

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, April 17, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Elkhorn Campus Room 112/114 on Thursday, April 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Jason Tadlock, Chairperson.

Open Meeting Compliance: L. Allen confirmed the meeting was duly noticed in accordance with state statutes for open meeting compliance.

Roll Call

Present: Ram Bhatia, William Duncan, Preston Gardner, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Scott Pierce and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: Zaida Lange-Irisson

Excused: Benjamin DeSmidt, Nicole Oberlin (arrived at 8:45 am) and Andrea Nunez, student trustee

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 88 virtual and 16 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of 3/20/25 Regular Meeting Minutes: It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2025 Regular Meeting.

President's Report – Announcements: President Raju provided college updates, including her accepting the presidency of South Central College in Minnesota, thanking everybody for their support in the many accomplishments made in her tenure. Liz Allen announced her plans to retire with her last day in her role scheduled for June 17, 2025.

Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

5 of the 9 trustees completed the April survey. One trustee was excused.

Strategic: None

Task: None

Action: I would encourage our fellow board members to focus on policy governance and not college management.

Engagement by one trustee was rude, disrespectful and counterproductive to enhancing our role of board governance and guidance to the President and ELC.

Results: The finance team did an excellent job putting together this year's forecasted model.

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 1.10: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.10.

Chairperson's Report – Discussion of Board Member Accountability Policy: P. Gardner shared draft policy 1.17 and answered questions. S. Pierce suggested the policy be reviewed by Gateway's legal firm. P. Gardner will have legal review the policy and report again next month.

Board Member Community Reports: R. Bhatia attended DBA spring meeting on April 11, 2025 Spring Meeting and annual election of officers, including him as an "additional member" on the DBA Board of Directors; 14 of 16 member colleges attended. R. Bhatia also wished President Raju and L. Allen all the best with their upcoming transitions. W. Duncan attended the annual WTCS Ambassador Banquet on April 10, 2025; reported that the Gateway student ambassador did a great job. Z. Lange-Irisson reminded the group of the annual Gateway Foundation Golf Scramble fund-raising event on May 22, 2025.

President's Report – Dashboard: The dashboard report included information about her attending the AACC annual conference in Nashville April 13-15, 2025, and updates on the Personal Enrichment Classes, Gateway's Commencement Ceremonies May 20-21, 2025. Jeff Robshaw provided an updated on the 496 Building.

Student Trustee Report: Andrea Nunez was excused.

Operational Agenda - Action Agenda

FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #4 – J. Nygard led the presentation. The FY 2024-25 budget requires modifications in the Special Revenue – Non-Aidable Fund (reflects the revenue and costs related to the Help and Hope Conference) and the Debt Service Fund (reflects higher debt service payments allocated to FY25).

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to roll call vote for approval of FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #4.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused:1

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Z. Lange-Irison, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried that the following items in the consent agenda be approved.

BID 1735 – Boiler Replacement, Elkhorn Campus; Project Cost \$480,000.00

BID 1743 – Tech Abuilding 4th & 5th Floors Toilet Room Remodel, Racine Campus; Project Cost \$600,000.00

Finance - Summary of Revenue and Expenditures: Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of 3/31/25.

Finance – Cash and Investment Schedule: Approved the monthly cash reconciliation, investment schedule, and investment report.

Personnel Report for March: Approved the personnel report of new hires (1), transfers (1), retirements (1) and separations (2).

BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for March 2025.

Protective Services Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for March 2025.

High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for April 2025.

Advisory Committee Activity Report: Approved new members as of April 1, 2025.

Policy Governance Monitoring Report – Executive Limitations - 3.4 Budget Forecasting: Jason Nygard and Sharon Johnson led the presentation. Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.4.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Budget Public Hearing – Thursday, May 8, 2025, 7:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, Kenosha Campus, Madigrano Board Room.

Regular Meeting – Thursday, April 17, 2025, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, SC Johnson iMET Center, Kopper Auditorium.

Adjourn - At 9:32 am, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned and the Gateway Technical College District Board moved into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)© to discuss **Personnel Issues**. The Board reserves the right to reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in closed session.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

Closed Session

At 10:41 am, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve that the board reconvene in open session.

At 10:45 am, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve that the board approve the personnel issue recommendation discussed during the closed session.

At 10:46 am, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned.

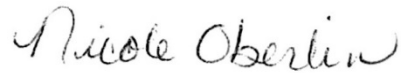
Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Oberlin".

Nicole Oberlin, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees