

# WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Mr. Hennessey, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, February 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, K. Hennessey, K. Peterson, M. Skarlupka, M. Wolf, and Roger Standford, President. Excused: M. Greendeer-Rave.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on February 12, 2026, at 12:36 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, A. Martin, B. Pagor, J. Heath, J. Lemon, J. Gamer, T. Dryden, J. Jimenez, M. Hoffman, E. Nesius, K. Sorvaag, P. Berg, S. Fulton, J. Zimprich, M. Kiel, G. Vang, L. Hawkins, and K. Reyburn. (Western employees).

Motion by Skarlupka and seconded by Peterson to approve the resolutions of commendations for: 1. Sheryl Ambor, Admin Asst. Academic Affairs; 2. Tina Allen, Application, & Graduate Assoc, Student Srvc & Engagement; 3. Roger Parent, Custodian, Finance, Operations, and Wkfc. Dev. Motion approved. 8/0/0. (attachments a, b, c)

Presentations included information on The Leadership Approach by their team; Martin and Pagor shared an update on Business and Industry Services; Dryden gave an update on the strategic plan; and Gamer shared an update on artificial intelligence. No action taken.

Doering and Heath shared an update on the Presidential Search team. Chair Hennessey shared that he was asked that the search team add a representative from a local non-profit, Majel Hein of Coulee Cap. After discussion, Hennessey motioned, and Wolf seconded, that Majel join the team. Before the vote, the motion was amended by Hennessey and seconded by Skarlupka that if Hein declines, Executive Director Hetti Brown be asked to join the team. Motion carried. 8/0/0.

Remove from Consent agenda: Policy: it was approved for first read on Dec.16, 2025, and second read on Jan. 20, 2026.

Motion Wolf seconded by Peterson, that the Board approves the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes: a. Jan 20, 2026, District Board Reg Meeting, 2. Vendors Over \$2,500-Jan 2026, b. Capital Projects Reports-Jan 2026, c. General Revenue/Expense Report-Jan 2026, d. Dept Budget Sum-Jan 2026, e. Enterprise Srvc Sum-Jan 2026. Motion carried. 8/0/0.

Motion, Skarlupka, seconded by Doering, to Adopt 2024-2025 Business and Industry Contract Training Motion carried. 8/0/0.

Roll Call: Motion Wolf and seconded by Peterson, that the board approve the following item: 1) Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of \$6,990,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A, of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin; R. Alderson, Y; J. Dillin, Y; C. Doering, Y; J. Felton, Y; K. Hennessey, Y; K. Peterson, Y; M. Skarlupka, Y; M. Wolf, Y. Motion carried. 8/0/0.

Roll Call: Motion by Peterson and seconded by Skarlupka that the board approve the following item: 2) Resolution Authorizing The Redemption Of Certain Of The General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017f, Dated December 28, 2017(attachment). R. Alderson, Y; J. Dillin, Y; C. Doering, Y; J. Felton, Y; K. Hennessey, Y; K. Peterson, Y; M. Skarlupka Y; M. Wolf, Y. Motion carried. 8/0/0. (attachment d)

President's Report: Several strong reports were presented. Heath shared that Western received Gallagher's Best in Class award, recognizing sustained improvements in employee benefits, and the positive Q12 results. Thornton reviewed key findings from the Basic Needs Data report, noting that hundreds of students are supported each term with internal and external resources. A new partnership with Neighborhood Family Clinics has made a significant impact on students. Hundreds of students have used this service in just a few short months, reaching students not only in La Crosse but across the district. Western will host the WTCS State Board meeting on July 14–15, 2026, at the Lunda Center and Radisson Hotel La Crosse, following the District Board Meeting on July 13, 2026. At the dinner on July 14, a local business will be recognized with a Future Maker Award. He also shared an update on upcoming travel.

District Board Chairperson's report: ACCT Legislative Summit update from J. Lemon and M. Wolf on their trip to Washington DC where they met with several of our elected officials. Both sides of the aisle support the Technical College System. Economic Interest reminder and Plus Delta feedback, if you have any.

5:03 p.m. Motion Peterson seconded by Skarlupka to adjourn. Motion carried. 8/0/0



Ken Peterson, Secretary  
*Figure 1*Signature of Ken  
Peterson



# Western Technical College

## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Tina Allen**

*Whereas*, Tina Allen, Application & Graduate Associate, will retired from Western Technical College on January 16, 2026, after over 29 years of dedicated service to the College and the Western Technical College District; and

*Whereas*, Tina supported students throughout their journey from initial application through graduation; and

*Whereas*, Tina worked with a wide range of students and consistently demonstrated commitment to accuracy, reliability, and service over the course of her long career; and

*Whereas*, Tina's quiet dedication and predictable professionalism made her a trusted colleague and a familiar, reassuring face to students and co-workers across the College; and

*Whereas*, through her long tenure and consistent service, Tina provided a sense of continuity and institutional knowledge that supported both student success and the daily operations of the College; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the Western Technical College District Board expresses its sincere appreciation and special commendation to **Tina Allen** for her 29 years of dedicated service and commitment to Western; and be it

*Resolved*, that the Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students extend their warmest wishes to Tina for a well-earned and fulfilling retirement.

**Western**  
**Technical College**

Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

Kevin Hennessey, Board Chair



# Western Technical College

## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Sheryl Amborn**

**Whereas**, Sheryl Amborn, Business Division Administrative Assistant, will retire from Western Technical College on February 16, 2026, after 27 years of dedicated service to the College and the Western Technical College District; and

**Whereas**, Sheryl served as a steady, thoughtful presence within the Business Division, demonstrating a deep understanding of both people and processes and a calm, measured approach to navigating complex or unclear situations; and

**Whereas**, Sheryl built strong relationships across the College, considering how decisions affected others beyond her immediate area and generously sharing her time, knowledge, and institutional insight; and

**Whereas**, Sheryl provided invaluable support to colleagues, particularly those new to the College, offering context, guidance, and quiet mentorship that helped others find their footing to succeed; and

**Whereas**, Sheryl consistently showed up prepared, professional, and grounded, creating a sense of stability and trust that shaped the Business Division more than many realize and will be deeply missed; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Western Technical College District Board expresses its sincere appreciation and special commendation to Sheryl Amborn for her years of dedicated service and meaningful contributions to Western; and be it

**Resolved**, that the Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students extend their warmest wishes to Sheryl for a fulfilling and well-earned retirement and the next chapter ahead.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

Kevin Hennessey, Board Chair

Adopted, approved, and recorded by the Western Technical College District Board on February 17, 2026



# Western Technical College

## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Roger Parent**

**Whereas**, Roger Parent, our Custodian, will retire from Western Technical College on March 2, 2026, after 34 years of dedicated service to the College and the Western Technical College District; and

**Whereas**, Roger is known as a take-charge, get-it-done co-worker who consistently saw work through from start to finish, breaking complex tasks into manageable steps and completing them efficiently and thoroughly; and

**Whereas**, Roger valued doing the job right the first time, approaching his work with a no-nonsense mindset, strong work ethic, and pride in seeing every task completed perfectly and properly; and

**Whereas**, Roger demonstrated exceptional skill as an equipment operator, safely and reliably managing snow removal operations and training new employees, while earning the trust and confidence of his team; and

**Whereas**, Roger could always be relied upon to step in and assist others when needed, leading through action and collaboration; and

**Whereas**, Roger's steady presence, willingness to help, and can-do attitude — along with his well-known response of "That's what you pay me for, boss"—made him a respected, well-loved, and appreciated member of the Western community; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Western Technical College District Board expresses its sincere appreciation and special commendation to Roger Parent for his more than three decades of dependable service and meaningful contributions to Western; and be it

**Resolved**, that the Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students extend their warmest wishes to Roger for a well-earned retirement filled with rest, satisfaction, and the next phase of life beyond snowplows and early mornings.

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**Technical College**

Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

Kevin Hennessey, Board Chair

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN OF THE  
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2017F,  
DATED DECEMBER 28, 2017

WHEREAS, the Western Technical College District, Wisconsin (the "District") has outstanding its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017F, dated December 28, 2017 (the "Bonds");

WHEREAS, the District Board has determined that it is necessary and desirable to call a \$2,435,000 portion of the 2032 maturity and a \$1,885,000 portion of the 2033 maturity of the Bonds for redemption on April 1, 2026 with funds of the District on hand;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the District Board of the District, that a \$2,435,000 portion of the 2032 maturity and a \$1,885,000 portion of the 2033 maturity of the Bonds are called for prior payment on April 1, 2026 at the price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

The District hereby directs the Secretary to work with U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association to cause timely notice of redemption, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Notice"), to be provided at the times, to the parties and in the manner set forth on the Notice. Further, the Secretary shall cause the funds necessary to redeem the Bonds to be provided to The Depository Trust Company.

Adopted, approved and recorded February 17, 2026.

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Kevin Hennessey  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Ken Peterson  
Secretary



EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PARTIAL CALL\*

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT, WISCONSIN  
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2017F  
DATED DECEMBER 28, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bonds of the above-referenced issue which mature on the dates and in the amounts; bear interest at the rates; and have CUSIP Nos. as set forth below have been called for prior payment on April 1, 2026 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of prepayment:

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CUSIP No.</u>
04/01/2032	\$2,435,000**	3.00%	95988MDN4
04/01/2033	1,885,000**	3.00	95988MDP9

Upon presentation and surrender of said Bonds to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association, the registrar and fiscal agent for said Bonds, the registered owners thereof will be paid the principal amount of the Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of prepayment.

Said Bonds will cease to bear interest on April 1, 2026.

By Order of the  
District Board  
Western Technical College District  
Secretary

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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\* To be provided to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association at least thirty-five (35) days prior to April 1, 2026. The registrar and fiscal agent shall be directed to give notice of such prepayment by registered or certified mail, overnight express delivery, facsimile transmission, electronic transmission or in any other manner required by The Depository Trust Company, to The Depository Trust Company, Attn: Supervisor, Call Notification Department, 570 Washington Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07310, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to April 1, 2026 and to the MSRB electronically through the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) System website at [www.emma.msrb.org](http://www.emma.msrb.org).

\*\*Represents a portion of the principal amount outstanding of this maturity.