

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, March 21, 2024

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person on the Elkhorn Campus on Thursday, March 21, 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: Ram Bhatia, Benjamin DeSmidt, William Duncan, Zaida Lange-Irison, Nicole Oberlin – Student Trustee, and Rebecca Matoska-Mentink

Virtual: Jesse Adams, Scott Pierce and Jason Tadlock, who was virtual for the first portion of meeting, then attended in-person

Excused: Pamela Zenner-Richards

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 45 virtual and 24 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Z. Lange-Irison, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2024 Regular Meeting and the Minutes of the February 29, 2024 Special Meeting.

Citizen Comments

One citizen comment was received and given by Gregory Chapman on teaching and student issues.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

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

Strategic - Good presentation by the Dental Program Option. Many questions on ROI and long-term cost to college if we add program. What will we eliminate?

Task - I make it a point to fully review all board materials prior to each board meeting. I question if all my colleagues do the same?

Action - It would give even greater evidence if we can show a direct correlation between topics and/or action taken to specific board governance, when appropriate.

Chairperson's Report - Review Wording of Policy 2.2 Presidential Accountability: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. Following discussion, it was moved by B. DeSmidt, seconded by R. Bhatia, opposed by S. Pierce and carried to approve the wording of Policy 2.2.

Board Member Community Reports

Congratulations to Ram Bhatia for receiving the District Board Association Board Member of the year presented on 3/22/24. The Foundation Golf Outing will be 5/23/24 at Hawk's View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, WI. The Foundation will hold a new invite, "Ignite the Future" on 10/10/24. All are encouraged to attend both events.

President's Report - Announcements

R. Raju provided college updates.

President's Report – Dashboard

The dashboard report included information about the President's Association Retreat, Read Across America and the SME Manufacturing Imperative.

President's Report – Strategic Plan

Anne Whynott presented on the final version of Elevate 2028 for 2024-2028. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the Strategic Plan called Elevate 2028.

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.2 Resolution Awarding the Sale Of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024E of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin

Administration is recommending approval of a resolution awarding the sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024E; 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 Z. Lange-Irison and carried to roll call vote to approve F-2023-2024E.2 Resolution Awarding the Sale 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

Resolution No. F-2023-2024F.1

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance Of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024F of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin

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

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

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 1

Consent Agenda

It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded W. Duncan 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 February 29, 2024.

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

Personnel Report for January: Approved the personnel report of (6) six new hires, (4) four promotions, (1) one transfer, (1) one retirement and (5) five separations.

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

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

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

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

Program Approval: The Diesel Technician Apprenticeship program was approved.

Policy Governance Monitoring Reports - Ends Policy Monitoring - Statement #3

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 #3 Taxpayers receive a positive return on investment from Gateway's impact on the local tax base, property values, and overall economic development as well as the contributions of graduates to the tri-county community. Sharon Johnson led a presentation on Ends Policy #3

Following discussion, it was moved by J. Tadlock, seconded by W. Duncan and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Policy, Statement #3.

Policy Governance Monitoring Reports – Executive Limitations 3.7

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.

Policy Governance Monitoring Reports – Executive Limitations 3.4

Following discussion, it was moved by B. DeSmidt, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.4.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Regular Meeting - Thursday, April 18, 2024, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Horizon Center for Transportation, Room 106, 4940 88th Ave, Kenosha, WI53144.

At approximately 10:30 am, it was moved by J. Tadlock, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison 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 **Personnel Matters**. 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 and Adjourn

At approximately 10:50 am, the Board reconvened in open session. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison to approve the item discussed during executive session. At approximately 10:51 am, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by W. Duncan to adjourn.

Submitted by,



Benjamin DeSmidt, Secretary

Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees