

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 18, 2026

Mr. Hennessey, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at Western Technical College, Administrative Center, 111 7th St, Rm 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: R. Alderson, J. Dillin, C. Doering III, J. Felton, K. Hennessey, K. Peterson, M. Wolf, and Kirk Bennett, President. Excused: M. Greendeer-Rave, M. Skarlupka

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on August 13, 2026, at 4:06 p.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, J. Gamer, K. Dean, E. Nesius, P. Vogel, and N. Cooksey (Western employees). Attorney B. Smith and R. Nelson (presenters)

Motion Wolf seconded by Dillin to approve the resolution of commendations for 1. Peggy Vogel, Manager, Teaching and Learning, Academic Affairs. Motion carried. 8/0/0.

Smith shared updates about open records and public requests law. Nelson worked with the Board and new president on Board development. Chair Hennessey shared current board goals and commitments and asked members to review them; they will be reviewed together at the next meeting. No action.

Motion Peterson seconded by Wolf to approve the following consent items as presented: 1. a. July 13, 2026, Reg Meeting Minutes 2. a. Vendors Over \$2,500-July 2026, b. Capital Project Reports-July 2026 3. a. C0407 Reimbursement for Interview & Relocation Expenses Policy, b. E0712 CARE Team (second read). Motion carried. 7/0/0.

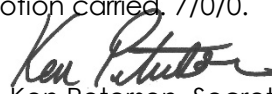
Motion Peterson seconded by Alderson to approve the Monthly Approval: 1. Western Board Subcommittees & District Boards Association Committee Assignments. Motion carried. 7/0/0

President's Report: President Bennett shared that he has had several media interviews over the past couple of weeks. He shared a few details of his first 100 days goals of listening and learning (internal and external) meetings, events, and visits. He also shared about a rural health transformation grant that was awarded to all 16 colleges in the system as of August 1. Hackbarth shared a facilities update.

District Board Chairperson's report: Hennessey shared DBA reminders and Plus Delta feedback, if you have any.

4:54 p.m. Motion Peterson, seconded by Wolf; Roll Call to close session: R. Alderson. Y; J. Dillin, Y; C. Doering III, Y; J. Felton, Y; K. Hennessey, Y; K. Peterson, Y; M. Wolf, Y. Motion carried. 7/0/0. No action taken.

5:10 p.m. Motion Peterson seconded by Wolf to adjourn. Motion carried. 7/0/0.


Ken Peterson, Secretary