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GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Organizational Meeting, July 14, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board met in-person and virtually on Monday, July 14, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am by Zaida Lange-Irisson, Vice Chairperson.

Open Meeting Compliance

D. 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, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Caio Lisboa–Student Trustee, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Scott Pierce and Michael P. Reader
Virtual: Nicole Oberlin and Jason Tadlock, Chairperson

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan A. Phillips, Recorder David Elliott and 45 virtual and 6 in person citizens/reporters.

Oath of Office

D. Elliott administered the Oath of Office to T. Coleman, N. Oberlin and M. Reader. Signed and notarized copies of T. Coleman and M. Reader's Oaths of Office are on file in the President's Office at Gateway Technical College. Nicole Oberlin participated virtually and arrangements for her Oath of Office to be signed, notarized and filed will be made.

Citizen Comments

Rick Barribeau, representing Gateway Technical Education Association (GTEA), gave citizen comments on faculty information and data.

Election of Officers

D. Elliott presided over the election of officers:

Chairperson – R. Matoska-Mentink nominated J. Tadlock for the Office of Chairperson; R. Bhatia seconded the nomination. Call for nominations called 3 times. There being no other nominations, a roll call vote took place resulting in a motion.

Aye: 8

No: 1

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 0

Vice Chairperson – S. Pierce nominated Z. Lange-Irisson for the Office of Vice Chairperson; R. Matoska-Mentink seconded the nomination. R. Bhatia nominated T. Coleman for the Office of Vice Chairperson. A second motion was not received. Call for nominations called 3 times. There being no other nominations, a roll call vote took place resulting in a motion.

Aye: 8

No: 1

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 0

Secretary – R. Bhatia nominated P. Gardner for the Office of Secretary; S. Pierce seconded the nomination. Call for nominations called 3 times. There being no other nominations, a roll call vote took place resulting in a motion.

Aye: 9

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 0

Treasurer – R. Matoska-Mentink nominated N. Oberlin for the Office of Treasurer; S. Pierce seconded the nomination. R. Bhatia nominated T. Coleman for the Office of Treasurer. A second motion was not received. Call for nominations called 3 times. There being no other nominations, a roll call vote took place resulting in a motion.

Aye: 8

No: 1

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 0

Code of Ethics

All attending Board members signed the Acknowledgement Form of receipt of the Gateway Technical College Board Governance Policy 1.13 under Governance Process, affirming they have read and will abide by the terms of the Code. Arrangements will be made to collect signed Acknowledgement Forms from those who attended virtually. All documents will be on file in the President's Office at Gateway Technical College.

Appointment of Board Representatives

Z. Lange-Irisson confirmed the following appointments for 2025-2026:

Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association	
Position/Committee	2024-2025 Representative
Board of Directors – Two Year Term	R. Bhatia
Awards Committee Representative	R. Matoska-Mentink
Internal Best Practices Committee Representatives	Z. Lange-Irisson N. Oberlin M. Reader
External Partnerships Committee Representatives	R. Bhatia T. Coleman P. Gardner S. Pierce
Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee Representative	R. Matoska-Mentink
Gateway Foundation Board	Z. Lange-Irisson

Consent Agenda

Bid Number 1748 – Parking Lot Repairs, District Wide

Sealed bids were received from various subcontractors for the District-Wide 2025 Parking Lot Repair Project. The administration recommended the contract to provide all labor and materials required for this project to be awarded to Camosy Construction, Kenosha, WI.

R. Matoska-Mentink motioned, seconded by S. Pierce and carried to approve Bid Number 1748 – Parking Lot Repairs, District Wide.

Establish Dates, Times and Locations for the 2025-2026 Board Meetings

Z. Lange-Irison recommended the following Board Meeting calendar.

- Monday, August 18, 2025 | Retreat Meeting: iMET Center, Room 236 | 9 a.m.
- Thursday, August 21, 2025 | Elkhorn Campus, Room 112/114 | 8 a.m.
- Thursday, September 18, 2025 | Kenosha Campus, Madrigano Board Room | 3 p.m.
- Thursday, October 14, 2025 | Racine Campus, Quad Room | 8 a.m.
- Thursday, November 20, 2025 | Elkhorn Campus, Room 112/114 | 8 a.m.
- Thursday, December 18, 2025 | Kenosha Campus, Madrigano Board Room | 3 p.m.
- Thursday, January 22, 2026 | Racine Campus, Quad Room | 8 a.m.
- Thursday, February 19, 2026 | SC Johnson iMET Center, Kopper Auditorium | 8 a.m.
- Thursday, March 19, 2026 | Elkhorn Campus, Room 112/114 | 3 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16, 2026 | Racine Campus, Quad Room | 8 a.m.
- Thursday, May 7, 2026 | SC Johnson iMET Center, Kopper Auditorium | 7 p.m.
- Thursday, May 14, 2026 | Kenosha Campus, Madrigano Board Room | 8 a.m.
- Thursday, June 18, 2026 | Elkhorn Campus, Room 112/114 | 3 p.m.
- Monday, July 13, 2026 | Organizational Meeting: iMET Center, Kopper Auditorium | 8 a.m.
- Monday, July 13, 2026 | Retreat Meeting: iMET Center, Room 236 | 9 a.m.

R. Matoska-Mentink motioned, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve that the schedule is approved in advance of conducting a survey to determine if Regular Board Meetings scheduled for September 18, 2025, March 19, 2026, and/or June 18, 2026, should start at 3 p.m., 8 a.m. or a different time. D. Elliott will conduct survey and share results.

R. Bhatia stated the Horizon Center should be considered for holding regular board meetings in addition to the approved venues and have fewer meetings on the Kenosha and Racine campuses due to distance concerns for Board Members residing outside of these areas.

Closed Meeting

The Gateway Technical College District Board met in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to discuss Compensation and Personnel Issues, reserving the right to reconvene in open session to take action items discussed in closed session.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Annual Board Retreat – Monday, August 18, 2025, 9:00 am, SC Johnson iMET Center, Room 236. The agenda for the retreat will include the Board's goals and future strategic directions for the college. No action will be taken.

Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, August 21, 2025, 8:00 am, Elkhorn Campus, Room 112/114 & Virtual. At approximately 9:36 am, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by T. Coleman and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting adjourn.

Aye: 9

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 0

Submitted by,

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

Preston Gardner

Secretary

Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees