

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD  
Regular Meeting, November 19, 2024

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person on the Elkhorn Campus on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. 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, Nicole Oberlin, and Jason Tadlock

**Virtual:** Benjamin DeSmidt, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Andrea Nunez (student trustee) and Scott Pierce

**Excused:** Zaida Lange-Irisson

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 58 virtual and 25 in person citizens/reporters.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2024 Regular Meeting.

**Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

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

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

Strategic: Excellent partnership agreement with UW-Stout! Congratulations on signing direct admit agreement with UW Stout, creating more pathways for our students success. Congratulations to Dr. Stacy Riley.

Task: No comments

Action: I think that we had a very good opportunity to advise the President and learn about her leadership style in more detail. I was very encouraged by her thoughtful, empathetic approach and openness with the Board. I believe discussions during our board meeting were positive and supportive communication that built trust with the president while still operating withing the policy governance standard.

Results: Presentation on incarcerated students very well done. The agenda items were in accordance with the governing policies. Good presentation on College Ends policy. The End Policy Statement #4 review did a great job connecting the presentation to the statement. I enjoyed the additional backup slides as well with the supporting details.

**Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of College Ends Policy, Statement 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 Statement 3.

**Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Process Policy 1.2**

The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.2.

### **Board Member Community Reports**

J. Tadlock congratulated B. DeSmidt on his recent election to represent the 65th Assembly District. R. Bhatia thanked Dr. Stacy Riley for her years of service at Gateway and wished her well in her new position. Several trustees gave comments about the recently attended ACCT conference and what they learned. There was a discussion about the DBA and concerns about the open Executive Director position. N. Oberlin was elected as president of the Under 45 of the ACCT committee when she attended the conference last month.

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

President Raju provided college updates and thanked Dr. Stacy Riley for her many years of service at Gateway and wished her well in her new position.

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

The dashboard report included information about the ACCT conference, the Energage survey (recently conducted) and the Help & Hope conference, hosted by Gateway for the past 15 years. A discussion was held about the FY2026 budget. S. Pierce recommended a hiring freeze until we have a better understanding of the unknowns (state funding amount and new president). Sharon Johnson stated that the FY26 budget will be balanced without adding in a state increase and that she is being very conservative.

### **Student Trustee Report**

Andrea Nunez gave an update on student activities that have been taking place over the past month.

### **Operational Agenda - Action Agenda**

#### **Draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 - Jordan Boehm, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP**

The administration is recommending approval by the Gateway Technical College District Board of Trustees of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

**Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.**

#### **Resolution No. F-2024-2025C.1 - Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025C**

The administration is recommending approval to issue General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025C; in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects and \$2,500,000 for the public purpose of financing the acquisition of movable equipment.

**Following discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by S. Pierce and carried to roll call vote to for approval to issue General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025C; in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects and \$2,500,000 for the public purpose of financing the acquisition of movable equipment.**

**Aye: 8**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Excused: 1**

#### **Resolution No. M-2024 B - Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000,000; and Issuance of Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Notes (Taxable Revolving Line of Credit)**

The administration is recommending Board approval of a resolution authorizing the short-term borrowing (if needed) of an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

**Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to roll call vote to approve Resolution No. M-2024 B - Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000,000; and Issuance of Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Notes (Taxable Revolving Line of Credit)**

**Aye: 8**  
**No: 0**  
**Abstaining: 0**  
**Excused: 1**

**Resolution No. B-2024 G.1 & G.2 - Approval of Project for the Restroom Remodel, Racine Campus**  
The administration is recommending approval from the Gateway Technical College District Board of Resolution Number B-2024 G.1 for the Racine Campus Tech Building Fourth & Fifth Floors Toilet Room Remodel project.  
**Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to roll call vote to approve Resolution No. B-2024 G.1 & G.2 - Approval of Project for the Restroom Remodel, Racine Campus**

**Aye: 8**  
**No: 0**  
**Abstaining: 0**  
**Excused: 1**

**Resolution No. B-2024 H.1 & H.2 - Approval of Project for the Restroom Remodel, Kenosha Campus**  
The administration is recommending approval from the Gateway Technical College District Board of Resolution Number B-2024 H.1 for the Kenosha Campus Tech Building T114 Toilet Room Remodel project.  
**Following discussion, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve Resolution No. B-2024 H.1 & H.2 - Approval of Project for the Restroom Remodel, Kenosha Campus**

**Consent Agenda**

**It was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by P. Gardner 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 10/31/24.

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

**Personnel Report for October:** Approved the personnel report of (6) six new hires, (1) one transfer and (3) separations.

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

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

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

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

**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**

**Following discussion, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Policy, Statement #3.**

**Next Meeting Date and Adjourn**

Regular Meeting - Thursday, December 19, 2024, 3:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, Racine Campus, Quad Rooms.

At approximately 9:38 am, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by W. Duncan and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned.

**Aye: 8**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Excused: 1**

Submitted by,

*Nicole Oberlin*

Nicole Oberlin, Secretary  
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees