



## District Board Meeting | MINUTES



BELOIT-JANESVILLE CAMPUS  
District Board Room – 2613  
6004 S County Rd G, Janesville, WI 53546



December 18, 2024



5-7 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

**District Board Members Present:** Eric Thornton, Chairperson; Barbara Barrington-Tillman, Vice-Chairperson; Kathy Sukus, Treasurer; Rachel Andres (5:11 p.m.); Rob Hendrickson (5:27 p.m.); Mark Holzman; Suzann Holland; and Dave Marshick.

**District Board Members Absent:** Rich Deprez, Secretary.

**Staff:** Julie Barreau, Kathy Broske, Dan Harrigan, Cassie Hartje, Tony Landowski, Jim Nemeth, Liz Paulsen, Dr. Tracy Pierner, Dr. Karen Schmitt, Dr. Jon Tysse, Kathi Winker.

**Student Representative:** Rebecca Barnett.

**Guests:** None.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Thornton called the Blackhawk Technical College District Board meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and called for Public Comments. Dan Harrigan commented on pay raises for faculty and red circled faculty.

### SPECIAL REPORTS

Chairperson Thornton called for Special Reports.

- a. Chairperson Thornton recognized retirees Danielle LaReau, Sue Potter, and Kathi Winker for their service at the College.
- b. Rebecca Barnett provided the District Board members with a student activity report.
- c. Dr. Pierner reviewed a letter of appreciation from a former student to an instructor.
- d. Dr. Jon Tysse presented the Blackhawk Technical College District Population, High School Graduation, and Matriculation to the District Board members.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Thornton called for the Consent Agenda. Ms. Barrington-Tillman moved, and Mr. Marshick seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items a - d. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

- a. Draft November 20, 2024, District Board Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b. Current Bills for November 30, 2024, include starting check #00303298 and ending check #00303510, totaling \$4,512,916.57 for the month.
- c. Training Contracts: The number served is 240 for an actual contract amount of \$80,092.
- d. Confirmation of Instructional Employment Contract issued to Angel Rees, Nursing Instructor.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. The Finance Committee did meet on December 18, 2024. Chairperson Barrington-Tillman provided a brief overview of the Finance Committee meeting.



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### ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Thornton called for Action Items.

- a. No Action Items.

### Finance Committee Action Items

- a. The auditor presented the Fiscal Year 2023-24 audit report. The Finance Committee recommends approval to the District Board.

It was moved by Ms. Sukus and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audit Report presented by Wipfli, LLC Eau Claire. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0.**  
**The motion carried.**

### POLICY REVIEW

Chairperson Thornton called for Policy Review.

The following policies were reviewed with the District Board members: (a – m) B-245, B-335, B-337, B-340, B-400, B-480, B-500, D-200, D-370, J-210, J-650, J-810, J-825.

It was moved by Ms. Andres and seconded by Ms. Sukus to approve policies (a – m) B-245, B-335, B-337, B-340, B-400, B-480, B-500, D-200, D-370, J-210, J-650, J-810, J-825. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

### INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a. Jim Nemeth reviewed the November Financial Statement with the District Board members.
- b. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented his monthly report to the District Board members.
- c. Staff Changes consisting of new hires, new positions, resignations, and retirements were reviewed.

### WTCS CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Chairperson Thornton Called for WTCS Consortium updates. There were none.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Thornton Called for Future Agenda items. January 15, 2025, District Board agenda: District Boards Association (DBA) Membership Discussion.

### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Andres moved and was seconded by Mr. Marshick to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.  
**Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.**

Rich Deprez



Secretary