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GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Board Ad Hoc Meeting, December 1, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board Ad Hoc Committee-Presidential Search met virtually on Monday, December 1, 2025, to officially form the Presidential Search Committee and provide its members with an orientation on the process, expectations and timeline involved in the search. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Preston Gardner, Committee Chairperson.

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

Roll Call

Present: None

Virtual: Tamarra Coleman (Committee Member), Preston Gardner (Committee Chair) and Caio Lisboa, student trustee (Student Representative)

Excused: Michael P. Reader (Committee Member), Ram Bhatia, Zaida Lange-Irison, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Nicole Oberlin, Jason Tadlock

Also in attendance were:

Search Committee: Lynn Akey (Education Representative), Nicholas Galich (Healthcare Representative), Shebaniah Judah (Non-Profit Representative), Dan Lyons (Gateway Faculty Representative), Logan Martin (Business Representative), Shania Montgomery (Gateway Staff Representative), Beth Ormseth (Education Representative), Micheal Randolph (Gateway Staff Representative), Nicole Ryf (Community Representative) and Jon Stankevitz (Business Representative).

Gateway Technical College: Interim President Morgan Phillips, Vice President of Talent and Culture Jacqueline Morris and Recorder David Elliott.

AGB Search: Carlton Brown, Kim Bobby and Rose Rodgers.

Other: 14 virtual participants.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by P. Gardner to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Board Ad Hoc Committee-Presidential Search – Initiate Expansion to Search Committee

P. Gardner acknowledged the recent passing of Gateway Trustee and Ad Hoc Committee member Scott Pierce and thanked him for his contributions to the college and committee. Introductions were then made by the Board Ad Hoc Committee, Search Committee, AGB Search and Gateway staff. AGB Search reviewed the timeline for the search process, necessary commitments to attend meetings and important details for key steps. The next meeting for the full Search Committee will be virtual only on January 26, 2026, 1:00-3:00 pm.

Following discussion, it was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to roll call vote to approve the schedule and the meetings' purpose as presented.

Aye: 2

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

Adjourn - At 1:53 pm, it was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to adjourn the meeting. The Search Committee then moved to a closed virtual meeting with AGB Search to provide their feedback on the desired attributes and background for the next President, as well as their insights on the top priorities and opportunities he/she to be addressed.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Preston Gardner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Preston" and last name "Gardner" clearly distinguishable.

Preston Gardner, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees