

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
June 16, 2026

Mr. Hennessey, District Board Chair, called the public hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at Western Technical College, Administrative Center, 111 7th St, Rm 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: J. Dillin, C. Doering III, J. Felton, M. Greendeer-Rave, K. Hennessey, K. Peterson, M. Skarlupka, M. Wolf, and Roger Stanford, President. Excused. R. Alderson

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on June 11, 2026, at 11:56 a.m., and the agenda was distributed to interested people via the district's official newspaper (The La Crosse Tribune) and to other news media throughout the district, in compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 19.81-19.98.

Others present were J. Pintz, W. Hackbarth, A. Thornton, R. Hopkins, J. Heath, D. Hether, C. Locy, T. Dryden, L. Wallace, J. Gamer, B. Shane, E. Nesius, C. Heit, J. Lemon, K. Reyburn, and L. Wallace (Western employees,) and retiree, A. Poteet.

Heit shared highlights of the FY2026-27 budget. Hennessey asked for public comment 3x, no public comment. Motion Peterson, seconded by Wolf, to adjourn the public hearing. Motion carried. 8/0/0. Hennessey called recess at 3:12 and asked to reconvene at 3:15 p.m.

Motion Greendeer-Rave seconded by Dillin to approve the resolution of commendations for 1. Amy Poteet, Instructor, Communications, Academic Affairs; 2. Mark Hauser, Custodian, Finance Operations & Workforce Development. Motion carried. 8/0/0. **Attachments a and b.**

Presentations included Thornton, Hether, and Locy sharing information about Chatting with Cal, an online chatbot that works with new and current students, as well as the college's success. Dryden shared an update on our progress in the Higher Learning Commission cycle. Hackbarth and the board discussed TIFs and TIDs and their impact on the college's budget—no action taken.

Skarlupka shared an update on the policy committee's policy G0103, which is scheduled for first-reading approval today.

Motion Greendeer-Rave seconded by Skarlupka that the Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. a. May 12, 2026, Reg Meeting Minutes, b. Dec. 16, 2025 Budget & Fac. Sub-Com Minutes, c. Mar.17, 2026 Policy Sub-Com Minutes 2. a. Vendors Over \$2,500-May 2026, b. Capital Project Reports-May 2026, c. General Revenue/Expense Rep-Apr-2026, d. Dept. Budget Summary-Apr 2026, e. Enterprise Servc. Summary-Apr 2026 3. a. 2026-31Dept of Ed Dept of Labor Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP); 4. a. G0103 Data & Records Retention (first read). Motion carried. 6/0/0. Dillin excused at 4:00 p.m.

Motion Greendeer-Rave seconded by Wolf that the Board approve the Monthly Approvals: 1. Out-of-State Tuition remission/waivers, a. 2025-26 annual out-of-state tuition remission, b. 2025-26 out-of-state waiver spreadsheet, c.2026-27 tuition remission requests, 2. 3-year 2026-29 Facilities Plan, 3. TCS10 Waitlist Special Circumstance Submission, 4. Concept Review-Assoc. Degree, Diagnostics Medical Sonography, 5. Concept Review-Advanced Technical Certificate, Finance. Motion approved. 6/0/0

Roll Call: Motion Greendeer-Rave seconded by Peterson to approve and adopt the following: 1. Adopt: board approval of the presented FY2026-27 budget; 2. Approve: 2026-27 Districts Boards Association Annual Fees; 3. Approve: Amendment to President's Contract; 4. Approve: Receipt of the Donated/Gifted Land and Facilities. C. Doering III, Y; J. Felton, Y; M. Greendeer-Rave, Y; K. Hennessey, Y; K. Peterson, Y; M. Skarlupka, Y; M. Wolf, Y. Motion passed. 7/0/0

President's Report: President Stanford thanked the board for a successful presidential search process and expressed excitement about Dr. Bennett serving the college. He shared reminders that the July board meeting is on the second Monday, and that the WTCS State Board meeting follows on July 14 and 15 on our campus. There is a dinner on Tuesday evening that will honor a local employer. He also shared information about the

August board meeting agenda with Randy Nelson and Brent Smith. He shared details about a recent tour of Cardinal Glass, the foundation golf outing, and the chamber meeting.

District Board Chairperson's report: Hennessey shared details of a board social to follow the July meeting, reminders of the upcoming optional meetings, and of Plus Delta feedback, if you have any.

4:34 p.m. Motion Wolf, seconded by Greendeer-Rave; Roll Call to close session: C. Doering III, Y; J. Felton, Y; M. Greendeer-Rave, Y; K. Hennessey, Y; K. Peterson, Y; M. Skarlupka, Y; M. Wolf, Y. Motion passed. 7/0/0 No action taken.

4:42 p.m. Motion Peterson seconded by Doering to adjourn. Motion carried. 7/0/0.


Ken Peterson, Secretary



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Resolution of Commendation to

Amy Poteet

Whereas, Amy Poteet, Communications Skills Instructor in the General Studies and Services Division, retired from Western Technical College on April 15, 2026, after completing nearly seven years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Amy has dedicated more than 40 years to education, including over 30 years as an instructor, bringing passion, expertise, and unwavering commitment to teaching throughout her career; and

Whereas, she has remained actively engaged beyond the classroom through participation on numerous college committees and has consistently demonstrated an "all in" approach to her work and service; and

Whereas, Amy has worked to empower students and inspire lifelong learning while embracing innovative teaching practices and advancing student success through her knowledge of technology, accessibility, and quality instruction; and

Whereas, she has generously supported co-workers by sharing ideas, resources, and feedback while building meaningful relationships through her caring and collaborative approach; and

Whereas, Amy's dedication to education, commitment to student success, and sense of humor will be missed; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Amy Poteet for her years of service and her commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Amy many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

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Resolution of Commendation to **Mark Hauser**

Whereas, Mark Hauser, Custodian in the Facilities Division, will retired from Western Technical College on June 20, 2026, after completing nearly 22 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Mark has been a dedicated and diligent member of the custodial team whose efforts to maintain clean, safe, and welcoming campus grounds have positively impacted students, employees, and guests each day; and

Whereas, he has demonstrated exceptional skill in operating campus equipment and has served as a key team member during snow events, helping ensure campus safety during Wisconsin's challenging winters; and

Whereas, Mark has generously shared his experience and knowledge with co-workers, serving as a trusted resource and patiently training new employees in equipment operation and snow removal practices; and

Whereas, he has built strong relationships with colleagues through his willingness to help others, dependable work ethic, and steady presence on the team; and

Whereas, Mark's sense of humor, quick wit, and sarcastic comments have brought laughter and camaraderie to the workplace; his knowledge dedication and humor will all be missed; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Mark Hauser for his years of service and his commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Mark many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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