

Western Technical College District Board

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 20, 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, January 20, 2026, at Western Technical College, Administrative Center, 111 7th St, Rm 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: J. Dillin (member-elect/non-voting), C. Doering III, J. Felton, M. Greendeer-Rave, K. Hennessey, K. Peterson, M Skarlupka, M. Wolf, and A. Thornton on behalf of Roger Stanford, President. Excused: R. Alderson.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on January 16, 2026, at 9:39 a.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 M. Leske, A. Thornton, G. McCurdy, J. Kettner-Sieber, J. Heath, E. Nesius, B. Shane, K. Reburn, R. Hopkins, J. Lemon, K. Reburn, and C. Heit (Western employees), R. Wanek, T. Wanek, W. Koslo.

Presentation on workforce needs by K. Hennessey, R. Wanek, and T. Wanek; McCurdy and Hennessey then reported on the Amended 2026 Capital Borrowing Plan; and Heath and Doering provided an update on the Presidential Search. No action taken.

Motion Peterson, seconded by Greendeer-Rave, that the Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes: a) Dec 16, 2025, District Board Regular Meeting, 2. Financial Reports: a) Vendors over \$2,500 – Dec 2025, b) Capital Projects Reports – Dec 2025, c) General Revenue/Expense Report – Dec 2025, d) Department Budget Summary – Dec 2025, and e) Enterprise Services Summary – Dec 2025. 3. Policies: a) F)305 Free Speech and Public Assembly – First Reading.

Roll Call: Motion Greendeer-Rave, seconded by Skarlupka, to approve 1. Adoption of the Amended 2026 Capital Borrowing Plan. Roll Call R. C. Doering, Y; J. Felton, Y; M. Greendeer-Rave, Y; K. Hennessey, Y; K. Peterson, Y; M. Skarlupka, Y; M. Wolf, Y. Motion carried 7/0/0.

President's Report: A. Thornton on behalf of Roger Stanford, President: Enrollment, college day, and professional development updates demonstrate institutional momentum and alignment with strategic priorities. Western's District Board presence at the upcoming Achieving the Dream conference reflects the College's continued commitment to advancing student success.

District Board Chairperson's report: The District Board Association Virtual meeting is on January 30. The Presidential search committee is working with Thornton to identify faculty, staff, and student members.

3:56 p.m. Motion Greendeer-Rave, and seconded by Doering, to adjourn. Motion carried 7/0/0.



Ken Peterson, Secretary