

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 21, 2025

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, October 16, 2025, at Western Technical College, Automotive Center, 2721 Larson St, Rm 139, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: R. Alderson, C. Doering III (joined at 3:45 p.m.), J. Felton, M. Greendeer-Rave, K. Hennessey, K. Peterson, M. Skarlupka, M. Wolf, and R. Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on October 17, 11:16 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 J. Pintz, W. Hackbarth, R. Hopkins, A. Thornton, J. Lemon, C. Heit, J. Heath, M. Poellinger, B. Shane, E. Nesius, L. Wallace, and J. Gamer. (Western employees).

The group started with a tour of the newly remodeled Automotive Center, led by Dean, M. Poellinger.

Hennessey opened nominations for chairperson. Skarlupka nominated Hennessey, seconded by Greendeer-Rave, and asked three times for any other nominations. Motion carried. 6/0/0.

Peterson was nominated by Greendeer-Rave for the position of Vice Chair. Peterson nominated Skarlupka for Vice-Chair, Peterson declined the nomination, and Skarlupka accepted the nomination. Asked three times for other nominations. Motion carried. 6/0/0

Skarlupka assigned as the DBA Designee.

Presentations of the Key Results were presented by W. Hackbarth and B. Shane; a Review of the 2025FY Operating Financial Results by W. Hackbarth and C. Heit; and Referendum Polling information from A. Thornton and J. Lemon. No action taken.

Motion Skarlupka seconded by Alderson that the Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes – a. Sept. 16, 2025, District Board Meeting. 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$50K 2025FY, b. Dept Budget. Sum. 2025FY, c. Enterprise Serv. Summary 2025FY, d. Vendors over \$2,500-Sept 2025; e. Capital Projects-Sept 2025, f. General Rev. Exp. Aug 2025, g. Dept Budget. Sum Aug 2025, h. Enterprise Serv. Summary. Aug. 2025. 3: Policies. a. E0204 Waiting List Program. 4. Project Submission: a. WTCS State Ldrshp. Grant Fun OER Resource Grant, b. WTCS State Grant Funding Apprenticeship. Motion carried. 8/0/0

Monthly Approvals: Motion Greendeer seconded by Skarlupka. Resolution Designating Positions as Assistant Associate, or Deputy District Director for Wisconsin's Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Employees Annual Review of Procurements Report, e. New Program Approval – IT Service Desk Technician Apprenticeship. Motion carried. 8/0/0

Roll Call: Motion Wolf seconded by Greendeer-Rave that the board approve the following item: a. Authorize the Tax Levy for the 2025-26 Budget. b. Approve the Resolution to Adopt Changes to the 2024-25 Budget. Roll Call R. Alderson, Y; C. Doering III, Y; J. Felton, Y; M. Greendeer-Rave, Y; K. Hennessey, Y; K. Peterson, Y; M. Skarlupka, Y; M. Wolf, Y. Motion carried.

President's Report: Open House, Wanek Center – over 1,000 Youth have already gone through the center (400 alone at an 8th-grade event). Chamber event Public Safety Event 10/20, Kevin Dean, - November 13 – Business after 5 La Crosse Chamber. Reminder at Legal Issues Conference - don't text college business on personal devices. Board Appointment on November 10. Kwik Trip CEO visited today.

District Board Chairperson's report: Anything for Delta Plus, please complete the form. Thank you to Megan for taking on the DBA role.

4:26 p.m. Skarlupka and Wolf to move into closed session. Roll Call R. Alderson, Y; C. Doering III, Y; J. Felton, Y; M. Greendeer-Rave, Y; K. Hennessey, Y; K. Peterson, Y; M. Skarlupka, Y; M. Wolf, Y. Motion carried.

5:12 p.m. Motion Hennessey, seconded by Skarlupka, to move to open session to accept the retirement notification of Dr. Stanford. Greendeer opposed. Motion carried. 7/1/0

5:13 p.m. Motion Alderson seconded Felton to adjourn.



Ken Peterson, Secretary