Ms. Angie Lawrence, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 7th Street N, Room 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Carrie Buss, Michelle Greendeer-Rave, Dave Laehn, Angie Lawrence, Ed Lukasek, Ken Peterson, Dennis Treu and Roger Stanford, President. Board Member Dan Hanson was excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, February 23, 2018, at 1:15 pm with the agenda being distributed to interested persons, sent to the District’s official newspaper (The La Crosse Tribune), and distributed to other news media throughout the District in compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 19.81 through 19.98.

OTHERS PRESENT
Others Present: Wade Hackbarth, Amy Thornton, Janice Strupp, John Heath, Bruce Mathew, Denise Vujnovich, Josh Gamer, Bruce Mathew, Tracy Dryden, Doug Straus, Casey Meehan, Craig Kunce, Jill Grennan, Twyla Marlow, Amy Schmidt (Western staff) and Haley Cone, Connor Fredrick, Abby Litscher, Daniela Madrid, Christopher Quintanilla, Noah Reis, Chris Sherry, Miya Thomas, Jasmine Tully, Chandra Crane (Western students)

BOARDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE
Layla Merrifield, Executive Director, WI District Boards Association, distributed and highlighted the 2017-2018 Legislative Update for WI Technical Colleges and shared her top priorities. Dr. Stanford thanked Layla for the most recent biennium work. Ms. Lawrence thanked Layla for her organization relative to the Washington, DC trip.

STUDENT PRESENTATION
Casey Meehan, Sustainability Coordinator, introduced Craig Kunce, Graphic Design Instructor, who shared how Western is working to incorporate sustainability into its curriculum. Several students shared the highlights of the mixed recycling signage project and the energy it generated within the classes. All sign designs are posted college-wide.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Motion Bosshard, second Buss, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt a resolution of commendation honoring Denise Vujnovich, Vice President Special Projects on her retirement from Western.

Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution in its entirety is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Douglas Strauss, General Studies Dean has resigned from Western and he thanked the District Board for the opportunity to serve Western in his position.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA
Carrie Buss requested the following college policies be removed from the consent agenda for second reading/adoption for additional discussion: 6.E.1) a) A0100 Mission, Vision, Values and Practices; b) A0100A District Board Values and Practices; d) A0107 Board Members’ Obligation and Attendance; f) A0113 Duties of Officers of Board; and g) A0114 and A0114P District Board Meetings (policy and procedure).

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion Bosshard, second Buss, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Minutes to the January 16, 2018 District Board meeting; B. Financial reports for January 2018 which include: A) Schedule of Payments; B) Vendors Over $2500; C) General Revenue/Expense Report; C. BIS FY2018 Quarter 3 Contract Report; and D) Personnel – 1) Notice of Employment – a) Janel Crawford, Nursing Instructor, Health & Public Safety Division, Academic Affairs; b) Kurt Hulett, Custodian, Physical Plant, Finance and Operations; 2) Notice of Retirement: a) Barbara Fischer, Graphic Design Instructor, Business Division; b) Kristina Stellpflug, Disability Services Specialist, Student Service and Engagement; c) Terre Armstrong, Financial Aid Technician, Student Service and Engagement; 4) Notice of Resignation - a) Celestine Kemah, Director Institutional Research, Planning and Organizational Excellence; and b) Andrew Rybolt, Instructor Mathematics, General Studies, Academic Affairs; E) College Policies – 1) Second Reading and Adoption: c) A0101 Name and Legal Status; e) A0110 and A0110P(A) and A0110P(B) Board Member Development (policy
and procedures; h) A0117 and A0117P Release of Public Records and Property (policy and procedure); i) A0118 Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) Districts; j) A0124 Borrowing of Equipment and Supplies by Board Members – Discontinue; k) A0125 Board Procurement; l) A0202 Code of Ethics for President; m) A0206 Emergency Closing; F) Project Submission and Acceptance FY2018 – 1) WTCS Captioning Leadership Grants. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors Over $2500 Report, 1. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Dr. Stanford highlighted the recently held meetings, tours and news/media coverage, provided several reminders for upcoming events, reflected upon today’s Culture of Accountability training, and reminded Board members of holiday dinner scheduled for this evening. Brief Achieve the Dream, engineering pathway with Viterbo University and enrollment updates were provided.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT
Ms. Lawrence shared highlights from the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC on February 11-14 during which Project Proven was a focus. Student will present to District Board in March. She thanked Wade Hackbarth and Rande Daykin for attending the conference. Brief updates from the January District Boards Association were shared. A reminder of the upcoming Board Appointment Committee meeting was provided.

DISTRICT BOARD PLANNING, POLICY AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT
Ms. Buss reported that the Planning, Policy & Instruction committee was provided an update on the RLC Community Panels that were held, as well as course completion and foundation updates.

DISTRICT BOARD BUDGET AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
The Budget & Facilities committee discussed the 2018 budget parameters, were informed of the most recent comprehension review, heard customer relationship management and facilities updates, as well as discussed financial reports 2017-18.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION
Motion Treu, second Peterson that the Western Technical College District Board approve the purchase of 528 Eighth Street North, La Crosse, WI property as outlined and submit same to the WTCS Board for approval at its March 20-21, 2018 meeting. Roll call: Bosshard, yes; Buss, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes; Greendeer-Rave, yes; Treu, yes; Lawrence, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
5:21 pm: Motion Buss, second Laehn, that with no further business to come before the Western Technical College District Board, the meeting be adjourned. Votes: Ayes 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Daniel P. Hanson
District Board Secretary
Resolution of Commendation

Denise Vujnovich

Whereas, Denise Vujnovich, Vice President of Special Projects, will retire on March 15, 2018, after completing 30 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, started at Western as the Student Financial Aid Manager in 1987 and since that time has served as the Advancement Manager, Enrollment Services Director, Vice President of Student Development and Success, and finally as Vice President of Special Projects; and

Whereas, in each role she has been a leader with great compassion, wisdom, and integrity; and

Whereas, Denise has been a champion of diversity and inclusion efforts, advocating for the first Diversity Team, the Multicultural Center, and a new position that includes “diversity” in the title; and

Whereas, she has worked diligently to establish a strong emergency management system at Western that is a model for other colleges; and

Whereas, above all, Denise is student focused in all of her decisions and ensures that their perspective is part of the conversation; and

Whereas, she stands up for her team and is a mentor who is readily available to her colleagues and staff; and

Whereas, Denise knows how to work a plan and is steadfast in the tasks and details, which has been a tremendous asset in assuring that Western is meeting the requirements of our accrediting agencies; and

Whereas, she has strong connections with the community and our higher education partners, particularly in her efforts with La Crosse Promise and her commitment to helping those in poverty; and

Whereas, Denise has been with Western through three decades, three presidents, three name changes and three referendums; and

Whereas, her institutional knowledge, her genuine care of others, her quiet, sly sense of humor, and her Halloween costumes 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 Denise Vujnovich 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 Denise many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.