

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Organizational Meeting
July 14, 2025

Mr. Bagstad, District Board Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 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 at 3:07 p.m.), J. Felton, M. Greendeer-Rave (arrived at 3:54 p.m.), K. Peterson, M. Skarlupka, and R. Stanford, President. Excused: M. Wolf, K. Hennessey

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on July 10, 1:39 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 W. Hackbarth, R. Hopkins, A. Thornton, J. Heath, K. Dean, J. Gamer, S. Peters, D. Jobe, K. Reyburn, L. Nguyen, G. Vang, J. Jimenez, C. Newman, L. Knox, M. Poellinger, M. Stewart; D. Nybo (Western employees).

Oath of Office: Bagstad administered the oath of office to the newly appointed member, Janie Felton, and reappointed members Michelle Greendeer Rave (*arrived at 3:54 pm; oath of office given after presentations, before President's update*) and Keneth Peterson, who were appointed to serve 3-year terms beginning July 1, 2025,- June 30, 2028. Signatures were obtained from Board members affirming their understanding and compliance with Policy A0106, the Oath of Office, and the Code of Ethics for the District Board.

Peterson motioned, and Skarlupka seconded, that the Chairperson (Bagstad), Vice Chairperson (Hennessey), Treasurer (Doering), and Secretary (Peterson) remain the same as last year. Motion carried. 5/0/0.

Committee assignments are as follows: subcommittees: Budget and Facilities, Doering (chair), Peterson, Hennessey, and Greendeer-Rave; Policy, Skarlupka (chair), Alderson, and Felton. District Boards Association (DBA) designee is Bagstad, and Peterson will serve on the DBA By-laws committee.

Motion Peterson, seconded by Alderson, to approve the resolution of commendation for D. Kaiser and P. Mack. Motion carried 6/0/0.

Presentations included updates from Heath and S. Peters on the WDLI program, as well as congratulations to our 2025 graduates. Hopkins introduced C. Newman and L. Knox, who provided an update on the France Exchange Program. Hopkins introduced M. Poellinger and M. Stewart to share highlights of the HVAC program.

President Stanford shared goals for the upcoming year. No action was taken.

Motion Skarlupka, seconded by Doering, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes – a. June 17, 2025, Public Hearing & Regular Meeting; 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2500-June 2025, b. Capital Projects Report, June 2025. 3. Policies (second read) a. A0119p (2nd read). Motion carried 7/0/0.

Motion Peterson, seconded by Alderson, that the Western Technical College District Board approve: Designation of the following: Official Newspaper, Attorney's, Public Financial Advisor, Public Depositories, Dates, Locations, and Times of the 2025-26 Meetings. Motion carried. 7/0/0

Roll Call Approval: Motion Peterson seconded by Skarlupka for the DBA Association Fees: R. Alderson, Y; L. Bagstad, Y; C. Doering III, Y; J. Felton, Y; M. Greendeer-Rave, Y; K. Peterson, Y; M. Skarlupka, Y Motion Carried 7/0/0 – two absences.

Roll Call Approval: Motion Peterson, seconded by Greendeer-Rave, for President's Contract Term Extension: R. Alderson, Y; L. Bagstad, Y; C. Doering III, Y; J. Felton, Y; M. Greendeer-Rave, Y; K. Peterson, Y; M. Skarlupka, Y Motion Carried 7/0/0. – two absences.

President Stanford welcomed J. Felton. DBA Awards, Western will be submitting a nomination. With all the things that are going on at the Federal level, we are working to stay connected on the changing landscape. August board meeting – The board's meeting will feature guests working on Boardsmanship and an attorney update. The September meeting will be held in the newly remodeled

District Board Chairperson's report: The group discussed an annual calendar. Bagstad shared information about Pell and about some of the federal legislative changes that affect our students. The state budget fell short of the WTCS's request for the technical college system. DBA will have a change of officers later this month, and all 16 colleges will be resigning this year.

4:52 pm Motion Peterson, seconded by Skarlupka, that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Motion carried. 7/0/0

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Peterson", written over a horizontal line.

Ken Peterson, District Board Secretary