

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD  
Regular Meeting, January 14, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person on the Kenosha Campus on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 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, Preston Gardner, Zaida Lange-Irison, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Andrea Nunez (student trustee), Nicole Oberlin, Scott Pierce and Jason Tadlock

**Virtual:** William Duncan

**Excused:** Benjamin DeSmidt

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 50 virtual and 13 in person citizens/reporters.

**Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Z. Lange-Irison, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2024 Regular Meeting.

**Citizen Comments:** There were no citizen comments.

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

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

Strategic: The agenda items were well planned.

Task: I appreciated the complete results of the Engage survey.

Action: Good presentation on Engage survey results, action item and policy governance monitoring report. During the review of Governance Policy 1.5 I would like to commend our chairman for keeping to discussion related to our review of the policy as was outlined by the agenda.

Results: Presentations on Engage survey, use of general obligation promissory notes funds, and the ends policy monitoring are evidence of enacting governing policies and assuring successful college performance. Well organized.

**Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 1.5:** The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.5. S. Pierce cast a 'no' vote.

**Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 1.6:** The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.6.

**Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 1.7:** The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.7.

**Board Member Community Reports:** Z. Lange-Irison thanked Stephanie Sklba for her 25 years of service at Gateway.S. Sklba is retiring with her last day being 1/31/25. W. Duncan stated the MOU with Fox Valley Technical College will expire 6/30/25 and that TEAM Inc. will then handle the accounting portion. W. Duncan also stated he does not plan to run for a DBA board seat this April. R. Bhatia thanked W. Duncan for his years of service on the DBA board. He also stated that Gateway has been represented in past years by the current chair. S. Pierce stated Gateway is experiencing a tragic loss due to two ELC members leaving, Stacy Rily and Stephanie Sklba and has concerns about leadership. Dr. Raju stated she doesn't see S. Sklba leaving as a loss. She is retiring after 25 years and that it is the

natural ebb and flow of an organization and is comfortable with it. Dr. Raju thanked Stephanie for her years of service and wished her well in her retirement.

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

**President's Report – Dashboard:** The dashboard report included information about the recent Nursing Pinning Ceremony, the Law enforcement Academy and Energage results.

**President's Report – Energage Results from Fall 2024 Survey.** Magan Perez and Michelle Borckardt presented on this topic.

**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-2024-2025D.2 – DRAFT Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025D, of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin**

Administration is recommending approval of a resolution awarding the sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-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. Matoska-Mentink 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**

**Consent Agenda**

**It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison and carried that the following items in the consent agenda be approved.**

**BID 1721 – Barber-Cosmetology Remodel, Burlington Campus; project cost \$948,000.00**

**Finance - Summary of Revenue and Expenditures:** Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of 12/31/24.

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

**Personnel Report for December:** Approved the personnel report of (2) retirements and (4) separations.

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

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

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

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

**Executive Limitations - 3.1 General Executive Limitations:** Jacqueline Morris led the presentation.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.1.

**Policy Governance Monitoring Report – Ends Statement #5:** John Zehren and Steve Whitmoyer led the presentation.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Statement #5.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjourn**

Regular Meeting - Thursday, February 20, 2025, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, SC Johnson iMET Center, Sturtevant, WI.

At approximately 9:32 am, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by W. Duncan 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: 8**

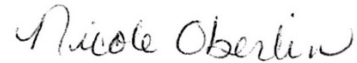
**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Excused: 1**

At approximately 11:31 am it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink that the meeting adjourn. The board did not reconvene in open session.

Submitted by,



Nicole Oberlin, Secretary

Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees