



Blackhawk Technical College

## Public Hearing and District Board Combined Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: June 17, 2026, from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

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

### PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 BUDGET – 4:30 – 5:00 P.M.

#### Attendance

**District Board Members Present:** Barbara Barrington-Tillman (Vice-Chairperson); Rich Deprez (Secretary); Mark Holzman; Dave Marshick; Kathy Sukus.

**Staff:** Julie Barreau; Kathy Broske; Caryn Davis; Cassie Hartje; Dr. Katie Lange; Jim Nemeth; Dr. Tracy Pierner; Dr. Karen Schmitt.

**Guest(s):** None.

Vice-Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called the Blackhawk Technical College District Board Public Hearing on the FY 2026-27 Budget to order at 4:30 p.m.

Jim Nemeth, Vice President for Finance and College Operations, presented the proposed FY 2026-27 Budget.

The District Board will be asked to adopt the proposed budget during the regular District Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

### REGULAR DISTRICT BOARD MEETING – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

#### Attendance

**District Board Members Present:** Eric Thornton (Chairperson); Barbara Barrington-Tillman (Vice-Chairperson); Rich Deprez (Secretary); Suzann Holland (Treasurer); Rob Hendrickson (Arrived 5:16); Mark Holzman; Dave Marshick; Kathy Sukus. **District Board Members Absent:** Rachel Andres.

**Staff:** Julie Barreau; Kathy Brokse; Cassie Hartje; Dr. Katie Lange; Jim Nemeth; Dr. Tracy Pierner; Dr. Karen Schmitt; Dr. Jon Tysse.

**Student Representative:** None.

**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. Chairperson Thornton recognized retirees Kevin Bold and Ron Garthwaite for their years of service at the College.
2. Chairperson Thornton and Dr. Tracy Pierner recognized outgoing District Board members Rachel Andres and Kathy Sukus.



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3. Dr. Jon Tysse presented the Spring Success Report and Summer Enrollment to the District Board members.
4. Dr. Katie Lange reviewed the Athletics Impact Report to the District Board members.

### Consent Agenda

Chairperson Thornton called for approval of the Consent Agenda items 1–3.

A motion to approve items 1–3 was made by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Ms. Barrington-Tillman. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

1. Draft May 20, 2026, District Board Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Current Bills for May 31, 2026, include starting check #00309791 and ending check #00309975, totaling \$3,848,435.49 for the month.
3. Training Contracts for June: The number served is 1933, estimated FTEs 166.98, for an actual contract amount of \$879,134.53.

### Committee Reports

Chairperson Thornton called for Committee Reports.

1. The May 20, 2026, Personnel Committee minutes were provided for information.

### Action Items

Chairperson Thornton called for Action Items.

1. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Deprez to approve the Adoption of the Resolution to Set Year-End District Reserves of Designated Fund Balances. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
2. It was moved by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Ms. Barrington-Tillman to approve the adoption of the FY 2026-27 Budget for the Blackhawk Technical College District. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

The roll was called. The following members voted: Ms. Barrington-Tillman, yes; Mr. Deprez, yes; Mr. Hendrickson, yes; Ms. Holland, yes; Mr. Holzman, yes; Mr. Marshick, yes; Ms. Sukus, yes; and Mr. Thornton, yes—**Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

3. It was moved by Mr. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Deprez to approve the modifications to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

The roll was called. The following members voted: Ms. Barrington-Tillman, yes; Mr. Deprez, yes; Mr. Hendrickson, yes; Ms. Holland, yes; Mr. Holzman, yes; Mr. Marshick, yes; Ms. Sukus, yes; and Mr. Thornton, yes—**Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

4. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Hendrickson to approve the Modifications to the Beloit College Peet Hall Leasing Agreement. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
5. It was moved by Ms. Holland and seconded by Mr. Holzman to approve the Three-Year Facilities Plan. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
6. It was moved by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Mr. Hendrickson to approve the Land Exchange, contingent on WTCS Approval. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**



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### Personnel Committee Action Items

- a. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Deprez to approve the Non-Represented Administrative Staff Hourly Wages for the Fiscal Year 2026-27. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- b. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the Non-Represented Administrative Staff Salaries for the Fiscal Year 2026-27. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- c. It was moved by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Mr. Hendrickson to approve the Part-Time Wages for the Fiscal Year 2026-27. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

### Policy Review

Chairperson Thornton called for Policy Review; there were none.

### Information / Discussion

Chairperson Thornton called for Information/Discussion items.

1. Jim Nemeth reviewed the May Financial Statement with the District Board members.
2. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented his monthly report to the District Board members.
3. Staff changes, including new hires, new positions, resignations, and retirements, were reviewed.

### WTCS Consortium Updates

Chairperson Thornton called for WTCS Consortium updates.

1. District Boards Association (DBA): Ms. Barrington-Tillman stated that there is a virtual meeting of the District Boards Association on Friday, June 19, 2026. They have had issues with meeting attendance and failing to reach quorum.

### Future Agenda Items

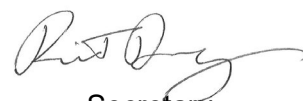
Chairperson Thornton called for Future Agenda items; there were none.

### Adjournment

Chairperson Thornton called for the adjournment of the June 17, 2026, District Board meeting.

Mr. Deprez moved and was seconded by Ms. Sukus to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. **Ayes: 8 Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.**

Rich Deprez,



Secretary