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GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, August 21, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Elkhorn Campus, South Building Room 112/114, on Thursday, August 21, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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, Preston Gardner, Nicole Oberlin, Michael P. Reader, Jason Tadlock and Caio Lisboa, student trustee
Virtual: Zaida Lange-Irisson, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink and Scott Pierce
Excused: None

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott and 62 virtual and 12 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by S. Pierce to approve the Agenda with an adjustment to move Strategic Plan Approval from Consent Agenda to Action Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the Minutes of June 5, 2025, Special Meeting, June 6, 2025, Special Meeting, June 11, 2025, Regular Meeting, and July 14, 2025, Organizational Meeting.

Citizen Comments: Citizen Comments were provided by Dan Lyons of Kenosha County and GTEA President to recognize Gretchen Comcowich for receiving the 2024 Midwestern Literature Society's Paul Somers Prize for Creative Prose and other accomplishments.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:
3 of the 9 trustees completed the July Organizational Meeting survey.

Task: This was the annual organizational meeting. The board discussions do not include our governance role discussions nor any guidance to the President. The category should include an N/A option. Type of meeting allowed us to stay very on point and we did so effectively.

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Ends Statement #1: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the ends statement. It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to approve the wording of Ends Statement #1.

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 1.11 and 1.12: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the governance policies. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by S. Pierce and carried to approve the wording of Governance Policy 1.11 and 1.12.

Chairperson's Report – FY 2025/2026 Gateway District Board Meeting Schedule: It was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to approve the 2025/2026 District Board Meeting Schedule.

Chairperson's Report – Discussion Topics for Committee of the Whole Suggestions: The following topics were suggested: Resolve Future Plans for Fire/EMS program involving departments from the three counties and Foundation Board interactions (R. Bhatia); Board Governance review with assessment of other models used and having one-hour Program Visits when Board is on campuses (S. Pierce); Budget Development and hosting a Legislative Forum (R. Matoska-Mentink); and Mandatory Attendance to campus and program tours (N. Oberlin). J. Tadlock directed M. Phillips and D. Elliott to factor these items into future District Board meeting agendas.

Board Member Community Reports: R. Bhatia gave briefing on attending DBA Board of Directors Executive Committee meeting recently held. The next DBA Board Meeting is October 16-18, 2025, and includes a Legal Issues Seminar and the Fall Planning session. All Trustees in the state are encouraged to attend.

President's Report – Announcements: Interim President Phillips provided college and industry updates.

President's Report – Dashboard: The dashboard report included reports on the resumption of federal funding streams, initial budget planning, Gateway's Open House Recruiting Nights, SC Johnson STEM program improvements and the NC3 Conference hosted on the Kenosha campus. It was suggested that the data used to track performance be reevaluated for streamlining.

Student Trustee Report: Caio Lisboa gave an update on student activities that have been taking place over the past month.

Resolution No. F-2025-2026B.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of $1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026B
The administration is recommending approval to issue General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2025-2026B; in the principal amount of $1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects. This borrowing is included in the 2025-26 budget. Upon approval, appropriate legal notices will be published in the official district newspapers
Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to roll call vote for approval of Resolution No. F-2025-2026B.1 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of $1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026B.

Aye: 9
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 0

Presidential Search – Review of Contents for Request for Proposal RFP 1753 Presidential Recruitment Services
Gateway Technical College is seeking proposals for qualified firms or an individual to conduct a search to fill the executive position of President for Gateway Technical College. The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to inform interested proposers how to prepare and submit an electronic proposal.
Following discussion, it was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to roll call vote to further review RFP 1753, with a deadline for all questions to M. Phillips of August 26, 2025, at 12 noon CT, with a virtual Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 3:00 pm to resolve contents of RFP 1753.

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

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to roll call vote to table final approval of RFP 1753 to the virtual Special Meeting on August 27, 2025, when the contents are fully resolved.

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

Elevate 2028 Strategic Plan Approval
The administration is recommending Board approval of revisions to the college's strategic plan.
Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to roll call vote for approval of revisions to Elevate 2028 Strategic Plan at the September 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting at which time the Board will have the opportunity to review all revisions made to the original version.

Aye: 9
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 0

Consent Agenda
It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner 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 7/31/25.
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), transfers (2), retirements (1), promotions (1) and separations (12).
Personnel Report for August: Approved the personnel report of new hires (3), transfers (0), retirements (3), promotions (2) and separations (3).
BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for August 2025.
Protective Services Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for July 2025.
High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for August 2025.
Grant Awards: Approved the report on 20 new grant awards for August 2025.
Advisory Committee Activity Report: Approved new members as of August 1, 2025.

Executive Limitations - 3.10 Strategic Planning: Anne Whynott delivered the presentation. Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by S. Pierce and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.10.

Policy Governance Monitoring Report – Ends Statement #1: Mark Kappes led the presentation. Following discussion, it was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by S. Pierce and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Statement #1.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn
Special Meeting – Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 3:00 pm, Virtual. Regular Meeting – Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 3:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, Kenosha Campus, Madrigrano Conference Center Board Room.

Adjourn - At 10:45 am, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by N. Oberlin 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: 9
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 0

Closed Session
Immediately at 10:45 am, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by P. Gardner and carried by roll call vote for the board reconvene in open session and adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 9
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 0

Submitted by,



Preston Gardner, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees