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**Gateway Technical College District Board
Committee of the Whole Meeting, August 20, 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 Thursday, August 20, 2026, to review matters relating to the Dental Assistant and Dental Hygiene programs, tour facilities, and engage in questions and answers. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am by Zaida Lange-Irisson, Chairperson.

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

Roll Call

Present: Tamarra Coleman, Preston Gardner, Zaida-Lange-Irisson, Nicole Oberlin and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Virtual: Ashleigh Henrichs and Jason Tadlock

Excused: Melvin Hargrove, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink and Michael P. Reader

Also in attendance were President Veronique Vien Tran, Recorder David Elliott, Dean Micheal Randolph and 14 in-person and 27 virtual attendees. No decisions were made and no actions were taken.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by P. Gardner and carried without objection to approve the Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

[Link: Recording of August 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting](#)

**Gateway Technical College District Board
Regular Meeting, August 20, 2026**

The Gateway Technical College District Board met in-person and virtually at the Racine Campus, Racine Building Quad Room, on Thursday, August 20, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Zaida Lange-Irisson, Chairperson.

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

Roll Call

Present: Tamarra Coleman, Preston Gardner, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Nicole Oberlin and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Virtual: Ashleigh Henrichs, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Michael P. Reader and Jason Tadlock

Excused: Melvin Hargrove

Also in attendance were President Veronique Vien Tran, Recorder David Elliott, and 17 in-person and 40 virtual attendees.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by P. Gardner and carried without objection to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by A. Henrichs, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried without objection to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Meeting, and the July 13, 2026, Organizational Meeting.

Citizen Comments: Bridget Bell of Gateway Technical College Education Association (GTEA) welcomed President Tran and the new Board members, provided an update on the “Fresh AIR” campaign and expressed the organization’s continued support of the college’s mission. Rick Barribeau of GTEA recognized Information Technology Instructor Mary Baldwin-Grimes as an example of an excellent Gateway educator engaging with the community and supporting students.

Chairperson’s Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

6 of the 8 trustees who attended completed the June Regular Meeting survey. Comments were: Strategic – The agenda was well planned to address the subject matter required for the trustees attention, discussions, and approvals, as required. / I think we have some room for improvement on agenda items and thoroughness of presentation. Task – I always come prepared for the board meeting, and engage in active discussions. / This item on the evaluation needs to be reviewed! I don’t believe there is any trustee who is going to respond as “not prepared.” Similarly, I don’t believe any trustee is going to respond “not engaged in discussions” although as was evident from the budget approval presentation there was no engagement, no questioning on the final budget details. Action – Items listed under Operational Agenda advance the board governance role. / A lot of very valuable information re the current and upcoming priorities and challenges for the College were shared. Results – The meeting indeed advanced the board outcomes, except for the FY 2026-27 budget presentation. Whereas the Budget presentation is for the board’s final approval, it’s also for the Gateway Community to listen, watch, and learn on “the final budget details the trustees are voting on!” / It was great to celebrate an outgoing board member. A great example member who is strongly linked to the community, and well understanding of the WTCS.

Chairperson’s Report – Wording of Governance Policy 1.1: The Trustees reviewed the Wording of Governance Policy 1.1. It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman and carried without objection to approve the wording of Policy 1.1.

Chairperson’s Report – Wording of Governance Policy 1.2: The Trustees reviewed the Wording of Governance Policy 1.2. It was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried without objection to approve the wording of Policy 1.2.

Chairperson’s Report – Wording of Governance Policy 4.1, Ends Statement #1: The Trustees reviewed the Wording of Governance Policy 4.1, Ends Statement #1. It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by A. Henrichs and carried without objection to approve the wording of Policy 4.1, Ends Statement #1.

Board Member Community Reports: N. Oberlin reported on positive comments she received about a recent Gateway registration event and commended all staff involved for making an impact on the college’s reputation. T. Coleman reported on the Red Hawk Circle Reception Dinner she attended and praised President Tran for the remarks she delivered at it. A. Henrichs reported on attending the ACCT New Trustee Governance Leadership Institute workshop in early August, as did Student Trustee C. Lisboa who also attended. Z. Lange-Irison acknowledged the well received Inauguration of President Tran event at the Kenosha campus on August 18, 2026.

President’s Report – Dashboard and Announcements: In addition to reviewing the metrics regularly tracked, President Tran provided college and industry updates, including the Presidential Inauguration on August 18, sending the first of monthly “Gateway Compass” reports to all college employees and a contribution made by Eli Lily to the Gateway Foundation. .

Student Trustee Report: C. Lisboa presented a report on student activities over the past months.

Resolution No. F-2026-2027B.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026-2027B

The administration is recommending approval of a resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2026-2027B; in the principal amount of \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects.

Following discussion, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to roll call vote for approval of Resolution No. F-2026-2027B.1.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

Resolution No. M-2026A – Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Firearms and Firearms Equipment for the Law Enforcement Academy

The administration is recommending Board authorization for M. Janisin, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, to acquire firearms and equipment such as suppressors that are categorized as firearms on behalf of Gateway Technical College for use in the college's Law Enforcement Academy training.

Following discussion, it was moved by A. Henrichs, seconded by P. Gardner and carried without objection to approve Resolution No. M-2026A.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by A. Henrichs, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried without objection 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 7/31/2026.

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

Personnel Report for July: Approved the personnel report of new hires (1), promotions (1), transfers (2), separations (17) and retirements (8).

Personnel Report for August: Approved the personnel report of new hires (4), promotions (1), transfers (2) and separations (5).

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

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

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

Advisory Committee Activity Report: Twelve (12) new members added since last month's report as of August 1, 2026.

Grant Awards: Gateway received a total of ten (10) new grant awards in June and July 2026.

Executive Limitations - 3.10 Strategic Planning: Anne Whynott delivered the presentation covering the policy's parameters and how the college's Strategic Plan supports it.

Following discussion, it was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried without objection that this report is a reasonable interpretation of the Executive Limitation. It was then moved by T. Coleman, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried without objection that the college is operating within the Executive Limitation.

Ends Statement #4: Jeff Robshaw, Jessica Lopez, Jonathan Becker and Marv Campbell of the Learning Innovation Division (LID) delivered the presentation giving examples of the college fulfilling the statement, "Families are

strengthened by the prosperity of their graduates, reduced unemployment or underemployment, and the availability of local jobs for family members.”

Following discussion, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman and carried without objection that this report is a reasonable interpretation of the Ends Statement. It was then moved by T. Coleman, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried without objection that the report provides evidence of satisfactory progress.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Committee of the Whole Meeting – Thursday, September 17, 2026, 3:00 pm, In-Person and Virtual, Kenosha Campus, Madrigano Conference Center Board Room

Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 17, 2026, 4:00 pm, In-Person and Virtual, Kenosha Campus, Madrigano Conference Center Board Room

Adjourn - At 10:40 am, it was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by P. Gardner 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 reserved the right to reconvene in Open Session to take action on items discussed in Closed Session.

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 3

Closed Session

The Closed Session commenced at 10:52 am. Virtual attendees A. Henrichs and R. Matoska-Mentink were excused.

At 11:03 am, it was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by P. Gardner and carried without objection to reconvene in Open Session. J. Tadlock was excused from the reconvened Open Session.

It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman and carried by a roll call vote to approve the recommendations made in the Closed Session.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 4

The Open Session adjourned at 11:05 am.

Submitted by,



Tamarra Coleman, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees