



# District Board Meeting | MINUTES



BELOIT-JANESVILLE CAMPUS  
District Board Room - 1228  
6004 S County Rd G, Janesville, WI 53546



October 15, 2025



5-7 p.m.

## ATTENDANCE

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

**District Board Members Absent:** Rachel Andres.

**Staff:** Julie Barreau, Elisa Colson, Cassie Hartje, Dr. Katie Lange (arrived 5:15 p.m.), Jim Nemeth, Dr. Tracy Pierner, Dr. Schmitt (arrived 5:14 p.m.)

**Student Representative:** LaFonda Richardson.

**Guests:** None.

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Thornton called the Blackhawk Technical College District Board meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and called for Public Comments; none were received.

## SPECIAL REPORTS

Chairperson Thornton called for Special Reports.

- a. LaFonda Richardson reviewed the student activity report with the District Board members.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Thornton called for the Consent Agenda. Mr. Deprez moved, and Ms. Barrington-Tillman seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items a-d. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0.**  
**The motion carried.**

- a. Draft September 17, 2025, District Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Current Bills for September 30, 2025, include starting check #00306169 and ending check #00307016, totaling \$5,268,444.96 for the month.
- c. Training Contracts: October: 72 contracts were served, with an actual contract amount of \$56,225.00.
- d. Adoption of Resolution to Designate District Positions Subject to Wisconsin's Code of Ethics

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Thornton called for Committee Reports, and there were none.

Personnel Committee: a. September 17, 2025, Personnel Committee Minutes

## ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Thornton called for Action Items.

- a. It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the establishment of the Mill Rate and Tax Levy of \$17,042,374 for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**



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- b. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Holzman, the acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2025-2025 Procurement Report. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- c. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Deprez to approve \$20,000 in additional funding for the Vestibule Project for a total project cost of \$200,000. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- d. It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve the awards of contract for the Vestibule Project to the lowest bidders, JP Cullen, Hooper, Total Mech VE, and American Power for a project cost bid at \$194,727. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- e. It was moved by Mr. Marshick and seconded by Mr. Hendrickson to approve the Health Information Management (HIM) AAS Program shared agreement. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- f. It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Ms. Barrington-Tillman to approve the Modifications to the Fiscal Year 24-25 Budget. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

The roll was called. The following members voted affirmatively: Ms. Barrington-Tillman, Mr. Deprez, Mr. Hendrickson, Ms. Holland, Mr. Holzman, Mr. Marshick, Mr. Thornton, and Ms. Sucus. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

### POLICY REVIEW

Chairperson Thornton called for Policy Review, and there were none.

### INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Chairperson Thornton called for Information/Discussion Items.

- a. Jim Nemeth reviewed the September Financial Statement Report with the District Board members.
- b. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented his monthly report to the District Board members.
- c. Staff Changes, consisting of new hires, new positions, resignations, and retirements, were reviewed.

### WTCS CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Chairperson Thornton called for WTCS Consortium updates.

- District Board Association update: The Executive Director of the DBA has resigned. The DBA continues to be staffed by their Program and Engagement Manager.
- District Mutual Insurance (DMI) update: Dr. Pierner will be on the DMI Board.
- Insurance Trust (WTC) update: A recommendation will be coming to the District Board to disband the WTC.
- Marketing Consortium update: Cassie Hartje, Executive Director, Advancement and Foundation, will be taking over the Marketing Consortium. There will be a Marketing Planning Retreat.
- Wisconsin Technical College Employee Benefit Consortium (WTCEBC): They had their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Appleton.



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### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

### ADJOURNMENT

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Ms. Barrington-Tillman moved and was seconded by Mr. Deprez to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. **Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.**

Rich Deprez,

Secretary