



Blackhawk Technical College

## **Annual and District Board Combined Meeting Minutes**

Date and Time: July 13, 2026, from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

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

### **ATTENDANCE – ANNUAL MEETING**

**District Board Members Present:** Eric Thornton (Chairperson); Barbara Barrington-Tillman (Vice-Chairperson); Rich Deprez (Secretary); Suzann Holland (Treasurer); Rob Hendrickson (arrived at 5:02 pm); Mark Holzman; Dave Marshick; Crystal Silva; Steve Townshend. **District Board Members Absent:** None.

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

**Guest(s):** None.

### **CALL TO ORDER – OATH OF OFFICE AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairperson Thornton called the Blackhawk Technical College District Board Annual Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Reappointed District Board member Barbara Barrington-Tillman and appointed District Board members Crystal Silva and Steve Townshend signed their oaths of office.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD**

- A. President Dr. Tracy Pierner temporarily chaired the District Board meeting and called for nominations for the Chairperson position for FY 2026-27. Mr. Marshick nominated Ms. Barrington-Tillman.

Following three (3) calls for nominations, it was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Mr. Thornton to close nominations for the office of Chairperson of the District Board for FY 2026-27 and to cast one (1) unanimous ballot for Ms. Barrington-Tillman for the office of Chairperson of the District Board for FY 2026-27.

**Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

- B. Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson of the District Board for FY 2026-27. Mr. Deprez nominated Mr. Thornton for the office of Vice Chairperson of the District Board for FY 2026-27.

Following three (3) calls for nominations, it was moved by Mr. Marshick and seconded by Mr. Deprez to close nominations and to cast one (1) unanimous ballot for Mr. Thornton for the office of Vice-Chairperson of the District Board for FY 2026-27. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

- C. Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for nominations for the office of Secretary of the District Board for FY 2026-27. Mr. Thornton nominated Mr. Deprez for the office of Secretary of the District Board for FY 2026-27.

Following three (3) calls for nominations, it was moved by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Holzman to close nominations and to cast one (1) unanimous



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ballot for Mr. Deprez for the office of Secretary of the District Board for FY 2026-27.

**Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

- D. Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for nominations for the office of Treasurer of the District Board for FY 2026-27. Mr. Thornton nominated Ms. Holland for the office of Treasurer of the District Board for FY 2026-27.

Following three (3) calls for nominations, it was moved by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Marshick to close the nominations and to cast one (1) unanimous ballot for Ms. Holland for the office of Treasurer of the District Board for FY 2026-27.

**Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

### ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Annual Meeting Business.

- A. It was moved by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Marshick to hold nine (9) regular monthly meetings (September, October, December, February, March, April, May, June, July) of the District Board on the third Wednesday of the month at the Beloit-Janesville Campus, of Blackhawk Technical College at 5:00 p.m. with the following two exceptions: the October 21, 2026 District Board meeting will be held at the Monroe Campus of Blackhawk Technical College and the Annual Organizational and District Board meeting will be held on July 12, 2027, at 5:00 p.m. at the Beloit-Janesville Campus of Blackhawk Technical College. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- B. It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Mr. Marshick to designate the Beloit Daily News as the official newspaper for the District for FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- C. The Naming of Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association (DBA) Delegate and Committee Representatives:
- a. It was noted that Ms. Barrington-Tillman would continue to serve as the District Board's voting delegate to the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association (DBA) for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

The following designations were made for the District Boards Association (DBA) committees:

- b. External Partnership Committee Representatives: none.
  - c. Internal Best Practices Committee Representative: none.
  - d. Bylaws, Policies & Procedures Committee Representative: none.
  - e. Awards Committee Representative: none.
- D. It was moved by Mr. Marshick and seconded by Mr. Deprez to approve the District Board Resolution designating the depositories in which District funds will be deposited and the individuals authorized to make transactions for FY 2026-27. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- E. It was moved by Mr. Marshick and seconded by Mr. Deprez to designate Quarles & Brady LLP, Milwaukee, for labor relations and general higher education legal issues, and Nowlan Law LLP, Janesville, for local legal issues regarding general land issues, local disputes, and contracts for FY 2026-27. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- F. It was noted that no action would be needed to designate an auditor for the Blackhawk Technical College District. Accordingly, in March 2025, the District Board



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awarded a three-year audit contract to Wipfli of Eau Claire for the fiscal years ending 2026, 2027, and 2028, with a two-year renewal for fiscal years ending 2029 and 2030.

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman reviewed and placed members on the following Finance and Personnel Committees:

- Finance Committee: Barb Barrington-Tillman, Chair; Rob Hendrickson; Dave Marshick; Eric Thornton; Steve Townshend.
- Personnel Committee: Rich Deprez; Suzann Holland; Mark Holzman; Crystal Silva; Eric Thorton.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Thornton moved, and Mr. Marshick seconded, to adjourn the annual meeting at 5:35 p.m. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

### **ATTENDANCE – DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

**District Board Members Present:** Barbara Barrington-Tillman (Chairperson); Eric Thornton (Vice-Chairperson); Rich Deprez (Secretary); Suzann Holland (Treasurer); Rob Hendrickson; Mark Holzman; Dave Marshick; Crystal Silva; Steve Townshend. **District Board Members Absent:** None.

**Staff:** Julie Barreau; Kathy Brokse; Peter Dettmer; Cassie Hartje; Dr. Katie Lange; Jim Nemeth; Dr. Tracy Pierner; Dr. Karen Schmitt; Dr. Jon Tysse (left at 6:30 pm).

**Student Representative:** None.

**Guest(s):** None.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and called for public comments. There were none.

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Special Reports.

1. Cassie Hartje reviewed the BTC Foundation Gift Report with the District Board members.
2. Dr. Tracy Pierner and Dr. Jon Tysse presented the Strategic Planning metrics to the District Board members.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for approval of the Consent Agenda items 1–7.

A motion to approve items 1–7 was made by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Ms. Holland.

**Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

1. Draft June 17, 2026, Public Hearing District Board combined meeting minutes.
2. Current Bills for June 30, 2026, include starting check #00309976 and ending check #00310311, totaling \$3,192,677.76 for the month.



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3. Training Contracts for July: The number served is 57, estimated FTEs 0.12, for an actual contract amount of \$16,396.
4. Acceptance of Grant Awards for July 2026
5. Confirmation of Annual Contract Issued to Jacob Anderson, Welding Instructor – August 17, 2026 – Action – Kathy Broske
6. Confirmation of Annual Contract Issued to Molly Sides, Communication Instructor – August 17, 2026 – Action – Kathy Broske
7. Confirmation of Annual Contract Issued to Megan Syverson, Fire Protection Technician Instructor – August 17, 2026 – Action – Kathy Broske

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Committee Reports. There are no reports.

### ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Action Items.

1. It was moved by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the Adoption of the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,000,000 General Promissory Notes, Series 2026A, of Blackhawk Technical College District, Wisconsin. **Ayes: 9; 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. Silva, yes; Mr. Thornton, yes; and Mr. Townshend, yes—**Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. Motion Carried.**

2. It was moved by Mr. Marshick and seconded by Mr. Hendrickson to approve Scot Forge as the nominee for the 2026 DBA Technical Education Champion (TECh) Award. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
3. It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Mr. Thornton to approve Tim Bremel, WCLO (Big Radio), as the nominee for the 2026 DBA Media Award. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
4. It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Mr. Thornton to approve the Concept Review for Building Trades – Carpentry with Embedded Construction Essentials. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Personnel Committee Action Items.

- a. It was moved by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the Ratification of 2026-27 Base Wage Agreement with the Blackhawk Technical Faculty Federation, Local 2308. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- b. It was moved by Mr. Marshick and seconded by Mr. Holzman to approve Faculty salary adjustments for the Fiscal Year 2026-27. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- c. It was moved by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the represented Administrative hourly and salaried staff wage/salary adjustments for the Fiscal Year 2026-27. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**



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### POLICY REVIEW

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Policy Review.

1. Dr. Katie Lange reviewed Policy E-343 – Alcohol with the District Board members.

It was moved by Mr. Marshick and seconded by Mr. Thornton to approve Policy E-343 – Alcohol. **Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

### INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Information/Discussion items.

1. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented his monthly report to the District Board members.
2. Staff changes, including new hires, new positions, resignations, and retirements, were reviewed.

### WTCS CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for WTCS Consortium updates.

1. District Boards Association (DBA): There is a planning meeting scheduled for July 23, 2026, via Zoom.
3. Branding Committee: Cassie Hartje provided a brief update.
4. Purchasing Consortium: Jim Nemeh provided a brief update.
5. WTCEBC: Kathy Broske provided a brief update.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Future Agenda items; there were none.

### ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for the adjournment of the July 13, 2026, District Board meeting.

Mr. Holzman moved and was seconded by Mr. Marshick to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

**Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.**

Rich Deprez,



Secretary