

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 17, 2026

Mr. Hennessey, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 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. Skarlupka, and Roger Standford, President. Excused: M. Wolf

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on March 12, 2026, at 4:02 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, J. Heath, J. Lemon, J. Gamer, T. Dryden, E. Nesius, J. Schriener, K. Dean, C. Heit, L. Wallace, B. Shane, M. Krogman (Western employees), and Student Government Executives.

Presentations included Student Government sharing activities over the past academic year, the Foundation sharing an update on their progress this year and events, Institutional Research shared data on the Q12 Engagement Survey results, and Heath shared an update on the Presidential Search team. No action taken.

Skarlupka shared an update from the policy subcommittee: no action.

Correction to the Feb Minutes; approval was not for the Single Audit Report, it was for the 2024-25 BIS Contract Training. Motion Peterson, seconded by Dillin, the Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes: a. Feb 16, 2026, District Board Reg Meeting, b. Dec. 16, 2025, Policy Sub minutes 2. a. Vendors Over \$2,500-Feb 2026, b. General Revenue/Expense Report - Feb 2026, c. Dept Budget Sum- Feb 2026, d. Enterprise Srvcs Sum- Feb 2026, e. Capital Project Reports-Feb 2026. 3 a. 206-27 ai grant, b. 2026-27 emergency assistance grant, c. 2026-27 ems leadership grant, d. 2026-27 integrated education and training grant. 4. Policy a. F0110 Art on Campus (first read). Motion carried. 7/0/0.

Motion Skarlupka, seconded by Alderson, that the board approve: 1. Private Sector Review, 2. Education Assistant Apprenticeship Program for consideration by the WTCS System Board, 3. Adopt 2024-2025 Single Audit Report. Motion carried. 7/0/0.

President's Report: Several people traveled to the Dream Conference, where we received a Leader College of Distinction Award. This is a title we will hold for three years; it is based on the data of the student success work that we do. This will help us pursue future grant opportunities. Next month, we will have an Achieving the Dream update. We were also awarded the United Way Community Partnership Award this year. July 14-15 State Board meeting here. The state will be voting on tuition increases and state grants at its meeting this week. Graduation reminder, 4/25. Civil Discourse presentation, March 31, 3:30 at the Lunda Center.

District Board Chairperson's report: Congratulations to the reappointed board members. Reminder of Plus Delta feedback, if you have any.

4:22 p.m. Roll Call to close session: Alderson, Y; Dillin, Y; Doering, A; Greendeer-Rave, Y; Felton, Y; Hennessey, Y; Peterson, Y; Skarlupka, Y. motion carried 8/0/0. No action taken.

4:29 p.m. Motion Peterson seconded by Skarlupka to adjourn. Motion carried. 8/0/0.


Ken Peterson, Secretary