

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

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person on the Kenosha Campus on Thursday, September 19, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm 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-Irison, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Nicole Oberlin, Scott Pierce and Jason Tadlock

**Virtual:** William Duncan

**Excused:** Andrea Nunez – Student Trustee (arrived at 2:36 pm)

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 21 virtual and 19 in person citizens/reporters.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the Agenda.

**Closed Session**

At approximately 2:32 pm, it was moved by Z. Lange-Irison, 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)© to discuss **the President's Contract and Goals for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**. The Board reserves the right to reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in closed session.

**Reconvene**

At approximately 3:32 pm, it was moved by Z. Lange-Irison, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve that the meeting reconvene and the agenda be amended to prioritize the Signing Ceremony with U.W. Whitewater as the next item.

**President's Report – Signing Ceremony between Gateway Technical College and University of Wisconsin Whitewater**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

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

6 of 9 Trustees Responded to the August survey plus the Student Trustee. Below are the comments received.

Strategic

Please have all presentations populated on the shared drive, and tested prior to the board meeting.

Task

Some materials were not provided ahead of time which limited ability to prepare; I take time to download all materials from the Shared Drive and review the materials. Due to time constraints during meetings, a number of external communications will be forwarded to affected college leaders to clarify questions I may have on a particular topic.

### Action

Great presentations under President's Report. Congratulations to Gateway for being recognized as the Hispanic Students serving Institution. Congrats to Dr. Summers. Also congratulations on mid cycle full review by the HLC. Kudos to Dr. Raju and her team for their leadership. Last but not least congratulations to Jason, and Denise Savel for their recognitions. Well done.

### Results

It was very beneficial to receive comments and presentations from community businesses, providing first hand examples of the college's policies in action; I am concerned over the President's recent actions to limit presentations to the board to 10 minutes. A perfect example was the Strategic Plan 2024ward that obviously required more than 10 minutes to complete. If the presenters had been limited to the apparent recent imposed time restrictions, we would have missed a great deal of the final report which was essential for us as Trustees to hear, to understand the outcome of the Plan and next steps. The same is true for the President's Report. As this document is most important to keep the board informed of activities/actions of the college, to limit the length of submissions which are written by staff will compromise the ability of Trustees to be completely informed. For those Trustees that feel the president's Report is too long, don't read it! Likewise, for those Trustees who feel presentations to the board are too lengthy, as long as they keep us informed as Trustees to help us make informed decisions, it is our responsibility to listen, take notes, ask questions so we can articulate to our communities the actions of our College. Dr. Raju is requested, please do not abbreviate your President Report and reports to the board for the purpose of placating one or two board members who feel the reports are too long!

### **Board Member Community Reports**

R. Bhatia informed the board that after almost 20 years, he will no longer be the co-chair of the DBA By-Laws Committee. The committee will only have a chair and no longer a co-chair. W. Duncan reminded the board that September 30, 2024 is the DBA Annual Meeting at Mid-State Technical College. Diane Handrick is the interim Executive Director of the WTCS DBA. Z. Lange-Irisson shared that President Raju and herself will be panelists on an ACCT session in October entitled "Why is it important to hold a Board Retreat?" Z. Lange-Irisson also shared she is establishing a \$1,000 annual scholarship for an Adult Learner in honor of her parents.

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

President Raju provided college updates. She recognized Jaime Spaciel and Dr. Nicole Dutton for their hard work on the U.W. Whitewater agreement. President Raju also recognized the Finance and Facilities departments for all the work they contribute.

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

The dashboard report included information about the Nursing Accreditation Visit, the Connection Center Open House and the HSI Day of Engagement.

### **President's Report – Recognition of Dr. Maxwell Banor**

Congratulations to Dr. Maxwell Banor for 5 years of service as advisor of the Alpha Xi Iota Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

### **Student Trustee Report**

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

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

**Approve the President's Contract and Goals for FY2024/2025.**

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried by a roll call vote that the approval of the President's Contract be postponed pending a legal review. After legal review, a Special Meeting will be scheduled to approve the Contract.

**Aye: 8**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 1**

**Absent: 0**

It was moved by B. DeSmidt, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve the President's FY2024/25 Goals.

**Resolution No. F-2024-2025 B.2 Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025B**

The administration is recommending approval of a resolution awarding the sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2024-2025B; 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-2024-2025 B.2 Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025B of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

**Aye: 9**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: 0**

**Resolution Number B-2024 D.1 & D.2 Approval for the Racine Campus Welding Lab Remodel**

The administration is recommending approval from the Gateway Technical College District Board of Resolution Number B-2024 D.1 for the Racine Campus Welding Lab Remodel project. The administration is recommending approval from the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board of Resolution Number B-2024 D.2 for the Racine Campus Welding Lab Remodel project.

**Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve B-2024 D.1 & D.2 Approval for the Racine Campus Welding Lab Remodel of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

**Consent Agenda**

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

**Bid:** Approved Bid No. 1717 T108 Office Refurbishment of the Kenosha Campus be awarded to Camosy Construction in the amount of \$155,000.

**Finance:**

**Summary of Revenue and Expenditures:** Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of August 31, 2024.

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

**Personnel Report for August:** Approved the personnel report of (17) seventeen new hires, (2) two transfers, (1) retirement and (2) separations.

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

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

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

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

**Policy Governance Monitoring Reports - Ends Policy Monitoring - Statement #1**

**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 #1 Students demonstrate the knowledge and skills and self-confidence required for employability, career advancement, a global perspective, and lifelong learning –** Dr. Tammi Summers

**Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Policy, Statement #1.**

**Policy Governance Monitoring Reports – Executive Limitations 3.5**

Sharon Johnson led the presentation. Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by S. Pierce and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.5.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjourn**

Regular Meeting - Thursday, October 17, 2024, 3:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, Racine Campus, Quad Room.

At approximately 5:05 pm, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned.

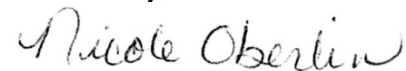
**Aye: 7**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: 2**

Submitted by,



Nicole Oberlin, Secretary

Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees