

District Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
111 7TH ST N, RM 408
LA CROSSE, WI 54601

District Board Members:

Ryan Alderson
Chet Doering
Jim Dillin

Janie Felton
Michelle Greendeer-Rave
Kevin Hennessey

Ken Peterson
Megan Skarlupka
Mary Kay Wolf

District Board | Open Session

3:00 p.m.

District Board | Dinner

Union Market-Bistro Area

Immediately following open session.



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Any questions about the meeting should be directed to Jessica Pintz PintzJ@westerntc.edu.

Western Technical College District Board Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Call to Order

September 15, 2026, meeting of the Western Technical College District Board, as well as all other meetings of this Board, are open to the public and in compliance with state statutes. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the press to inform the general public of Wisconsin about the meeting's time, place, and agenda. The door is open for any member of the public to attend at the start of every meeting (for transparency).

Mission: Western Technical College provides relevant, high-quality education in a collaborative and sustainable environment that changes the lives of students and grows our communities

Topics:

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| 1) INFORM: Enrollment Update –D. Hether, W. Hackbarth & R. Hopkins | |
| 2) DISCUSSION: FY2027 Tax Levy Discussion – W. Hackbarth & C. Heit | Page 4 |
| 3) DISCUSSION: Board Goals and Commitments – All Board Members | Page 8 |
| 4) INFORM: Districts Boards Association – P. Goss | |

TIFs and TIDs (new information only)

Items to be removed from the consent agenda

The Chair will decide whether or not to take a break

Approve Consent Agenda

Action X

1) Minutes:

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| a) August 18, 2026, Regular Meeting | Page 9 |
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2) Financial Reports

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| a) Vendors over \$2500-Aug 2026 | Page 10 |
| b) Capital Projects Report-Aug 2026 | Page 13 |

3) Personnel (Information Only)

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| a) Hires | Page 18 |
| i) Aaron Bishop, Instructor, Respiratory Therapy, Academic Affairs | |
| ii) Nuelong Xiong, PC Support Technician, Finance Operations & Workforce Dvlp. | |
| iii) Sueanne Schwartz, Admin Specialist – Business, Academic Affairs | |
| iv) Jennifer Pinnow, Enrollment & Student Success Specialist, Student Srv. & Eng. | |
| v) Katie Meissner, Evaluation Project Specialist, Executive | |
| vi) Tony Beyer, College Advisor, Student Service & Engagement | |
| vii) Linda Schwartzlow, Admin Asst. Foundation, Executive | |
| viii) Susanna Driscoll, Instructor, Health Sciences, Academic Affairs | |

Monthly Approvals

- 1) Coleman Center General Studies Remodel
- 2) CNC Machine Operator Apprentice – New Program

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President's Report

- President's and College Events
 - Guest - Student Government President, Courtney Chambers
- Current Priorities

District Board Chairperson's Report

- Board & DBA Events
- Plus Delta Feedback

Adjournment

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Future Dates

Board Members may attend together; these events are optional, social, and/or state-level events; Western College Board business is not conducted.

- The SPACE & Student Union Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Open House
 - Sep. 22, 11:30-1:30, Kumm Center, La Crosse, Main Campus
- DBA Fall Meeting – Virtual and in-person, Moraine Park, Fond du Lac, WI
 - October 8-10,
- Community Meetings at Regional Learning Centers
 - 10/19 – Viroqua 12:00 pm
 - 10/20 – Tomah 9:00 am
 - 10/20 – Mauston 12:00 pm
 - 10/27 – Independence 9:00 am
 - 10/27 – Black River Falls 12:00 pm
- DBA Virtual Trustee Tuesday Meetings - Virtual
 - Oct 27
 - Nov 24

Western Technical College
Property Tax Recommendation
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027

Preliminary Estimate				
Compared to Previous Year				
Levy \$				
	FY2026-27	FY2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
Operating Levy	12,994,136	12,713,327	280,809	2.21%
Debt Levy	20,750,000	18,691,000	2,059,000	11.02%
Total Levy	33,744,136	31,404,327	2,339,809	7.45%
Mill Rate				
	FY2026-27	FY2025-26	Difference	% Change
Operating Mill Rate	0.34258	0.36199	-0.01941	-5.36%
Debt Mill Rate	0.54706	0.53220	0.01486	2.79%
Total Mill Rate	0.88964	0.89419	-0.00455	-0.51%
Tax on \$100k Home	\$88.96	\$89.42	-\$0.45	-0.51%

Compared to Budget FYE 6/30/2027				
Levy \$				
	Proposed	Budgeted	\$ Change	% Change
Operating Levy	12,994,136	13,044,107	-49,971	-0.38%
Debt Levy	20,750,000	20,691,000	59,000	0.29%
Total Levy	33,744,136	33,735,107	9,029	0.03%
Mill Rate				
	Proposed	Budgeted	Difference	% Change
Operating Mill Rate	0.34258	0.34232	0.00027	0.08%
Debt Mill Rate	0.54706	0.54299	0.00407	0.75%
Total Mill Rate	0.88964	0.88531	0.00434	0.49%
Tax on \$100k Home	\$88.96	\$88.53	\$0.43	0.49%

Referendum (not to exceed \$39):	
Post-Referendum	\$54.71
Pre-Referendum	\$61.61
Increase	-\$6.90

Assumptions

Net New Construction Increase
Property Value Increase

1.100%

8.000%

*had budgeted for FY27 @ 8.50%

Starting with FY19 levy the State "bought down" personal property taxes.

Western's amount = \$263,235 for this year.

Starting with FY26 levy, Act 12 Property Tax Repeal

Western's amount = \$319,726 for this year.

EQUALIZED VALUATION AND TAX LEVY

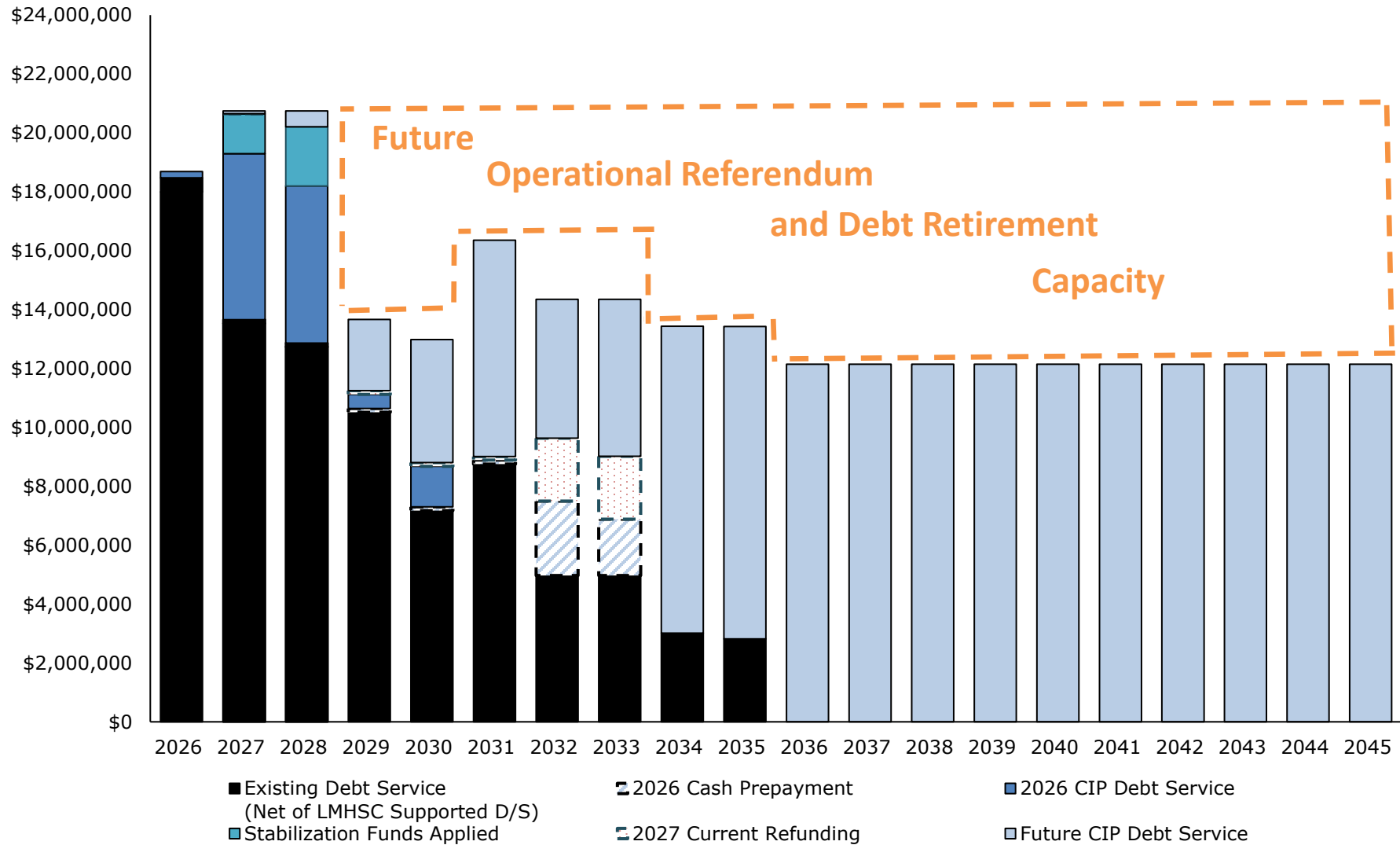
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27*	2026-27 Change	Percent Change
Equalized Valuation	\$ 26,853,722,976	\$ 29,848,141,322	\$ 32,002,403,684	\$ 35,120,326,457	\$ 38,105,554,206	\$ 2,985,227,749	8.50%
Tax Levy Operation	\$ 11,865,239	\$ 12,298,162	\$ 12,624,549	\$ 12,713,327	\$ 13,044,107	\$ 330,780	2.60%
Tax Levy Debt	18,191,000	18,191,000	18,191,000	18,691,000	20,691,000	2,000,000	10.70%
Total Tax Levy	\$ 30,056,239	\$ 30,489,162	\$ 30,815,549	\$ 31,404,327	\$ 33,735,107	\$ 2,330,780	7.42%
Mill Rate - Operation	0.441847	0.412024	0.394488	0.361993	0.342315	(0.019678)	-5.44%
Mill Rate - Debt	0.677411	0.609452	0.568426	0.532199	0.542992	0.010793	2.03%
Total Mill Rate	1.119258	1.021476	0.962914	0.894192	0.885307	(0.008886)	-0.99%
Levy, By Fund							
General	\$ 11,694,521	\$ 12,046,139	\$ 12,371,895	\$ 12,475,579	\$ 12,797,875	\$ 322,296	2.58%
Special Revenue-Financial Aid	165,667	246,972	247,603	237,748	246,232	8,484	3.57%
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Debt Service	18,196,051	18,196,051	18,196,051	18,691,000	20,691,000	2,000,000	10.70%
Totals	\$ 30,056,239	\$ 30,489,162	\$ 30,815,549	\$ 31,404,327	\$ 33,735,107	\$ 2,330,780	7.42%
Tax on \$100,000 house	\$ 111.93	\$ 102.15	\$ 96.29	\$ 89.42	\$ 88.53	\$ (0.89)	-0.99%

*Estimated



Western Technical College District

Projected Combined Debt Service Levy



Notes

2026 CIP Debt Service represents three borrowings totaling \$12.035 million.

Future CIP Debt Service assumes borrowings totaling \$10 million beginning in 2027 and every year thereafter amortized over a maximum of 10 years at planning interest rates of 4.50%.

Recent Defeasance, Refinancing & Prepayment History

Date	Transaction	Debt Issue	Maturity Targeted	Savings
4/5/2021	Defeasance	2017F Bonds	2031	\$445,629
4/4/2022	Defeasance	2017F Bonds	2031	\$896,839
4/3/2023	Defeasance	2017A&F Bonds	2030 & 2031	\$977,436
2/18/2025	Refinancing	2017A Bonds	2027-2030	\$978,601
4/1/2026	Prepayment	2017F Bonds	2032 & 2033	\$843,150
		TOTAL		\$4,141,655

Western Technical College
District Board Goal

Incorporate Experience 2025 and related student success and employee engagement priorities into all board meetings:

- a) Strategies include:
 - i. Adapt District Board agendas to incorporate benchmarks, progress, and completion data related to Experience 2025 and the seven strategic goals
 - ii. Consider the four Strategic Directions in all decision-making
 - iii. Communicate college events and level of priority to District Board members
 - iv. Foster greater levels of employee engagement and recognition through resolutions of commendation, targeted visits, and visual management tours
 - v. Check, adjust, and revise the District Board monthly calendar to allow for agility
 - vi. Adjust monthly agenda to allow for adequate time to fully cover agenda items
- b) Lead measures include:
 - i. President's goals are achieved in the timeframe set forth in the strategic plan
 - ii. Each District Board meeting highlights the Strategic Directions for Experience 2025 and student success
 - iii. 25% of District Board meetings and advances are held in places that allow for engagement with Western employees and student learning spaces
 - iv. Approval of annual calendar
 - v. District Board members express satisfaction with time allotted for agenda items through a Plus/Delta document each month

Approved October 16, 2018

District Board Commitments

1. We will follow the communication flow for board-president-staff interactions set forth by the president.
2. We will embrace the college mission, vision, values, practices, and culture fully as the board's own.
3. We will work with the president and leadership team to assess and shape college goals, results and measures. This will be led by the president and leadership team with board support, partnership and endorsement
4. We will review all policies that are older than 2015.
5. We will commit to the tenets of the college's culture of accountability.
6. We will express opinions at the table with respect and clarity to everyone present at the table and all parties speaking. In the end we stand with one unified voice.
7. We will lead by focusing on the present and future in order to achieve student, college, and community success.
8. We will work with the president to define the data necessary to make informed and educated decisions
9. We commit to a college-wide view at all times as we serve the entire regions

District Board Equity Commitment

Events around our nation remind us yet again of the work that remains to create a more just and equitable society. As a Board, we acknowledge the hurt, frustration, and anger felt by countless Americans, especially Americans of color. We hurt with those who are hurting, and we stand, in particular, with black members of our communities during this difficult time. At Western Technical College, we pledge to lean into our College values of diversity, integrity, teamwork, and respect. As a Board, we are committed to our advocacy for and support of Western's strategic goals to increase the enrollment of students of color and to eliminate achievement gaps among black, Hispanic, and indigenous students. We acknowledge structural racism and systemic poverty contribute to these gaps, and we pledge to continue to support programs and policies that ensure access to higher education for all students. We embrace the imperative to learn from experiences, history, cultures, values, beliefs, and views different from our own and to lead with empathy and compassion. Change starts with each of us, and we pledge to hold ourselves and each other accountable in this critically important work.

Updated: 08.03.20

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

Vendor	Amount	Check #
A Book Company LLC	4,409.82	5007911
A Book Company LLC	12,499.45	5007992
ACHIEVING THE DREAM	3,725.00	PCARD
AMERICAN HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE	3,615.55	5007912
Ascendium Education Solutions	4,797.80	E0008048
BAN-KOE COMPANIES INC	11,955.10	E0008112
Bernie J. Buchner, Inc.	8,186.67	E0008050
Bertelson Brothers, Inc.	6,945.91	E0008113
BEST BUY DIRECT	6,880.57	PCARD
BOODLE	27,500.00	E0008114
CARAHSOFT TECHNOLOGY	2,946.74	E0008054
Charter Communications Holding	6,171.99	E0008117
Chippewa Valley Technical College	17,841.53	5007881
Chippewa Valley Technical College	44,007.43	5007996
CHOSEN VALLEY TESTING INC	5,008.75	5007949
CITY LA CROSSE	14,519.05	5007916
CIVICPLUS LLC	5,600.00	E0008160
Dell Marketing LP	3,414.00	E0008056
Dell Marketing LP	5,454.55	E0008118
DELL MARKETING LP	18,447.00	5007954
DELTA DENTAL	6,965.60	9001312
DELTA DENTAL	7,439.05	9001302
DELTA DENTAL	13,425.86	9001310
DELTA DENTAL	13,758.09	9001295
DELUCA HARTMAN CONSTRUCTION INC	5,318.00	5007920
ELSEVIER INC	16,753.68	E0008163
EPA AUDIO VISUAL INC	2,919.84	E0008021
Factory Motor Parts	2,590.65	5007886
Fire Protection Specialists	3,879.80	E0008061
FLEET XL	2,535.63	5007997
FOWLER HAMMER INC	160,771.35	5007957
GALLUP INC	3,000.00	E0008062
Graphic House, Inc.	4,300.00	E0008025
GREAT RIVERS UNITED WAY	5,647.86	5007924
GREAT WEST RETIREMENT WIRE	42,420.62	9001296
GREAT WEST RETIREMENT WIRE	44,212.44	9001305
HARTERS TRASH RECYCLING INC	6,381.80	5007925
HILLYARD	5,830.86	5007926
HILLYARD	37,201.32	5007959
HSR ASSOCIATES INC	6,400.00	E0008167
HSR ASSOCIATES INC	28,399.62	E0008121

Vendor	Amount	Check #
IGUARDFIRE LTD	10,374.00	9001301
IRS - FICAFEDERAL WITHHOLDING WIRE	18,978.43	9001314
IRS - FICAFEDERAL WITHHOLDING WIRE	20,439.10	9001297
IRS - FICAFEDERAL WITHHOLDING WIRE	364,191.09	9001306
IRS - FICAFEDERAL WITHHOLDING WIRE	365,837.14	9001317
J & K of La Crosse, Inc	9,680.00	E0008125
Keithrn LLC	3,535.00	E0008169
Kirk Bennett	5,993.18	5007910
KONE INC	3,765.00	E0008126
Kreibich Landscaping	13,928.57	E0008127
Kreibich Landscaping	14,952.00	E0008072
Kuehn Motors	28,365.00	5007963
LA CROSSE MEDICAL HEALTH SCIENCE CONSORTIUM	5,645.00	5007964
Levata	7,175.00	E0008128
LINCOLN ELECTRIC	3,971.15	5007966
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY INC	5,497.27	5008004
Market & Johnson, Inc.	410,273.40	E0008129
Maryann C Hundt	3,500.00	5007891
MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	8,706.42	E0008029
Mississippi Welders Supply	9,372.69	E0008130
Mississippi Welders Supply	24,382.50	E0008075
NAACLS	3,273.00	5007969
NFC Health Ltd	20,358.00	E0008173
P & T Electric, Inc	5,118.17	E0008032
Performance Food Group, Inc.	4,386.93	5007900
Performance Food Group, Inc.	4,735.13	5007976
PRO-TEC DESIGN INC	11,156.00	E0008134
RESPONDUS INC	49,170.00	E0008135
RT RENEWAL* NATIONAL	4,500.00	PCARD
Sauder Manufacturing Co.	286,740.63	E0008136
Scenario Learning, LLC	6,448.34	E0008033
SCHILLING SUPPLY	3,355.92	E0008080
Securian Financial Group, Inc.	22,323.98	E0008074
SIKICH LLP	587,629.46	9001304
STRANG LAW LLC	5,137.00	E0008176
TECHSOURCE TOOLS INC	21,408.00	E0008178
TIAA Retirement	16,988.97	9001315
TIAA Retirement	17,006.53	9001307
TITAN MACHINERY INC	2,751.29	E0008081
Tri State Business Machines	2,628.07	E0008083
VAN METER INC	6,562.77	E0008085
VISIPLEX INC	4,387.00	E0008142
WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	5,337.57	E0008184
WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	19,840.33	E0008088
Western Foundation	2,944.22	E0008037

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WI SCTF	2,514.56	5007906
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Williams Landscaping	3,362.50	5007987
WIN, LLC	2,927.52	E0008144
Winona Heating & Ventilating Co.	4,910.77	E0008038
Winona Heating & Ventilating Co.	12,490.00	E0008145
WISCNET	29,830.00	E0008091
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT REVENUE	69,881.17	9001308
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT REVENUE	70,921.83	9001318
Wisconsin Library Services Inc	10,990.67	E0008186
WISCONSIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM	456,244.28	9001319
WORKED CONSULTING LLC	22,900.00	E0008148
Xcel Energy	5,343.23	5007973
Xcel Energy	83,862.43	5007934
Zakee Pearson	3,500.00	E0008102

		Western Technical College							
		Capital Projects Report-Current Projects							
		As of 08/31/2026							
Project Name	Debt Issue	Amount Borrowed	Transfers, Donations and Other Revenue	Proposed Transfers	Future Borrowings	Total Revenue	Actual Expenditures to Date	Total Estimated Future Costs	(Over) / Under
Land and New Construction									
La Crosse Property Acquisitions	2024A	50,000.00	152,122.94	-	-	202,122.94	157,887.35	44,235.59	-
Sparta-Simulation City-Phase 1	2026B	1,500,000.00	-	-	-	1,500,000.00	692,647.09	807,352.91	-
Total Land and New Construction		1,550,000.00	152,122.94	-	-	1,702,122.94	850,534.44	851,588.50	-
Remodeling & Site Improvements									
Student Success Center-Graphics-Summer 2025	2025B	15,000.00	-	18,532.31	-	33,532.31	33,532.31	-	-
Automotive Technology Ctr-Graphics	2025F	15,000.00	-	-	-	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-
Res Hall-Casework & Safety Shutoffs for Stoves	2025F	85,000.00	-	-	-	85,000.00	77,314.91	9,219.55	(1,534.46)
Lunda Center-HVAC	2025F	800,000.00	100,000.00	-	-	900,000.00	875,207.88	24,792.12	-
La Crosse Health Science Center-future projects	None-Trf	-	47,011.53	-	-	47,011.53	-	47,011.53	-
Parking Lot Improvements-La Crosse and Viroqua	2026C	-	-	-	105,000.00	105,000.00	14,050.00	93,422.25	(2,472.25)
Parking Lot Improvement-Auto Tech Ctr-Summer 2027	TBD-2027	-	-	-	-	-	20,877.02	12,145.80	(33,022.82)
Parking Lot Improvements-Lot K-Summer 2027	TBD-2027	-	-	-	-	-	25,423.29	4,071.71	(29,495.00)
EV Charging Station-Parking Ramp	2026B	20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000.00	12,929.00	7,071.00	-
Veteran's Courtyard	2026C	-	-	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-
Remodel HPS Office	2026B	35,000.00	(5,000.00)	-	-	30,000.00	21,461.81	8,538.19	-
Remodel HPS Office/Breakroom-Phase 2	None-Trf	-	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
Remodel General Studies Office	2026C&Rsrv	-	170,000.00	-	270,000.00	440,000.00	3,970.20	436,029.80	-
Coleman Center-Fire Alarm Upgrade	2026C	-	-	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	4,064.82	25,935.18	-
Air Compressor-Wanek Center	2026B&2026C	100,000.00		32,282.58	75,000.00	267,282.58	3,200.00	264,082.58	-
Res Hall Remodeling-Phase 1 of 2	2026A&100k-Re	1,400,000.00	100,000.00	-	-	1,500,000.00	849,113.59	650,886.41	-
Res Hall-Exterior Windows-Phase 1 of 2	2026B	290,000.00	(75,000.00)	-	-	215,000.00	180,500.00	34,500.00	-
Res Hall-HVAC and Plumbing	2026B	500,000.00	75,000.00	-	-	575,000.00	-	575,000.00	-
Student Union Remodeling	2026C	-	-	-	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	584,286.94	415,713.06	-
Kumm Ctr-Food Service Cooling Upgrade	2026B	80,000.00	-	-	-	80,000.00	7,169.47	72,830.53	-
IT Dept Expansion-Remodeling	2026B	50,000.00	-	(37,675.00)	-	12,325.00	12,325.00	-	-
Union Market Coffee Station	TBD-2027	-	-	-	185,000.00	185,000.00	8,000.00	177,000.00	-
Union Market Flooring	TBD-2027	-	-	-	175,000.00	175,000.00	-	175,000.00	-

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Sparta Sim City-Alt4-Parking Lot & Access Road	2026B	400,000.00	50,000.00	-	-	450,000.00	36,342.59	413,657.41	-
Sparta Sim City-Surge Protection	None-Trf	-	-	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-
Graphics-Collegewide-FY26	2025F	25,000.00	-	(14,487.68)	-	10,512.32	10,512.32	-	-
Graphics-Collegewide-FY27	2026B	25,000.00	-	-	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
Minor Projects-FY26	2025E	50,000.00	35,000.00	6,922.85	-	91,922.85	85,422.85	6,500.00	-
Exterior Signage-FY26	2025F	30,000.00	-	(30,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-
Minor Projects-FY27	2026A	50,000.00		-	-	50,000.00	10,561.68	39,438.32	-
Exterior Signage-FY27	2026A	50,000.00	-	-	-	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-
Wanek Center of Innovation-Close Account	N/A	-		(32,282.58)	-	-	-	-	-
Project Closing Account-Remodeling and Site Work	N/A	-	268,123.72	36,707.52	-	304,831.24	-	-	304,831.24
Total Remodeling & Site Improvements		4,020,000.00	790,135.25	-	1,860,000.00	6,762,417.83	2,876,265.68	3,647,845.44	238,306.71

		Western Technical College							
		Capital Projects Report-Current Projects							
		As of 08/31/2026							
Project Name	Debt Issue	Amount Borrowed	Transfers, Donations and Other Revenue	Proposed Transfers	Future Borrowings	Total Revenue	Actual Expenditures to Date	Total Estimated Future Costs	(Over) / Under
Equipment Projects									
General Studies Office-Furnishings & Equipment									
5842-IT Equipment	None-Trf	-	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
5843-Furnishings	None-Trf	-	40,000.00	-	-	40,000.00	-	40,000.00	-
Total General Studies Office-Furnishings & Equipment		-	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-
Residence Hall-Furniture									
5843-Furnishings	2026A	350,000.00	-	-	-	350,000.00	301,680.63	48,319.37	-
Total Residence Hall-Furniture		350,000.00	-	-	-	350,000.00	301,680.63	48,319.37	-
Student Union Remodel-IT Equipment & Furnishings			-						
5842-IT Equipment	2026A	30,000.00	5,800.00	-	-	35,800.00	6,333.84	29,466.16	-
5843-Furnishings	2026A	100,000.00	(5,800.00)	-	-	94,200.00	3,445.54	90,754.46	-
5844-Non-Instructional Equipment-Artwork	2026A	10,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00	1,519.96	9,404.15	(924.11)
Total Student Union Remodel-IT Equipment/Furnishings		140,000.00	-	-	-	140,000.00	11,299.34	129,624.77	(924.11)
Union Market Coffee Station-Equipment									
5844-Non-Instructional Equipment	TBD-2027	-	-	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-
Total Union Market Coffee Station-Equipment		-	-	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-
Sparta Sim City-Instructional Equipment									
5845-Instructional Equipment	2026A	250,000.00	-	-	-	250,000.00	2,111.69	247,888.31	-
Total Sparta Sim City-Instructional Equipment		250,000.00	-	-	-	250,000.00	2,111.69	247,888.31	-
Sparta-Surge Protection									
5844-Non-Instructional Equipment	2026A	20,000.00	-	(20,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-
Total-Sparta-Surge Protection		20,000.00	-	(20,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-

		Western Technical College							
		Capital Projects Report-Current Projects							
		As of 08/31/2026							
Project Name	Debt Issue	Amount Borrowed	Transfers, Donations and Other Revenue	Proposed Transfers	Future Borrowings	Total Revenue	Actual Expenditures to Date	Total Estimated Future Costs	(Over) / Under
Minor Furnishings and Equipment-FY26									
5842-IT Equipment	2025B	10,000.00	-	(10,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-
5843/5844-Furnishings & Equipment	2025B	40,000.00	-	(5,658.62)	-	34,341.38	30,564.01	3,777.37	-
Total Minor Furnishings & Equipment-FY26		50,000.00	-	(15,658.62)	-	34,341.38	30,564.01	3,777.37	-
Security Equipment-FY26									
5842-IT Equipment (Cameras)	2025B	20,000.00	-	(7,079.11)	-	12,920.89	10,873.76	2,047.13	-
Total Security Equipment-FY26		20,000.00	-	(7,079.11)	-	12,920.89	10,873.76	2,047.13	-
Minor Furnishings and Equipment-FY27									
5842-IT Equipment	2026A	10,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
5843/5844-Furnishings & Equipment	2026A	40,000.00	-	-	-	40,000.00	-	40,000.00	-
Total Minor Furnishings & Equipment-FY27		50,000.00	-	-	-	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-
Security Equipment-FY27									
5842-IT Equipment (Cameras)	2026A	20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-
5844-Door Access	Transfer	-		10,000.00		10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
Total Security Equipment-FY27		20,000.00	-	10,000.00	-	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	-
Project Closing Account-Equipment									
5842/5843/5844-IT Equip,Furnishings,Graphics,Non-Instr	N/A		292,150.70	32,737.73	-	324,888.43	-	-	324,888.43
Total Project Closing Account-Equipment		-	292,150.70	32,737.73	-	324,888.43	-	-	324,888.43
						FY25 Interest			
						\$75,000			
Total Equipment Projects		900,000.00	342,150.70	-	50,000.00	1,292,150.70	356,529.43	611,656.95	323,964.32
Total All Current Projects		6,470,000.00	1,284,408.89	-	1,910,000.00	9,756,691.47	4,083,329.55	5,111,090.89	562,271.03

Western Technical College-Capital Projects Report-Completed Projects as of 08/31/2026					
Project Number and Name	Actual Amount Borrowed	Transferred, Revenue and Donations Received	Total Revenue for Project	Total Cost of Project	Date Closed
New Construction, Remodeling & Site Improvements					
C24547-Sparta-Additional Parking (20 spaces)	-	87,536.00	87,536.00	87,536.00	12/31/2025
C25190-Wanek Center of Innovation-Alt #2-Addition	-	768,346.64	768,346.64	768,346.64	06/30/2026
C25100-Wanek Center of Innovation-Elevator-North End	220,000.00	(20,358.00)	199,642.00	199,642.00	06/30/2026
C25125-Wanek Center of Innovation-Alt #6-HVAC	665,000.00	88,150.51	753,150.51	753,150.51	06/30/2026
C25150-Wanek Center of Innovation-Restrooms	295,000.00	(125,000.00)	170,000.00	170,000.00	06/30/2026
C25175-Wanek Center of Innovation-Base Bid-Interior	-	2,842,344.33	2,842,344.33	2,842,344.33	06/30/2026
C25180-Wanek Center of Innovation-Alt #1-Exterior Upgrades	-	454,093.41	454,093.41	454,093.41	06/30/2026
C25195-Wanek Center of Innovation-Alt #3-Roofing	-	439,000.00	439,000.00	439,000.00	06/30/2026
C25200-Wanek Center of Innovation-Alt 7A-Exterior Signage	-	143,115.96	143,115.96	143,115.96	06/30/2026
C25205-Wanek Center of Innovation-Alt 7B-Monument Sign	-	-	-	-	06/30/2026
C25210-Wanek Center of Innovation-Alt 7C-Monument Sign	-	52,700.00	52,700.00	52,700.00	06/30/2026
C25215-Wanek Center of Innovation-Alt 7D-Interior Signage	-	128,903.19	128,903.19	128,903.19	06/30/2026
C25220-Wanek Center of Innovation-Alt B1-Electrical Panel	75,000.00	(11,075.00)	63,925.00	63,925.00	06/30/2026
C25225-Wanek Center of Innovation-Alt-HVAC Controls (WHV)	85,000.00	(5,150.00)	79,850.00	79,850.00	06/30/2026
C25280-Wanek Center of Innovation-Alt #4-BIS Suite	60,000.00	20,132.61	80,132.61	80,132.61	06/30/2026
C25290-Wanek Center of Innovation-A&E Fees	100,000.00	432,542.37	532,542.37	532,542.37	06/30/2026
C25300-Student Success Center-Remodel-Summer 2025	1,500,000.00	(238,430.84)	1,261,569.16	1,261,569.16	06/30/2026
C25310-Student Success Center-Chiller-Summer 2025	75,000.00	(52,130.00)	22,870.00	22,870.00	06/30/2026
C25400-Automotive Technology Center-Addition	1,250,000.00	125,000.00	1,375,000.00	1,375,000.00	06/30/2026
C25404-Automotive Technology Ctr-Remodel	1,300,000.00	360,419.63	1,660,419.63	1,660,419.63	06/30/2026
C25405-Automotive Technology Ctr-Exterior	1,500,000.00	57,146.41	1,557,146.41	1,557,146.41	06/30/2026
C25410-Automotive Technology Ctr-HVAC	1,150,000.00	180,461.16	1,330,461.16	1,330,461.16	06/30/2026
C25415-Automotive Technology Ctr-Roof	500,000.00	33,529.00	533,529.00	533,529.00	06/30/2026
C25610-Lunda Center-Carpeting	70,000.00	(20,130.00)	49,870.00	49,870.00	11/30/2025
C25620-Lunda Center-Roofing	200,000.00	(56,000.00)	144,000.00	144,000.00	05/31/2026
C25950-Graphics-College Wide-FY25	25,000.00	(16,309.00)	8,691.00	8,691.00	09/30/2025
C26260-Lunda Center Wall Panels	-	11,978.56	11,978.56	11,978.56	06/30/2026
C26550-Admin Center-Gym Hallway	-	16,378.61	16,378.61	16,378.61	06/30/2026
C26560-Roof Hatches #2-DMI Grant	-	23,765.00	23,765.00	23,765.00	04/30/2026
C99250-Minor Projects-FY25	50,000.00	(24,537.79)	25,462.21	25,462.21	09/30/2025
Total New Construction, Remodeling & Site Impr Completed Projects	9,120,000.00	5,696,422.76	14,816,422.76	14,816,422.76	
Equipment & Furnishings					
C24420-Tomah Industrial Lab-Equipment	55,000.00	184,501.39	239,501.39	239,501.39	10/31/2025
C25140-Wanek Ctr of Innovation-IT Equip/Furnishings/Graphics	700,000.00	77,352.82	777,352.82	777,352.82	02/28/2026
C25145-Wanek Ctr of Innovation-Instructional Equipment	1,250,000.00	1,044,393.60	2,294,393.60	2,294,393.60	02/28/2026
C25350-Student Success Ctr-IT Equipment and Furnishings	350,000.00	78,904.89	428,904.89	428,904.89	06/30/2026
C25450-Automotive Tech Ctr-IT Equip/Furnishing/Instruct Equipment	445,000.00	55,120.96	500,120.96	500,120.96	06/30/2026
C25519-Residence Hall Ranges	50,000.00	(7,229.71)	42,770.29	42,770.29	02/28/2026
C25650-Lunda Center-IT Equipment Replacment	300,000.00	113,980.85	413,980.85	413,980.85	12/31/2025
C26245-HPS Offices-Furniture	-	55,636.88	55,636.88	55,636.88	06/30/2026
C26525-IT Dept Expansion-Furnishings	75,000.00	(5,179.26)	69,820.74	69,820.74	06/30/2026
C99251-Minor Furnishings & Equipment-FY25	50,000.00	27,806.52	77,806.52	77,806.52	10/31/2025
Total Equipment & Furnishings Completed Projects	3,275,000.00	1,625,288.94	4,900,288.94	4,900,288.94	
Total Completed Projects	12,395,000.00	7,321,711.70	19,716,711.70	19,716,711.70	

September 2026 New Hires, Retirements, and Resignations

New Hires, Promotions, and Appointments

Position filled	Division	FT/PT	Effective Date	Employee	Apps Received/ Interviewed
Instructor – Respiratory Therapy	Academic Affairs	FT	8/24/26	Aaron Bishop	Appt.
PC Support Technician	Finance Operations & Workforce Dev	FT	8/31/26	Nuelong Xiong	12/3
Admin. Specialist – Business	Academic Affairs	FT	9/1/26	Sueanne Schwartz	31/5
Enrollment & Student Success Specialist	Student Service & Engagement	FT	9/8/26	Jennifer Pinnow	35/5
Evaluation Project Specialist	Executive	FT	9/8/26	Katie Meissner	Appt.
College Advisor	Student Service & Engagement	FT	10/1/26	Tony Beyer	40/4
Admin. Asst. Foundation (part-time)	Executive	FT	10/7/26	Linda Schwartzlow	39/5
Instructor – Health Sciences	Academic Affairs	FT	11/15/26	Susanna Driscoll	11/3

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WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

ISSUE PAPER

Topic:

Coleman Center General Studies Remodel

Issue

The General Studies suite is located on the second floor of the Coleman Center. The offices in the current suite layout do not provide safe, confidential spaces to meet with students or faculty.

The project includes adding four offices, a storage room, and converting an existing office into a space for meditation or religious practice.

If approved, construction would start in December 2026 and be completed by February 2027. The projected remodeling cost is \$450,000.

Recommendation

Approve the remodel of the Coleman Center General Studies suite as outlined and submit the same to the WTCS board for approval at its November 2026 meeting.

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

ISSUE PAPER

Topic:

New Program Approval – CNC Machine Operator Apprentice

Issue

In coordination with Western Technical College and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development – Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards, a regional workforce need has been identified to establish a CNC Machine Operator Apprenticeship. Western Wisconsin manufacturers continue to report difficulty recruiting and retaining skilled CNC machine operators, creating a need for an apprenticeship pathway that prepares individuals with the technical and hands-on skills required by industry.

Project Description

Advanced manufacturing remains one of Wisconsin's largest employment sectors, and CNC machine operators are a critical part of the state's manufacturing workforce. WisConomy projects that Wisconsin will need more than 15,000 CNC Machine Operators by 2032, highlighting the continued demand for skilled workers in this occupation.

The proposed CNC Machine Operator Apprentice provides apprentices with foundational instruction in engineering drawings, precision measurement, geometric dimensioning and tolerancing (GD&T), CAD/CAM, CNC lathe setup and operation, CNC mill setup and operation, quality control, and machine maintenance. The curriculum combines classroom instruction with paid, structured on-the-job learning, allowing apprentices to develop the technical competencies employers require while earning a wage.

Adding this apprenticeship expands Western's advanced manufacturing offerings, provides employers with a sustainable workforce development solution, creates an additional pathway into manufacturing careers, and maximizes the use of existing instructional resources and laboratory equipment. The program also supports workforce retention and upskilling efforts for current employees while increasing apprenticeship enrollment opportunities throughout the region.

Western currently offers Machinist and Tool & Die Maker apprenticeship programs that prepare apprentices for advanced manufacturing careers. The proposed CNC Machine Operator Apprenticeship complements these existing programs by providing an entry-level pathway focused on CNC setup, operation, quality control, blueprint reading, and precision measurement. This creates a progressive training continuum that allows employers to select the apprenticeship that best aligns with their workforce needs. This apprenticeship can be particularly valuable to rural communities, where smaller manufacturers may face significant challenges recruiting and retaining skilled workers within the CNC career pathway.

Recommendation

Approve the submittal of a new CNC Machine Operator Apprentice program for consideration by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board.