

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 13, 2025

Mr. Bagstad, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 2:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Western Technical College, Admin. Center, 111 7th St N, Rm 408. La Crosse, WI. Board members present: R. Alderson, L. Bagstad, C. Doering III (arrived 2:42 pm) M. Greendeer-Rave, K. Hennessey, A. Lawrence, K. Peterson, M. Wolf, and R. Stanford, President. Excused: M. Skarlupka

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on May 8, 1:17 p.m., and the agenda was 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 19.81-19.98.

Others present were J. Pintz, W. Hackbarth, R. Hopkins, A. Thornton, J. Heath, C. Heit, D. Hether, L. Wallace, K. Dean, I. Mezera, J. Lemon, E. Jacobson, M. Krogman (Western employees), S. Landrath (student), and J. Felton (future board member).

Motion Lawrence, seconded by Wolf, to approve the resolution of commendation, Rebecca Banasik. Votes: 8 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstain. Motion carried. **Attachment: A**

The board members heard an update from the new Student Ambassador, updates on Grants, and K-12 activities. No action was taken.

Motion Peterson, seconded by Alderson, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes – a. April 18, 2025, District Board Regular Meeting. 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-Apr 2025; b. Capital Projects-Apr 2025. 2. Project Submissions – a. FY2026 WTCS State Leadership Grants. Votes: Ayes, 7, Opposed 0, Abstain 1. Motion carried.

Motion Peterson, second Wolf to approve: 1. New Program Development-Concept Approval, Technical Diploma – Clinical Medical Assistant 2. Fees and Rates Schedule. Votes: Ayes, 7, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Roll call approval: Motion Peterson and seconded by Greendeer-Rave to approve: 1. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale not to exceed \$1,940,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025E, of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin. Doering, Y; Greendeer-Rave, Y; Peterson, Y; Alderson, Y; Hennessey, Y; Lawrence, Y; Bagstad, Y; Wolf, Y.

President's Report: President Stanford shared information about the New Faculty Experience (3-yr program), La Crosse PD, and they have asked him to speak at their annual celebration; he is grateful for the relationship with the chief and the entire police department. We are honored to be able to help their department and help them train their officers. GED/HSED Graduation is May 15; attendance is encouraged. Western participated in the Build Your Future Event held at the Omni Center a couple of weeks ago. He shared about some recent tours and the donation to the Apprenticeship Center by Xcel Energy. We have a group of students and instructors currently doing an exchange in France with the group we worked with last year. A few updates for future meetings; June; will start a little later than normal and a dinner at Ciatti's will follow the meeting (celebrating Angie's years of service); July 14 (2nd Monday) Organizational meeting; August will be in conjunction with the Wanek Center of Innovation Grand Opening, board training and legal update; September we will coincide with the Student Success Center Open House; and October will be at the Automotive Center and will include a tour of the new space. He asked Thornton to share information on the Restorative Practices training we are doing in conjunction with the YWCA.

District Board Chairperson's report: Chairperson Bagstad shared an update on the District Boards Association. The leadership group has been finalized, Diane will continue to serve as the executive director, her contract is up in June, and they do not foresee any changes. They are working on ways to provide additional educational opportunities for board members, which can be included in their meetings; they are looking for ways to encourage more opportunities for people to attend DBA meetings, including virtual options for those currently working and not retired. Bagstad was asked to be a part of a WTCS video to promote being on the local boards.

3:10 p.m. Motion Wolf, seconded by Peterson, to move into closed session. No action to be taken, and adjourn upon completion. Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 3:58 p.m.


Ken Peterson, District Board Secretary



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Resolution of Commendation to **Becky Banasik**

Whereas, Becky Banasik, College Connections and Experience Associate, will retire from Western Technical College this month, after completing an astounding 47 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, throughout her career, Becky has exemplified what it means to be a team player and servant leader—always willing to step in, offer a hand, or go the extra mile for students, families, and colleagues alike; and

Whereas, Becky's positivity and can-do spirit have been a guiding light within the College community, uplifting those around her and turning even the most difficult days into manageable, and often joyful, moments; and

Whereas, Becky's contagious laughter, radiant smile, and heartfelt presence have brought a special kind of energy to every hallway, office, and interaction—creating a sense of belonging and genuine connection for all who had the pleasure to know her; and

Whereas, Becky has fostered friendships that go far beyond the workplace, making each person she encountered feel seen, heard, and deeply valued, forming bonds rooted in kindness, empathy, and mutual respect; and

Whereas, Becky has made work more than just work—she has made it fun, she has made it meaningful, and she has made it better for everyone lucky enough to share in her journey; and

Whereas, Becky's retirement marks the end of an era at Western Technical College, and while we celebrate this new chapter in her life, we recognize that her presence, her spirit, and her daily doses of encouragement (and candy) will be deeply missed; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Becky Banasik 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 Becky many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

Lance Bagstad, Chair