

**WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**September 15, 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, September 15, 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, M. Greendeer-Rave, K. Hennessey, K. Peterson, M. Wolf, and Kirk Bennett, President. Excused: M. Skarlupka

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on September 10, 2026, at 11:59 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, R. Hopkins, J. Gamer, K. Dean, E. Nesius, C. Heit, J. Schriener, D. Hether, J. Lemon, J. Kettner, B. Shane (Western employees). R. Nelson (public guest)

Presentations included an enrollment update from D. Hether, W. Hackbarth, and R. Hopkins; they shared information about the fall enrollment numbers related to budgets, programs, and enrollment services; Hackbarth and Heit shared information about the upcoming Tax Levy approval; and P. Goss could not attend, and the DBA presentation will not be rescheduled. No action. The Board discussed the current goals and commitments. After some discussion, Hennessey and Peterson will work with President Bennett and board liaison Pintz to update goals/commitments related to meeting locations and board and president goal alignment. Updates will be brought back to the board for approval. Greendeer-Rave excused at 3:55 p.m.

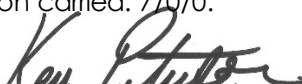
Motion Wolf seconded by Peterson that the Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. a. Aug 18, 2026, Reg Meeting Minutes 2. a. Vendors Over \$2,500-Aug 2026, b. Capital Project Reports-Aug 2026. Motion carried. 7/0/0.

Motion Peterson seconded by Dillin that the Board approve the Monthly Approval: 1. Coleman Center General Studies Remodel; 2. CNC Machine Operator Apprenticeship – New Program. Motion carried. 7/0/0

President's Report: President Bennett and Student Government President, C. Chambers, shared their experiences of Pizza with Presidents. Chambers also shared some of her experiences in student government and as a student at Western. Bennett shared about the tours he has been on and a few other priorities.

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

4:25 p.m. Motion Peterson seconded by Wolf to adjourn. Motion carried. 7/0/0.

  
Ken Peterson, Secretary