



## District Board Meeting | MINUTES



BELOIT-JANESVILLE CAMPUS  
District Board Room - 2613  
6004 S County Rd G, Janesville, WI 53546



June 18, 2025



5-7 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

**District Board Members Present:** Eric Thornton, Chairperson; Barbara Barrington-Tillman, Vice-Chairperson; Rich Deprez, Secretary (5:10 p.m.); Kathy Sukus, Treasurer; Rachel Andres (5:08 p.m.); Suzann Holland; Mark Holzman.

**District Board Members Absent:** Rob Hendrickson.

**Staff:** Julie Barreau, Kathy Broske, Elisa Colson, Dr. Katie Lange, Ali Liezert, Jim Nemeth, Dr. Tracy Pierner, Greg Phillips, Dr. Karen Schmitt, Kristen Ziegler.

**Student Representative:** None.

**Guests:** None.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Thornton called the Blackhawk Technical College District Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and called for Public Comments. There were none.

### SPECIAL REPORTS

Chairperson Thornton called for Special Reports.

- a. Elisa Colson shared the student activity report with the District Board members.
- b. Chairperson Thornton recognized Retirees Gerri Downing and Greg Phillips for their years of service at the College.
- c. Dr. Karen Schmitt reviewed the Green County Report with the District Board members.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Thornton called for the Consent Agenda. Mr. Holzman moved, and Ms. Barrington-Tillman seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items a-f. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

- a. Draft May 21, 2025, District Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Current Bills for May 31, 2025, include starting check #00305192 and ending check #00305502, totaling \$4,196,119.96 for the month.
- c. Training Contracts: 1409 contracts were served, with an actual contract amount of \$712,060.
- d. Annual Contract issued to Desiree Halson, Basic Skills Instructor - Mathematics – August 11, 2025.
- e. Annual Contract issued to Melanie Hoffman, Marketing Instructor – August 11, 2025.
- f. Annual Contract issued to Amber Huber, Basic Skills Instructor - GED/HSED - August 11, 2025.



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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Thornton called for Committee Reports.

Personnel Committee:

- a. The May 21, 2025, Personnel Committee minutes were in the packet for review.

### ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Thornton called for Action Items.

- a. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Holzman to approve the Designation of Greg Phillips Emeritus Status. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- b. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Holzman to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,800,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A, of Blackhawk Technical College District, Wisconsin. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- c. The roll was called. The following members voted affirmatively: Ms. Andres, Ms. Barrington-Tillman, Mr. Deprez, Ms. Holland, Mr. Holzman, Ms. Sukus, and Mr. Thornton. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- d. It was moved by Mr. Deprez and seconded by Ms. Sukus to approve the Modifications to the Fiscal Year 24-25 Budget. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

The roll was called. The following members voted affirmatively: Ms. Andres, Ms. Barrington-Tillman, Mr. Deprez, Ms. Holland, Mr. Holzman, Ms. Sukus, and Mr. Thornton. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

#### Personnel Committee Action Items

- a. It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Mr. Deprez to approve the Non-Represented Administrative Staff Hourly Wages for the Fiscal Year 2025-26. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- b. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Mr. Holzman to approve the Non-Represented Administrative Staff Salaries for the Fiscal Year 2025-26. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**
- c. It was moved by Ms. Barrington-Tillman and seconded by Ms. Sukus to approve Part-Time Wages for the Fiscal Year 2025-26. **Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

### POLICY REVIEW

Chairperson Thornton called for Policy Review. There were none.

### INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Chairperson Thornton called for Information/Discussion Items.





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- a. Jim Nemeth reviewed the May 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

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Chairperson Thornton called for WTCS Consortium updates.

- a. District Boards Association (DBA) – Ms. Barrington-Tillman stated there would be a June 26, 2025, DBA meeting.
- c. Insurance Trust (WTC) – Mr. Deprez stated that there is a meeting tomorrow.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Chairperson Thornton called for Future Agenda items, and there were none.

### ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Holzman moved and was seconded by Ms. Sukus to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

**Ayes: 7; Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.**

Rich Deprez,

Secretary