



Blackhawk Technical College
District Board Meeting Agenda

Date and Time: September 16, 2026, from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order

1. Public Comment – People who wish to address the District Board may make a statement if it pertains to a specific agenda item. Please see Policy B-335 – Public Participation at District Board Meetings for more information.

Special Reports

1. Student Representative Report – Information – LaFonda Richardson
2. State of the College Report – Information – Dr. Tracy Pierner
3. Peet Hall Update – Information – Dr. Katie Lange
4. Long-Term Bonding Plan – Information – Jim Nemeth

Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of Draft July 13, 2026, Annual and District Board Meeting Minutes – Action
2. Approval of Current Bills for July and August – Action – Jim Nemeth
3. Approval of Contract Trainings for August and September – Action – Dr. Karen Schmitt
4. Confirmation of Annual Contract Issued to Mary Kaminski, Business Management Instructor – August 17, 2026.
5. Confirmation of Annual Contract Issued to Chris Willis, Electro-Mechanical Technology Instructor (LTE) – August 17, 2026
6. Confirmation of Annual Contract Issued to Kyrie Bentz, Surgical Technology Instructor (LTE) – September 8, 2026
7. Confirmation of Annual Contract Issued to Janet Ryan, Nursing Instructor – October 19, 2026

Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee: No Meeting Scheduled
2. Personnel Committee: No Meeting Scheduled

Action Items

1. Approval of the Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A – Action – Jim Nemeth
2. Approval of Modifications to the Fiscal Year 26-27 Budget – Action – Jim Nemeth
3. Approval of Modifications to the Fiscal Year 25-26 Budget – Action – Jim Nemeth
4. Approval of Alcoholic Beverages for the November Harvest Dinner – Action – Dr. Tracy Pierner
5. Approval of a Resolution of the BTC District Board of Trustees Opposing the Proposed Routing of the BECI 765 kV Transmission Infrastructure Near District Property and Educational Assets – Action – Dr. Tracy Pierner
6. Approval to Move the February 17, 2027, District Board Meeting to February 16, 2027 – Action – Dr. Tracy Pierner

Committee Action Items

1. Finance Committee – No Action Items
2. Personnel Committee – No Action Items



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Policy Review

1. None

Information / Discussion

1. Financial Statements – Information – Jim Nemeth
2. President's Update – Information – Dr. Tracy Pierner
 - a. Community and Internal Engagement
 - b. College and Upcoming Events
 - c. Other Communications
 - d. Construction Projects
3. Staff Changes for August and September– Information Only
 - a. New Hires:
 - i. Joe Loomis, Residence Life Specialist – August 6, 2026
 - ii. Nichie Bendt, Part-time Graphic Designer – August 10, 2026
 - iii. Tony Cipollone, Athletic Director – August 17, 2026
 - iv. Alyssa McElmurry, Administrative Assistant- Health Sciences – August 17, 2026
 - v. Elena Henry, Part-time Accommodations and Support Specialist – August 24, 2026
 - vi. Mike Applegate, EMS and Fire Services Coordinator – August 31, 2026
 - vii. Dana Leikness, Student Recruitment Specialist – September 21, 2026
 - b. New Positions:
 - i. None
 - c. Resignations:
 - i. Charles Sackett, Part-time Accommodations and Support Specialist – July 14, 2026
 - ii. Tracy Hoerig, Nursing Instructor – August 6, 2026
 - iii. Stacey Chester, Student Recruitment Specialist – August 8, 2026
 - iv. Bethanie Dodd, Nursing Instructor – August 10, 2026
 - v. Julie Lohse, Nursing Instructor – August 10, 2026
 - vi. Ryan Hartter, Electro-Mechanical Technology Instructor – October 16, 2026
 - d. Retirements:
 - i. None.

WTCS Consortium Updates – Information Only

1. District Board Association (DBA)
2. District Mutual Insurance (DMI)
3. Branding Committee
4. Purchasing Consortium
5. Wisconsin Technical College Employee Benefit Consortium (WTCEBC)

Future Agenda Items

1. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

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