

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD  
Regular Meeting, March 20, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Kenosha Horizon Center on Thursday, March 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Jason Tadlock, Chairperson.

**Open Meeting Compliance:** L. Allen confirmed the meeting was duly noticed in accordance with state statutes for open meeting compliance.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Ram Bhatia, Preston Gardner, Nicole Oberlin, Scott Pierce and Jason Tadlock

**Virtual:** William Duncan and Zaida Lange-Irison

**Excused:** Benjamin DeSmidt, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink (arrived at 3:20 pm) and Andrea Nunez, student trustee

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant David Elliott and 48 virtual and 15 in person citizens/reporters.

**Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of 2/4/25 Special Meeting Minutes:** It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2025 Special Meeting.

**Approval of 2/13/25 Special Meeting Minutes:** It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by S. Pierce and carried to approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2025 Special Meeting.

**Approval of 2/20/25 Regular Meeting Minutes:** It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2025 Regular Meeting.

**Citizen Comments:** There were no citizen comments.

**Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:**

4 of the 9 trustees completed the March survey. One trustee was unable to submit due to a technical issue and one trustee was excused.

Strategic: I applaud the efficiency of the board meeting. It was well conducted with an appropriate level of depth.

Task: None

Action: None

Results: I appreciated the insight to the programs hosted by Career Employment Services. The college must continue to innovate in its mission of connecting Gateway talent with employers in the tri-county region.

**Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 1.8:** The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.8.

**Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 1.9:** The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.9.

**Chairperson's Report – Discussion of Board Member Accountability Policy:** An Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to create a policy outlining the steps to be taken when a board member violates a board policy. P. Gardner will chair this committee and N. Oberlin and R. Matoska-Mentink will be committee members.

**Board Member Community Reports:** R. Bhatia shared that DBA board members will be elected at the April 11, 2025 spring meeting and that they are looking for nominations for positions. W. Duncan has represented Gateway well over the years but will not seek re-election this year. Since R. Bhatia declined running, J. Tadlock will need to be nominated by

default. After some discussion, R. Bhatia agreed to be nominated as an “additional member” on the DBA Board of Directors.

**President’s Report – Announcements:** President Raju provided college updates.

**President’s Report – Dashboard:** The dashboard report included information about the City of Kenosha’s State of the City event, Read Across Kenosha and the NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) awardees. Geeta Betrabet, Vivian Krenzke and Amy Lange were recognized for their contributions.

**Student Trustee Report:** Andrea Nunez was excused.

#### **Operational Agenda - Action Agenda**

**Resolution No. F-2024-2025E.2 – Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025E, of Gateway Technical College District, WI** – Jordan Thurow, R.W. Baird & Co., Inc. led the presentation. Administration is recommending approval of a Resolution awarding the sale of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, series 2024-2025E; for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects.

**Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Bharia and carried to roll call vote for approval of Resolution No. F-2024-2025E.2 – Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025E.**

**Aye: 8**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Excused:1**

#### **Consent Agenda**

**It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison and carried that the following items in the consent agenda be approved.**

**BID 1730 – Tech Building Corridor Refurbishment, Kenosha Campus; Project Cost \$900,000.00**

**BID 1731 – T114 Toilet Room Remodel, Kenosha Campus; Project Cost \$100,000.00**

**BID 1738 – Culinary Cooler Repair, Racine Campus; Project Cost \$51,184.00**

**Finance - Summary of Revenue and Expenditures:** Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of 2/28/25.

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

**Personnel Report for January:** Approved the personnel report of (2) new hires and (1) retirement.

**BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery:** Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for February 2025.

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

**High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery:** Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for March 2025.

**Advisory Committee Activity Report:** Approved new members as of March 1, 2025.

**Grant Awards:** (1) grant for \$2,000.00 was received from WI Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE) Conference

**Policy Governance Monitoring Report – Ends Statement #4:** Jason Pruitt and Le Ann Butwil led the presentation.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Statement #4.

**Executive Limitations - 3.8 Partnerships/Grants/Contracts:** Anne Whynott led the presentation. Following discussion, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.8.

#### **Next Meeting Date and Adjourn**

Regular Meeting – Thursday, April 17, 2025, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Elkhorn Campus, Room 112/114.

Adjourn - At 4:01 pm, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned and the Gateway Technical College District Board moved into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)© to discuss **Personnel Issues**. The Board reserves the right to reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in closed session.

**Aye: 8**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Absent: 1**

**Closed Session**

At 4:52 pm, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by W. Duncan and carried to approve that the board reconvene in open session.

At 4:54 pm, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve that the board approve the personnel issue recommendations discussed during the closed session.

At 4:57 pm, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned.

**Aye: 7**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Excused: 2**

Submitted by,

Nicole Oberlin, Secretary  
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees