

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, October 17, 2024

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person on the Kenosha Campus on Thursday, October 17, 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, Benjamin DeSmidt, Preston Gardner, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Scott Pierce and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: William Duncan and Nicole Oberlin

Excused: Andrea Nunez

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 40 virtual and 24 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by R. Bhatia 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 September 4, 2024 Special Meeting. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried to approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2024 Regular Meeting. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the Minutes of the September 30, 2024 Special Meeting.

President's Report – Signing Ceremony between Gateway Technical College and UW Whitewater

Attendees from UW Whitewater were Chancellor Dr. Corey King, Provost Dr. John Chenoweth and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment and Retention, Jackie Briggs. Dr. King and Dr. Raju signed the direct admit agreement.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

8 of 9 Trustees Responded to the September survey plus the Student Trustee. Below are the comments received.

Strategic

A great job to the team on making materials available ahead of the meeting, and adjusting to appropriately move up the Whitewater signing ceremony. Good agenda, good time management.

Task

Respectful meeting.

Action

No guidance provided to President. A fellow trustee made a comment regarding the connection to the presentation made on Ends Policy Monitoring 4.1 and how that presentation more directly applies to the Ends Policy. I additionally had difficulty in seeing the direct connection. If presentations made could more directly bridge that connection it would be much appreciated.

Results

Congratulations on the Whitewater agreement. Glad to see this full circle with the UW partners in our District. Great presentation by Dr. Summers! Presentations were well planned and presented. Meeting moved along in a timely yet purposeful manner. Congratulations on signing the direct admit agreement with UW Whitewater. Similarly, congratulations to Sharon and her finance team on excellent budget management.

Chairperson's Report - January Board meeting conflicts with DBA Legislative Seminar (1/15/25-1/17/25)

The board discussed moving January's board meeting date from the 16th to the 14th due to a conflict with the District Board Association annual seminar. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve that the board meeting be moved from January 16, 2025 to January 14, 2025.

Board Member Community Reports

Z. Lange-Irison attended the Gateway Foundation "Ignite the Future" event. The event was fun and well attended. W. Duncan shared information about the DBA Fall meeting, specifically about the recent letter each college received. There are concerns and discussion about replacing the Executive Director (was Layla Merrifield). Currently, the DBA only has one staff member, Diane Handrick. Some future DBA meeting will be held virtually.

President's Report – Signing Ceremony for UW Stout and Gateway Technical College

President Raju introduced Matt Kirchner, Gateway Foundation Board member. Matt provided remarks about UW Stout and then introduced Chancellor Katherine Frank and Associate Dean, Dr. David Ding. Chancellor Frank and Dr. Ding provided remarks and then signed the direct admit agreement.

President's Report - Announcements

President Raju provided college updates and recognized Dr. Stacy Riley for receiving the Chairperson's Award at the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on October 16, 2024. Dr. Riley will be the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce Chairperson for FY 2024-2026.

President's Report – Dashboard

The dashboard report included information about United Student Government, Employee Learning Day and NCATC (National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers).

President's Report – Poem Reading

Joel Engle, Kenosha campus custodian, read a poem entitled, "Custodian's Song."

Student Trustee Report

Andrea Nunez was excused from today's meeting.

Operational Agenda - Action Agenda

Resolutions No. B-2024 E.1 & E.2 – Lease Agreement between Koenen LLC and Gateway Technical College

The administration is recommending approval by the Gateway Technical College District Board of Trustees of Resolution Number B-2024 E.1 and E.2 to enter into a lease for the Barber and Cosmetology program space located in Burlington WI at 425 Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 1 and 141 Chestnut Street, Burlington, WI

Following discussion, the motion was amended to provide clarity on the term of the lease. The term should be 10 years. With this amendment, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried by a roll call vote to approve the Lease Agreement between Koenen LLC and Gateway Technical College.

Aye: 9

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 0

Resolutions No. B-2024 F.1 & F.2 Approval of the Barber Cosmetology Remodel Project at 425 Milwaukee Ave & 141 West Chestnut Street, Burlington WI

The administration is recommending approval by Gateway Technical College District Board of Resolution No. B-2024 F.1 & F.2 for the Barber Cosmetology Remodel project located at 425 Milwaukee Ave, Suite 1 and 141 West Chestnut Street, Burlington, WI.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to roll call vote to approve Resolutions No. B-2024 F.1 & F.2 Approval of the Barber Cosmetology Remodel Project at 425 Milwaukee Ave & 141 West Chestnut Street, Burlington WI

Aye: 9
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 0

FY 2024-2025 Budget Revision #2

The FY 2024-25 budget requires a revision in the General Fund and Special Revenue – Operational Fund. The modification in the General Fund will reflect final Net New Construction, an adjustment for Refunded/Rescinded Taxes and an adjustment for the Promise Program.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to roll call vote to approve FY 2024-2025 Budget Revision #2.

Aye: 9
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 0

FY 2023-2024 Budget Revision #3

The administration is recommending approval to amend the fiscal year 2024 budget based on year-end results. The FY 2023-24 budget requires revisions in four separate funds..

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried to roll call vote to approve FY 2023-2024 Budget Revision #3.

Aye: 9
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 0

Resolution No. M-2024 A - Designation of Assistant, Associate, and Deputy Directors

The administration is recommending approval of the designated positions and current occupants of these positions.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve Resolution No. M-2024 A - Designation of Assistant, Associate, and Deputy Directors

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by 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 September 30, 2024.

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

Personnel Report for September: Approved the personnel report of (3) three new hires, (1) one transfer, (1) retirement and (4) separations.

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

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

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

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

Annual Procurement Review: List of FY2023-24 vendors with procurements over \$50,000.00.

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. – Nicci Pagen and Robin Widmar

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Policy, Statement #4.

Policy Governance Monitoring Reports – Executive Limitations 3.4 Budgeting/Forecasting

Jason Nygard led a presentation. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried to roll call vote to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.4.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

Clarification on Resolutions No. B-2024 E.1 & E.2 – Lease Agreement between Koenen LLC and Gateway Technical College

Sharon Johnson provided clarification on the lease agreement. The lease agreement term is stated as 5 years with an additional 5 year option.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 8:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, Elkhorn Campus, Rooms 112/114.

At approximately 9:56 am, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by B. DeSmidt 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) and 19.85(1)(f) to discuss **Personnel Issues and Contract Data**. The Board reserves the right to reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in closed session.

Aye: 8

No: 0

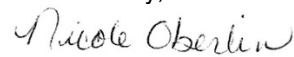
Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

Executive Session

The Board did not reconvene in open session.

Submitted by,



Nicole Oberlin, Secretary

Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees