

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, January 18, 2024

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Burlington Center, 496 McCanna Pkwy, Room 100, Burlington, WI 53105 on Thursday, January 18, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Chairperson.

Open Meeting Compliance

L. Allen confirmed the meeting was duly noticed in accordance with state statutes for open meeting compliance.

Roll Call

Present: Jesse Adams (arrived 8:05 am), Ram Bhatia, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Nicole Oberlin – Student Trustee, Scott Pierce and Rebecca Matoska-Mentink

Virtual: William Duncan, Jason Tadlock and Pamela Zenner-Richards

Excused: Benjamin DeSmidt

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 45 virtual and 28 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

7 of 9 Trustees Responded to the January survey plus the Student Trustee. Below are the comments received.

Strategic

Good update and discussions on Dashboard Report. Very appreciative of the leadership team to start to identify and address the areas of concerns and the corrective actions.

Task - I always prepare and engage in positive discussions with the fellow board members, the President and the leadership team/presenters. Positive conversations help to find the best solutions to help the college continue to move in a positive direction.

Action - Great presentation on the Ends Policy monitoring focus on the Policy Governance. Excellent time management.

Results - Again, the end policy monitoring advanced the end outcomes of linking with the community, and enacting the governing policies. Excellent time management and leadership by the board chair. Appreciated more concise staff presentations leaving more time for other business. The closed sessions was a disaster.

Chairperson's Report - Review Wording of Policy 1.16 Student Trustee: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. Following the discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by J. Adams and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.16.

Board Member Community Reports

P. Zenner-Richards announced that she has given her resignation. Her last day serving as a board member will be June 30, 2024. The board members gave their appreciation and thanked Pam for her 24 years of distinguished service to Gateway and to the students of Gateway.

President's Report - Announcements

R. Raju provided college updates.

President's Report – Dashboard

The dashboard report included information about enrollment and the start of the spring semester. Microsoft has pledged a \$150,000 endowment gift.

President's Report – Campus Welcome

Terry Simmons welcomed the Trustees to the Burlington Center and shared information about current events.

President's Report – Strategic Plan

Anne Whynott gave a presentation about the Strategic Plan. 445 responses were received. The survey link will be sent to the Trustees for their feedback with a deadline of 1/31/24.

Student Trustee Report

Nicole Oberlin gave an update on student activities that have been taking place over the past month. A third passenger van will be purchased. Each county will now have their own transportation vehicle.

Operational Agenda - Action Agenda

Resolution No. F-2023-2024D.2 Resolution Awarding the Sale Of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024D of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin

The administration is recommending approval of a resolution awarding the sale of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024D; in the principal amount of \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects and \$2,500,000 for the public purpose of financing the acquisition of movable equipment.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by J. Adams and carried to roll call vote to approve F-2023-2024D.2 Resolution Awarding the Sale Of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024D of Gateway Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 1

Draft Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Jordan Boehm from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, presented the draft Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 for receipt by the Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia to approve the Draft Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards 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 December 31, 2023.

Cash and Investment Schedules: Approved the monthly cash reconciliation, investment schedule and investment report.

Personnel Report for December: Approved the personnel report of (2) two promotions, (5) five retirements and (5) five separations.

Grant Awards: No grants were awarded for the month of December 2023.

BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for December 2023.

Protective Services Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for December 2023.

High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for December 2023.

Advisory Committee Activity Report: Approved the advisory committee meeting schedule and new members as of January 1, 2024.

Policy Governance Monitoring Reports - Ends Policy Monitoring

College Ends Policy - The tri-county community benefits from affordable higher education that allows residents to develop knowledge and skills for family-supporting careers that contribute to the growth and sustainability of the local economy at a cost commensurate with the value of services provided.

Statement #5 Educational partners, locally, nationally, and internationally, connect their students to Gateway's well-developed career pathways courses, facilities, and educational resources.

Katie Graf led a presentation on Ends Policy #5.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Policy, Statement #5.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Regular Meeting - Thursday, February 22, 2024, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, SC Johnson iMET Center, Kopper Auditorium, 2320 Renaissance Blvd., Sturtevant, WI 53177.

At approximately 9:35 am, it was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned and the Gateway Technical College District Board moved to executive session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the **President's Semi-Annual Review**. The Board reserves the right to reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in executive session.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 1

Executive Session

The Board did not reconvene in open session.

Submitted by,



Benjamin DeSmidt, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees