District Board Meeting | MINUTES

BELOIT-JANESVILLE CAMPUS
District Board Room – 1228
6004 S County Rd G, Janesville, WI 53546

September 17, 2025

5-7 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

District Board Members Present: Eric Thornton, Chairperson; Barbara Barrington-Tillman, Vice-Chairperson; Rich Deprez, Secretary; Suzann Holland, Treasurer; Rachel Andres (left 5:50 p.m.); Rob Hendrickson; Dave Marshick.

District Board Members Absent: Mark Holzman, Kathy Sukus.

Staff: Julie Barreau, Kathy Broske, Elisa Colson, Dr. Katie Lange, Jim Nemeth, Dr. Tracy Pierner, Dr. Karen Schmitt, Dr. Jon Tysse.

Student Representative: LaFonda Richardson.

Guests: Jordan Mascina, Robert W. Baird.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Thornton called the Blackhawk Technical College District Board meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. and called for Public Comments, and there were none.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Chairperson Thornton called for Special Reports.

a. LaFonda Richardson shared the student activity report with the District Board members.
b. Dr. Jon Tysse presented the Fall 2025 Enrollment Report.
c. Dr. Jon Tysse reviewed the 2024-25 Outcomes-Based Funding Report with 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: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

a. Draft July 14, 2025, District Board Meeting Minutes.
b. Draft August 20, 2025, District Board Meeting Minutes.
c. Current Bills for August 31, 2025, include starting check #00305995 and ending check #00306168, totaling $3,869,424.34 for the month.
d. Training Contracts: August: 89 contracts were served, with an actual contract amount of $49,243.25; September: 8 contracts were served, with an actual contract amount of $29,472.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Thornton called for Committee Reports.

Personnel Committee:

a. Mr. Deprez provided an overview of the Personnel Committee meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Thornton called for Action Items.

a. Jordan Masnica of Robert W. Baird reviewed the results from competitive bids for the sale of $1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025B.

   It was moved by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Ms. Barrington-Tillman to approve the Resolution Awarding the Sale of $1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025B of Blackhawk Technical College District, Wisconsin, to TD Securities at an interest rate of 3.0479%. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

   The roll was called. The following members voted affirmatively: Ms. Andres, Ms. Barrington-Tillman, Mr. Deprez, Mr. Hendrickson, Ms. Holland, Mr. Marshick, and Mr. Thornton. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

b. It was moved by Mr. Hendrickson and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the Resolution to Adjust District Reserves and Designated Fund Balances. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

c. It was moved by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Ms. Barrington-Tillman to approve the Modifications to the Fiscal Year 24-25 Budget. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

   The roll was called. The following members voted affirmatively: Ms. Barrington-Tillman, Mr. Deprez, Mr. Hendrickson, Ms. Holland, Mr. Marshick, and Mr. Thornton. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

d. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the Modifications to the Fiscal Year 25-26 Budget. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

   The roll was called. The following members voted affirmatively: Ms. Barrington-Tillman, Mr. Deprez, Mr. Hendrickson, Ms. Holland, Mr. Marshick, and Mr. Thornton. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

Personnel Committee Action Items

a. It was moved by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Ms. Barrington-Tillman to approve the transfer of funds of $1,436,000 to increase the Health Plan Premiums Budget. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

POLICY REVIEW

Chairperson Thornton called for Policy Review, and there were none.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Chairperson Thornton called for Information/Discussion Items.

a. Jim Nemeth reviewed the June and August Financial Statement Report with the District Board members.

b. Jim Nemeth provided information on solar panel installation from Greenlink Solar Solutions to the District Board members. District Board members are in favor of the solar panel installation.
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.

WTCS CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Chairperson Thornton called for WTCS Consortium updates.

a. The DBA will hold its board meeting on September 29, 2025.
c. A resolution will be forthcoming to dissolve the Insurance Trust and will need District Board approval.
d. The Marketing Consortium will be providing an updated proposal on its government structure.
f. The WTCEBC will have its tenth anniversary celebration in October.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Barrington-Tillman moved, and Mr. Hendrickson seconded the motion to adjourn to a closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) to conduct the President's Annual Review. The roll was called. The following members voted: Ms. Barrington-Tillman, yes; Mr. Deprez, yes; Mr. Hendrickson, yes; Ms. Holland, yes; Mr. Marshick, yes; and Mr. Thornton, yes. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

All staff were excused from the closed session. Dr. Tracy Pierner was asked to join the closed session, and after a discussion, Dr. Tracy Pierner was dismissed from the closed session.

It was moved by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Mr. Marshick to adjourn the closed session at 7:30 p.m. The roll was called. The following members voted: Ms. Barrington-Tillman, yes; Mr. Deprez, yes; Mr. Hendrickson, yes; Ms. Holland, yes; Mr. Marshick, yes; and Mr. Thornton, yes. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

Chairperson Thornton called the meeting to order in an open session at 7:31 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Marshick and seconded by Mr. Deprez to approve Dr. Tracy Pierner's Amended Contract for FY 2025-26 with an annual salary increase of 3.25% and a contract through June 30, 2028. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Marshick moved and was seconded by Mr. Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.**

Rich Deprez, Secretary