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**Gateway Technical College District Board
Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 19, 2026**

The Gateway Technical College District Board held an in-person and virtual Committee of the Whole Meeting at the SC Johnson iMET Center, Kopper Auditorium, on Thursday, February 19, 2026, to receive information and updates relating to Customized Industry Training and engage in questions and answers. 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: Tamarra Coleman, Preston Gardner, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Michael P. Reader and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: None

Excused: Ram Bhatia, Nicole Oberlin and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Matt Janison, Director of Account Management for Business and Workforce Solutions (BWS) Katie Dembowski and 10 in-person and 38 virtual attendees. No decisions were made and no actions were taken.

At 8:42 am, it was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to adjourn the meeting.

**Gateway Technical College District Board
Regular Meeting, February 19, 2026**

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the SC Johnson iMET Center, Kopper Auditorium, on Thursday, February 19, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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: Tamarra Coleman, Preston Gardner, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Michael P. Reader and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: None

Excused: Ram Bhatia, Nicole Oberlin and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott, and 15 in person and 44 virtual attendees.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried to approve the Minutes of January 22, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Meeting.

Citizen Comments: Dan Lyons of Gateway Technical College Education Association (GTEA) informed the Board about the GTEA and Faculty Teaching and Learning Caucus (FTLC) assembling a planning workgroup to support the Presidential Search process.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

3 of the 7 trustees who attended completed the January Regular Meeting survey. Comments were: Strategic – I appreciate the work from the faculty and staff preparing for the Committee of the Whole. These have been very insightful and informative. Task – I encourage my fellow board members to prepare questions ahead of the meeting so the Gateway team has the ability to come prepared to the presentations.

Chairperson's Report – Wording of Executive Limitations Policy 3.2 and Policy 3.4: The Trustees reviewed the Wording of Executive Limitations Policy 3.2 and Policy 3.4. It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to approve the wording of Policies 3.2 and 3.4.

Ad Hoc Committee-Presidential Search Report: Committee Chairperson P. Gardner provided an update on the Presidential Search, including the Search Committee advancing to the active evaluation of applicants, which will continue through the March 4, 2026, application deadline. The Search Committee will meet in person on March 16, 2026, to deliberate and identify semi-finalists to move forward in the process.

Board Member Community Reports: R. Bhatia was excused from the meeting and submitted a written report providing updates on the latest developments with the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)-District Board Association (DBA). Z. Lange-Irisson reported on Trustees attending the annual ACCT National Legislative Summit (NLS) in Washington, DC, February 8-11, 2026, to meet with congressional leaders to discuss issues affecting the college.

President's Report – Announcements: Interim President Phillips provided college and industry updates, including attending the ACCT-NLS and the AACC Workforce Development Institute. A Budget Plan Update by Chief Financial Officer S. Johnson was also provided.

President's Report – Dashboard: In addition to the metrics regularly tracked, the dashboard report included reports on Gateway's State of the College event on February 4, 2026, the Presidential Search, updates on AI-related matters, establishing a Government/Systems Relations position and Student/Workforce Connections.

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

Consent Agenda

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

Bid No. 1756 – ECP Playground Repairs, Kenosha Campus: Approved the administration's recommendation to award the contract to Camosy Construction.

Finance - Summary of Revenue and Expenditures: Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of 1/31/2026.

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

Personnel Report for January: Approved the personnel report of new hires (3), transfers (1), retirements (1), promotions (1) and separations (4).

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

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

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

Advisory Committee Activity Report: No new members added since last month's report as of February 1, 2026.

Grant Awards: Gateway received two new grant awards, including funding to support the purchase of new firefighting equipment for instructional use.

Executive Limitations - 3.7 Communication and Counsel to the Board: Vice President of Talent & Culture Jacqueline Morris and Marketing Director Abbie Ford delivered the presentation covering the policy's parameters. **Following discussion, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by P. Gardner and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.7 and approve the parameters.**

Ends Statement #5: Vice President of Student Services Tammi Summers delivered the presentation giving examples of the college fulfilling the statement, "Educational partners, locally, nationally, and internationally, connect their students to Gateway's well-developed career pathways courses, facilities, and educational resources."

Following discussion, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman and carried that this report is evidence that the college is fulfilling its commitment as expressed in Ends Statement #5.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Gateway Presidential Search Committee Meeting – Monday, March 16, 2026, 1:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person
Committee of the Whole Meeting – Thursday, March 19, 2026, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Elkhorn Campus, South Building Room 112/114

Regular Meeting – Thursday, March 19, 2026, 9:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Elkhorn Campus, South Building Room 112/114

Adjourn - At 10:37 am, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by,



Preston Gardner, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees