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REGULAR BOARD MEETING](#)

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 22, 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, January 22, 2026, to receive information and updates relating to Student Life and E-Sports, 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: Ram Bhatia, Tamarra Coleman, Preston Gardner, Nicole Oberlin and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: Zaida Lange-Irisson and Rebecca Matoska-Mentink

Excused: Michael P. Reader and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott, and 6 in-person and 40 virtual attendees. No decisions were made and no actions were taken.

At 9:00 am, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to adjourn the meeting.

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, January 22, 2026

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Racine Campus, Racine Building Quad Room, on Thursday, January 22, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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 and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: Zaida Lange-Irisson and Rebecca Matoska-Mentink

Excused: Michael P. Reader and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott, and 10 in person and 45 virtual attendees.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Citizen Comments: Dan Lyons of GTEA informed the Board about the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) hosting bargaining workshops across the state in which GTEA leadership will participate and submitted a letter providing further details.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

5 of the 6 trustees who attended completed the December Regular Meeting survey. Comments were: Strategic – The agenda covered various important updates and presentations to keep the board informed. Task – Always prepared. Action – Good discussions on agenda items and presentations. Results – Good presentations, including the President's Report. The COW meeting was excellent. I really enjoyed the 2 presentations highlighting the programs in the Kenosha campus.

Chairperson's Report – Wording of Policy 2.1 and Policy 2.2: The Trustees reviewed the Wording of Governance Policy 2.1 and Policy 2.2. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the wording of Policies 2.1 and 2.2.

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of College Ends Policy 4.1: The Trustees reviewed the Wording of Statement #4 of the College Ends Policy 4.1. It was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried to approve the wording of Ends Policy 4.1, Statement #4.

Ad Hoc Committee-Presidential Search Report: Committee Chairperson P. Gardner provided an update on the Presidential Search, including the progress AGB Search is making in the recruitment process and the full Search Committee holding a virtual meeting on January 26, 2026, to review and approve the interview questions and assessment forms for candidates.

Board Member Community Reports: R. Bhatia reported that the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)-District Board Association (DBA) will exclusively meet virtually for the first time ever to address attendance issues due to time constraints. J. Tadlock reported on attending a presentation regarding data centers and their impact on utility costs and how they could involve Gateway's plans to develop AI-related programs.

President's Report – Announcements: Interim President Phillips provided college and industry updates, including cooperative efforts with a local company, attending the upcoming AACC Workforce Development Institute and the progress on installing dental technician equipment at the Racine campus.

President's Report – Dashboard: In addition to the metrics regularly tracked, the dashboard report included reports on the Presidential Search, budgeting, community and government connections, Gateway holiday activities, efforts to improve communications and staffing developments with the Grants office.

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

Resolution No. F-2025-2026D.2: The administration is recommending approval of a resolution awarding the sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2025-2026D, in the principal amount of \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects. The actual sale will take place at the Boarding meeting. This debt issue is included in the 2025-2026 budget.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to roll call vote for approval of Resolution No. F-2025-2026C.1.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

A representative from the College's audit firm, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, presented the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year end June 30, 2025, for receipt by the Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees.

Following discussion, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to roll call vote for approval of Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

Consent Agenda

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

Bid No. 1754 – 2026 Roofing Repairs Project-District Wide: 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 12/31/2025.

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 (0), retirements (2), promotions (0) and separations (1).

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

Protective Services Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for December 2025.

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

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

Executive Limitations - 3.1 General Executive Limitation: Jacqueline Morris delivered the presentation covering the policy's parameters.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by T. Coleman and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.1 and approve the parameters.

Ends Statement #4: Robin Rupp and Amy Koeppel 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 R. Matoska-Mentink and carried that this report is evidence that the college is fulfilling its commitment as expressed in Ends Statement #4.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Gateway Presidential Search Committee Meeting – Monday, January 26, 2026, 1:00 pm, Virtual

Gateway Presidential Search Committee Meeting – Monday, February 9, 2026, 1:00 pm, Virtual

Regular Meeting – Thursday, February 19, 2026, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, SC Johnson iMET Center, Kopper Auditorium.

Adjourn - At 10:45 am, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Preston Gardner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "P".

Preston Gardner, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees