



District Board Meeting | MINUTES



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



May 21, 2025



5-7 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

District Board Members Present: Eric Thornton, Chairperson; Barbara Barrington-Tillman, Vice-Chairperson; Kathy Sukus, Treasurer; Rachel Andres; Mark Holzman.

District Board Members Absent: Rich Deprez, Secretary; Rob Hendrickson, Suzann Holland.

Staff: Julie Barreau, Mike Bennett, Kathy Broske, Dr. Katie Lange, Jim Nemeth, Liz Paulsen, Dr. Tracy Pierner, Dr. Karen Schmitt.

Student Representative: Rebecca Barnett.

Guests: Dave Marshick.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Thornton called the Blackhawk Technical College District Board meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and called for Public Comments. There were none.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Chairperson Thornton called for Special Reports.

- Rebecca Barnett shared the student activity report with the District Board members.
- Chairperson Thornton recognized Retiree Mike Bennett for their years of service at the College.
- This agenda item has been postponed until the June 18, 2025, District Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Thornton called for the Consent Agenda. Ms. Barrington-Tillman moved, and Ms. Andres seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items a-g. **Ayes: 5;**

Opposed: 0. The motion carried.

- Draft April 16, 2025, District Board Meeting Minutes.
- Current Bills for April 31, 2025, include starting check #00304960 and ending check #00305191, totaling \$2,931,522.25 for the month.
- Training Contracts: 221 contracts were served, with an actual contract amount of \$63,850.
- Annual Contract issued to Josh Garcia, Social Science Instructor – August 11, 2025.
- Annual Contract issued to Krisilda Lika, Mathematics Instructor – August 11, 2025.
- Annual Contract issued to Adam Thompson, EMS/Paramedic Instructor – August 11, 2025.
- Annual Contract issued to Brad Wildes, Electrical Apprentice Instructor – August 11, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Thornton called for Committee Reports.



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Finance Committee:

- a. The April 30, 2025, Finance Committee minutes were in the packet for review.

Personnel Committee:

- a. The Personnel Committee met before the May District Board meeting. Ms. Barrington-Tillman provided the District Board members with a brief overview of the Personnel Committee meeting held before the District Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Thornton called for Action Items.

- a. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Ms. Andres to approve the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 25-26 Budget for Presentation at a Public Hearing: Setting a Date for the Public Hearing for June 18, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. **Ayes: 5; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- b. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Ms. Andres to approve the Out-of-State Remission Tuition Report. **Ayes: 5; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- c. It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Ms. Barrington-Tillman to approve the contract award for the Public Safety and Transportation Complex (PSTC) Exterior Signage to JP Cullen & Sons for a bid of \$295,561. **Ayes: 5; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

Personnel Committee Action Items

- a. It was moved by Ms. Andres and seconded by Mr. Holzman to approve the transfer of funds to create a Health Insurance Reserve in the amount of \$968,155. **Ayes: 5; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

POLICY REVIEW

Chairperson Thornton called for Policy Review.

- a. Dr. Karen Schmitt reviewed Policy I-350 – Emeritus with the District Board members.

It was moved by Ms. Andres and seconded by Ms. Barrington-Tillman to approve Policy I-350 – Emeritus. **Ayes: 5; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Chairperson Thornton called for Information/Discussion Items.

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



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WTCS CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Chairperson Thornton called for WTCS Consortium updates.

- Dr. Pierner provided a District Boards Association (DBA) update.
- The Insurance Trust will resolve and transfer to District Mutual Insurance (DMI).
- Liz Paulsen provided an update on the Marketing Consortium.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Thornton called for Future Agenda items, and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Andres moved and was seconded by Mr. Holzman to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Ayes: 5; Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.

Rich Deprez,

Secretary