



Blackhawk Technical College

District Board Meeting Minutes

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

ATTENDANCE

District Board Members Present: Barbara Barrington-Tillman (Chairperson); Eric Thornton (Vice-Chairperson); Suzann Holland (Treasurer); Rob Hendrickson (left at 6:16 p.m.); Dave Marshick; Crystal Silva; Steve Townshend. **District Board Members Absent:** Rich Deprez (Secretary), Mark Holzman.

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

Student Representative: LaFonda Richardson.

Guest(s): Jordan Mascina, Robert W. Baird, SGA Officers: Avery Bohm, EJ Jenkins, Precious Love, and Mellora Wales.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and opened the floor for public comment. There were none.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Special Reports.

1. LaFonda Richardson provided a student activity report.
2. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented the State of the College Report to the District Board members.
3. Dr. Katie Lange provided an update on Peet Hall.
4. Jim Nemeth reviewed the Long-Term Bond Plan to the District Board members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for approval of the Consent Agenda items 1–7. Mr. Townshend moved to approve items 1–7, and Mr. Marshick seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

1. Draft July 13, 2026, Annual and District Board combined meeting minutes.
2. Current Bills for July 31, 2026, include starting check #00310312 and ending check #00310497, totaling \$3,823,421.86 for the month, and August 31, 2026, include starting check #00310498 and ending check #00310777, totaling \$3,963,810.70 for the month.
3. Training Contracts for August: The number served is 437, estimated FTEs 3.78, for an actual contract amount of \$72,943; and for September: The number served is 201, estimated FTEs 1.84, for an actual contract amount of \$47,599.
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



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Action Items.

1. Motion by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Townshend to approve the Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$4,000,000 General Promissory Notes, Series 2026A, of Blackhawk Technical College District, Wisconsin, to Brownstone Investment Group, LLC at an interest rate of 3.8756%. **Roll call vote:** Ms. Barrington-Tillman (aye), Mr. Deprez (absent), Mr. Hendrickson (aye), Ms. Holland (aye), Mr. Holzman (absent), Mr. Marshick (aye), Ms. Silva (aye), Mr. Thornton (aye), and Mr. Townshend (aye). **Motion carried, 7-0.**
2. Motion by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the Modifications to the Fiscal Year 25-26 Budget. **Roll call vote:** Ms. Barrington-Tillman (aye), Mr. Deprez (absent), Mr. Hendrickson (absent), Ms. Holland (aye), Mr. Holzman (absent), Mr. Marshick (aye), Ms. Silva (aye), Mr. Thornton (aye), and Mr. Townshend (aye). **Motion carried, 6-0.**
3. Motion by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the Modifications to the Fiscal Year 26-27 Budget. **Roll call vote:** Ms. Barrington-Tillman (aye), Mr. Deprez (absent), Mr. Hendrickson (absent), Ms. Holland (aye), Mr. Holzman (absent), Mr. Marshick (aye), Ms. Silva (aye), Mr. Thornton (aye), and Mr. Townshend (aye). **Motion carried, 6-0.**
4. Motion by Mr. Marshick and seconded by Mr. Townshend to approve Alcoholic Beverages for the October 6, 2026, Harvest Dinner – Action – Dr. Tracy Pierner. **The motion carried unanimously.**
5. Motion by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Townshend to approve the 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. **The motion carried unanimously.**
6. Motion by Mr. Townshend and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve moving the February 17, 2027, District Board Meeting to February 16, 2027 – Action. **The motion carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Committee Action Items. There are none.

POLICY REVIEW

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Policy Review. There were none.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for Information/Discussion items.

1. Jim Nemeth reviewed the June and August Financial Statements.
2. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented his monthly report to the District Board members.
3. Updates on staffing were reviewed—including new hires, newly created positions, resignations, and retirements.



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WTCS CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for WTCS Consortium updates. There were none.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Barrington-Tillman called for the adjournment of the September 16, 2026, District Board meeting.

Mr. Marshick moved, and Mr. Thornton seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Rich Deprez,

Secretary