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**Gateway Technical College District Board
Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 15, 2026**

The Gateway Technical College District Board held an in-person and virtual Committee of the Whole Meeting at the Racine Campus, Racine Building Quad Room, on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, to receive information and updates relating to Information Technology Programs and engage in questions and answers. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am by Jason Tadlock, Chairperson.

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

Roll Call

Present: Ram Bhatia, Tamarra Coleman, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Nicole Oberlin and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: Preston Gardner

Excused: Ashleigh Henrichs, Michael P. Reader and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott, Dean Mark Kappes and 2 in-person and 37 virtual attendees. No decisions were made and no actions were taken.

At 8:53 am, it was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to adjourn the meeting.

[Link: Recording of April 15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting](#)

**Gateway Technical College District Board
Regular Meeting, April 15, 2026**

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Racine Campus, Racine Building Quad Room, on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Jason Tadlock, Chairperson.

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

Roll Call

Present: Ram Bhatia, Tamarra Coleman, Ashleigh Henrichs, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Nicole Oberlin and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: Preston Gardner

Excused: Michael P. Reader and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott, and 10 in person and 30 virtual attendees.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Meeting.

Citizen Comments: Citizen Comments conveying the ideal attributes for the next President and Chief Executive Officer for the Board to consider in advance of interviewing the finalists on April 22, 2026, were individually delivered by Gateway employees Nicole Dutton, Bob Kaebisch, Tracey Junkin, Colleen Aird and Dan Lyons representing the Gateway Technical College Education Association (GTEA) and Faculty Teaching & Learning Caucus (FTLC).

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

5 of the 6 trustees who attended completed the March Regular Meeting survey. Comments were: Strategic – The agenda included all items of interest for board approval and/or information. Task – Always prepared and engaged. Action – (none). Results – Excited to have a new board member. Welcome Ashleigh!

Chairperson's Report – Wording of Governance Policy 2.5: The Trustees reviewed the Wording of Governance Policy 2.5. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried to approve the wording of Policy 2.3.

Chairperson's Report – Reappointment of Student Trustee: It was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried to approve the United Student Government's endorsement to reappoint C. Lisboa to Student Trustee for a one-year term from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

Ad Hoc Committee-Presidential Search Report: Committee Chairperson P. Gardner provided an update on the Presidential Search, including the Search Committee meeting virtually in-person on March 30-31, 2026, to interview the semi-finalist candidates and select four finalists.

Ad Hoc Committee-Presidential Search Approval of Minutes: It was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by P. Gardner and carried, with R. Bhatia and R. Matoska-Mentink abstaining, to approve the Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee-Presidential Search meetings on March 16, 2026, March 30, 2026, and March 31, 2026.

Board Member Community Reports: R. Bhatia reported on recent developments with the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)-District Board Association (DBA), including committee activities, onboarding the new Executive Director and the upcoming Spring Meeting and Campus Ambassador banquet.

President's Report – Announcements: Interim President Phillips provided college and industry updates, including the creation of a Director of Government Relations position to be filled, meetings with a consultant to assess the Gateway Foundation and new practices to meet accessibility requirements for webpage content.

President's Report – Dashboard: In addition to the metrics regularly tracked, the dashboard report included information on progress with the Presidential Search, ongoing federal issues, program employment rates, and recent travel and results with making connections.

Student Trustee Report: C. Lisboa was excused and submitted a report in advance on student activities over the past month.

FY 2025-26 Budget Revision #2

The FY 2025-26 budget requires modifications in the Capital and Debt Services Funds. The modification in the Capital Fund will transfer funds from one function to another to cover final costs. The modification in the Debt Service Fund will reflect an adjustment made to cover higher principal payments in order to utilize excess funds accumulated in the fund balance.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to roll call vote for approval of FY 2025-26 Budget Revision #2.

Aye: 8
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 1

Resolution No. F-2025-2026E.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026E

The administration is recommending approval of a resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026E; in the principal amount of \$1,000,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried to roll call vote for approval of Resolution No. F-2025-2026E.1.

Aye: 8
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 1

Resolution No. B-2026 A.1 and A.2 – Approval of Project for the Barber Cosmetology Classroom and Reception Remodel – Racine Campus

The administration is recommending approval of a resolution for the Barber Cosmetology Classroom and Reception Remodel Project on the Racine campus.

Following discussion, it was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried to roll call vote for approval of Resolution No. B-2026 A.1 and A.2.

Aye: 8
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 1

Consent Agenda

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

Finance - Summary of Revenue and Expenditures: Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of 3/31/2026.

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

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

BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for April 2026.

Protective Services Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for April 2026.

High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for April 2026.

Advisory Committee Activity Report: Five (5) new members added since last month's report as of April 1, 2026.

Grant Awards: Gateway received two new grant awards.

Program Approval – Industrial Mechanical Pipe Systems Technician: Approved the Mechanical Pipe Systems Technician Apprenticeship. The college will submit Apprenticeship Implementation documentation to the Wisconsin Technical College System for consideration.

Executive Limitations - 3.4 Budgeting/Forecasting: Director of Budgets and Purchasing Jason Nygard delivered the presentation covering the policy's parameters.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by T. Coleman and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.4 and approve the parameters.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Presidential Candidates Interviews – Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Kenosha Campus, Madrigrano Conference Center, Board Room

Public Hearing for FY 2026-27 Budget – Thursday, May 7, 2026, 7:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, SC Johnson iMET Center, Kopper Auditorium

Committee of the Whole Meeting – Thursday, May 14, 2026, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Kenosha Campus, Madrigrano Conference Center, Board Room

Regular Meeting – Thursday, May 14, 2026, 9:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Kenosha Campus, Madrigrano Conference Center, Board Room

Adjourn - At 10:27 am, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by T. Coleman 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)(c) 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 10:49 am, it was moved by Z. Lange-Irison, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to reconvene in open session.

It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison and carried to roll call vote to approve the presented recommendations regarding Personnel Issues.

Aye: 6

No: 1

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 2

At 10:55am, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by A. Henrichs and carried that the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Preston Gardner, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees