



Blackhawk Technical College District Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 18, 2026

Time: 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Location: Beloit-Janesville Campus, District Board Room 2607A
6004 S County Rd G, Janesville, WI 53546

Attendance

District Board Members Present: Eric Thornton, Chairperson; Barbara Barrington-Tillman, Vice-Chairperson; Suzann Holland, Treasurer; Rachel Andres; Rob Hendrickson; Mark Holzman; Dave Marshick; and Kathy Sukus. **District Board Members Absent:** Rich Deprez, Secretary.

Staff: Julie Barreau, Kathy Broske, Elisa Colson, Cassie Hartje (left at 6:02 pm), Dr. Katie Lange, Jim Nemeth, Dr. Tracy Pierner, Dr. Karen Schmitt, Dr. Jon Tysse.

Student Representative: LaFonda Richardson.

Guest(s): None.

Call to Order

Chairperson Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and called for public comments. There were none.

Special Reports

Chairperson Thornton called for Special Reports.

1. LaFonda Richardson provided a student activity report.
2. C. Hartje reviewed the BTC Foundation Gift Report with the District Board members.
3. Dr. Jon Tysse presented the Spring 2026 Enrollment and Fall 2025 Student Success report.
4. J. Nemeth reviewed the Annual Report of Tax Incremental Districts Located within the Blackhawk Technical College District to the District Board members.

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 - f. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0.**

The motion carried.

1. Draft December 17, 2025, District Board Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Current Bills for December 31, 2025, include starting check #00307901 and ending check #00308137, totaling \$3,254,891.45 for the month. Current Bills for January 31, 2026, include starting check #00308138 and ending check #00308349, totaling \$4,645,994.88 for the month.
3. Training Contracts for January: The number served is 97 for an actual contract amount of \$62,721. Training Contracts for February: 270 contracts served, with an actual contract amount of \$43,979.
4. Confirmation of Instructional Employment Contract issued to Travis Downing, EMS/Paramedic Instructor.
5. Confirmation of Instructional Employment Contract issued to Jessy Serda, Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Instructor.
6. Confirmation of Instructional Employment Contract issued to Bethanie Dodd, Nursing Instructor.

Committee Reports

Chairperson Thornton called for Committee Reports.

1. The Finance Committee's December 17, 2025, minutes were provided for review.



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Action Items

Chairperson Thornton called for Action Items.

1. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented the Resolution to Appoint Successor Trustees of the Post Employment Benefits Trust and the Trust Amendment.

It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Mr. Hendrickson to approve the Resolution to Appoint Successor Trustees of the Post Employment Benefits Trust and the Trust Amendment. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

Policy Review

Chairperson Thornton called for Policy Review; none was submitted.

Information / Discussion

Chairperson Thornton called for Information/Discussion Items.

1. Jim Nemeth reviewed the Quarterly Report and Financial Statement with the District Board members.
2. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented his monthly report to the District Board members. J. Nemeth provided an update on the construction projects.
3. Staff changes, including 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; none were provided.

Adjournment

Chairperson Thornton called for the adjournment of the February 18, 2026, District Board meeting.

Ms. Andres moved and was seconded by Mr. Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.

Rich Deprez,



Secretary