



District Board Meeting | MINUTES



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



April 16, 2025



5-7 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

District Board Members Present: Eric Thornton, Chairperson; Barbara Barrington-Tillman, Vice-Chairperson; Rich Deprez, Secretary; Rachel Andres; Rob Hendrickson; Suzann Holland; Mark Holzman.

District Board Members Absent: Kathy Sukus, Treasurer.

Staff: Julie Barreau, Kathy Broske, Elisa Colson, Tony Landowski, Jim Nemeth, Liz Paulsen, Dr. Tracy Pierner, Joel Schleusner; Carol Seichter, Dr. Karen Schmitt.

Student Representative: None.

Guests: Eric Greenawald, Diane Handrick, Dave Marshick.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called the Blackhawk Technical College District Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and called for Public Comments. There were none.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Special Reports.

- Elisa Colson shared the student activity report with the District Board members.
- Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman recognized Rubina Jan, Tina Jordan, Tony Landowski, and Carol Seichter for their years of service at the College.
- Diane Handrick, Executive Director of the District Boards Association (DBA), and Erin Greenawald (CVTC), DBA At-Large Board member, updated the District Board members on who and what the DBA is.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for the Consent Agenda. Mr. Deprez moved, and Ms. Holland seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items a-f. **Ayes: 7;**

Opposed: 0. The motion carried.

- Draft March 19, 2025, District Board Retreat Meeting Minutes.
- Draft March 19, 2025, District Board Meeting Minutes
- Current Bills for March 31, 2025, include starting check #00304737 and ending check #00304986, totaling \$12,942,584.86 for the month.
- Training Contracts: The number served is 96 for an actual contract amount of \$35,876.
- Grant awards for April 2025.
- Issue Annual Contracts to Faculty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Committee Reports. There were none.



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ACTION ITEMS

Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Action Items.

- a. Joel Schleusner, Administrative Chair, Business Division, reviewed the Associate of Applied Science in Office Management New Program Proposal with the District Board members.

It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Mr. Thornton to approve the Associate of Applied Science in Office Management New Program Proposal. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

POLICY REVIEW

Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Policy Review. There were none.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Information/Discussion Items.

- a. Jim Nemeth reviewed the March Financial Statement and Quarterly Report 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.
- d. District Boards Association Update: This agenda item was moved under Special Reports Item c.

WTCS CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for WTCS Consortium updates.

- e. Marketing Consortium: Dr. Tracy Pierner provided a Marketing Consortium update to the members.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Future Agenda items. There were none.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Mr. Holzman to adjourn to a closed session pursuant to Wis. Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

The roll was called. The following members voted affirmatively: Ms. Andres, Ms. Barrington-Tillman, Mr. Deprez, Mr. Hendrickson, Ms. Holland, Mr. Holzman, and Mr. Thornton. **All in favor. Motion Carried.**



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All staff members except Ms. Barreau, Kathy Broske, Dr. Tracy Pierner, and Dr. Karen Schmitt were excused from the closed session.

It was moved by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Deprez to adjourn the closed session at 7:02 p.m.

The roll was called. The following members voted affirmatively: Ms. Andres, Ms. Barrington-Tillman, Mr. Deprez, Mr. Hendrickson, Ms. Holland, Mr. Holzman, and Mr. Thornton. **All in favor. Motion Carried.**

Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called the meeting to order in open session at 7:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Holzman moved and was seconded by Mr. Thornton to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.
Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.

Rich Deprez,



Secretary