Board of Resolution Numbers B-2025 A.1 and A.2 for the North Building Toilet Room and Office Remodel Project, Elkhorn WI.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by Z. Lange-Irrison and carried to approve Resolution No. B-2025 A.1 And A.2 - Approval of Project for the North Building Toilet Room and Office Remodel.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by S. Pierce and carried that the following items in the consent agenda be approved.

BID 1732 – Tech Building Tuckpointing, Racine Campus; project cost \$517,358.00

Finance - Summary of Revenue and Expenditures: Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of 1/31/25.

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

Personnel Report for January: Approved the personnel report of (4) new hires and (4) retirements.

BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for January 2025.

Protective Services Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for January 2025.

High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for February 2025.

Advisory Committee Activity Report: Approved new members as of February 1, 2025.

Policy Governance Monitoring Report – Ends Statement #1: Oliver Debe and Dr. Kelly Demerath, Principal of the Career & College Academy, Elkhorn Area School District along with two students gave the presentation. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Statement #1.

Executive Limitations - 3.7 Communication and Counsel to the Board: Jacqueline Morris and Lee Colony led the presentation. Following discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.7.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Regular Meeting - Thursday, March 20, 2025, 3:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, the Horizon Center, Kenosha, WI.

At approximately 10:01 am, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned. Immediately following, the semi-annual board retreat was scheduled. There was no virtual option.

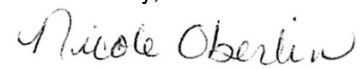
Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 2

Submitted by,



Nicole Oberlin, Secretary

Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees