



## **Blackhawk Technical College District Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: December 17, 2025

Time: 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Location: Beloit-Janesville Campus, Room 1228, 6004 S County Rd G, Janesville, WI 53546

### **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; Kathy Broske; Elisa Colson; Dan Harrigan; Cassie Hartje; Dr. Katie Lange; Jim Nemeth; Dr. Tracy Pierner; Dr. Karen Schmitt; Dr. Jon Tysse.

Student Representative: LaFonda Richardson.

Guest: Patty Hernandez.

### **Call to Order**

Chairperson Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Dan Harrigan provided public comment regarding his resignation and an email shared with the District Board.

### **Special Reports**

- a. LaFonda Richardson provided a student activity report.
- b. Chairperson Thornton recognized retirees Mary Mather and Sandy McNutt for their service.
- c. Dr. Jon Tysse and Dr. Katie Lange presented population, graduation, matriculation, and dual credit data.
- d. Patty Hernandez provided an update on Rock University High School.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve items a–d was made by Ms. Barrington and seconded by Mr. Deprez. Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

- a. Draft October 15, 2025 District Board Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b. Current Bills for October 31, 2025, include starting check #00307017 and ending check #00307653, totaling \$5,983,667.457 for the month. Current Bills for November 30, 2025, include starting check #00307654 and ending check #00307900, totaling \$4,949,555.81 for the month.
- c. Training Contracts for November: The number served is 146 for an actual contract amount of \$27,458. Training Contracts for December: 219 contracts served, with an actual contract amount of \$117,253.
- d. Confirmation of Instructional Employment Contract issued to Natalie Moehrke, Human Resource Management Instructor.

### **Committee Reports**

- a. The Finance Committee did meet on December 17, 2025. Chairperson Barrington-Tillman provided a brief overview of the Finance Committee meeting.



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### **Action Items**

- a. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented a Resolution to Appoint Successor Trustees for the Post Employment Benefits Trust and the Trust Amendment. After some discussion, it was suggested that Mr. Deprez be added as a trustee, bringing the total to three trustees. Kathy Broske will confer with our attorney.

It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Deprez to postpone this action item until the February 18, 2026, District Board meeting. Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.

### **Finance Committee Action Items**

- a. The auditor presented the Fiscal Year 2024-25 audit report. The Finance Committee recommends approval to the District Board.

It was moved by Ms. Barrington and seconded by Mr. Deprez to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Audit Report presented by Wipfli, LLC, Eau Claire. Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.

### **Policy Review**

- a. No policies were submitted for review.

### **Information / Discussion**

- a. Jim Nemeth reviewed the November Financial Statements with the District Board members.
- b. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented his monthly report to the District Board members. J. Nemeth provided an update on the construction projects.
- c. Staff changes, including new hires, new positions, resignations, and retirements, were reviewed.

### **WTCS Consortium Updates**

Chairperson Thornton called for WTCS Consortium updates. There were none.

### **Future Agenda Items**

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

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Marshick moved and was seconded by MS. Barrington-Tillman to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.

Rich Deprez,

Secretary