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**Gateway Technical College District Board
Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 14, 2026**

The Gateway Technical College District Board held an in-person and virtual Committee of the Whole Meeting at the Kenosha Campus, Madrigrano Conference Center Board Room, on Thursday, May 14, 2026, to receive information and updates relating to the Horticulture Program, take a tour of its operations, 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, Ashleigh Henrichs, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Michael P. Reader and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: None

Excused: Ram Bhatia, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Nicole Oberlin and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott, Dean Robin Rupp, Division Chair Courtney Greve and 8 in-person and 13 virtual attendees. No decisions were made and no actions were taken.

At 9:04 am, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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**Gateway Technical College District Board
Regular Meeting, May 14, 2026**

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Kenosha Campus, Madrigrano Conference Center Board Room, on Thursday, May 14, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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, Ashleigh Henrichs, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Michael P. Reader and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: Nicole Oberlin, Zaida Lange-Irisson, and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Excused: Ram Bhatia

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott, and 14 in person and 28 virtual attendees.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by A. Henrichs and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Meeting, May 4, 2026, Special Meeting, and May 7, 2026, Public Hearing to present the proposed FY 2026-27 Budget.

Citizen Comments: None.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

7 of the 8 trustees who attended completed the April Regular Meeting survey. Comments were: Strategic – (none). Task – The board members should read their material and come prepared to discuss, engage, and ask questions. Action – (none). Results – The Committee of the Whole meeting presentation was excellent. / Great presentation from the IT department! / The budget proposal for approval could have benefited from some more detail specifically on the information of YoY changes and Capex details.

Chairperson's Report – Wording of Governance Policy 3.6 and Governance Policy 3.8: The Trustees reviewed the Wording of Governance Policy 3.6 and Governance Policy 3.8. It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to approve the wording of Policy 3.6 and Policy 3.8.

Ad Hoc Committee-Presidential Search Report: Committee Chairperson P. Gardner provided the final update on the Presidential Search, including the hiring of Dr. Veronique V. Tran as President and CEO, effective July 1, 2026.

Board Member Community Reports: J. Tadlock requested the college to explore why certain students who were in the Gateway Edge program were not invited to participate in the upcoming commencement ceremony, including providing a further explanation on technical issues that might have caused this to occur at the June regular board meeting. R. Matoska-Mentink reported on attending the ceremony honoring STEM scholars in the program sponsored by SC Johnson and Co., and acknowledged Dean Cyndean Jennings receiving the Mahone Foundation's Bryan Albrecht Living Legends Award.

President's Report – Announcements: Interim President Phillips provided college and industry updates, including the Director of Government Relations starting in the coming week and a transition committee being formed to support the new President's onboarding.

President's Report – Dashboard: In addition to the metrics regularly tracked, the dashboard report included information on the college's Classification/Compensation, WTCS efforts in legislative advocacy related to funding, attending a recent AACCC meeting and his visit to a partner institution in China.

President's Report – Draft Strategic Facility Planning Guide for FY 2026-27, FY 2027-28, FY 2028-29: Interim President Phillips arranged to have Facilities Director Andrew Kallenbach give an overview of the college's draft three-year strategic facility plan required by state statute that is scheduled to be approved by the board at its Regular Meeting in June.

Student Trustee Report: C. Lisboa presented a report on student activities over the past month.

Resolution No. F-2025-2026E.2 – Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026E

The administration is recommending approval of a resolution awarding the sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2025-2026E; in the principal amount of \$1,000,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects.

Following discussion, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to roll call vote for approval of Resolution No. F-2025-2026E.2.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

Consent Agenda

It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by T. Coleman 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 4/30/2026.

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

Personnel Report for May: Approved the personnel report of new hires (4), separations (6) and retirements (2).

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

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

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

Advisory Committee Activity Report: Three (3) new members added since last month's report as of May 1, 2026.

Grant Awards: Gateway received two new grant awards.

Executive Limitations - 3.2 Human Relationships; 3.3 Employment, Compensation, and Benefits; and 3.9

Sustained Presidential Leadership: Director of Employee Engagement Magan Perez and Manager of Talent Acquisition Elizabeth (Lisa) Guerrero delivered the presentation covering the parameters of the three policies.

Following discussion, it was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by A. Henrichs and carried that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.2, 3.3 and 3.9, and approve the parameters.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Committee of the Whole Meeting – Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 3:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person,

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 4:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, Elkhorn Campus, South Building Room 112/114

Adjourn - At 10:16 am, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman 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)(c) 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

Excused: 1

Closed Session

At 10:30 am, it was moved by A. Henrichs, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to reconvene in open session.

It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to roll call vote to approve the presented recommendations regarding Personnel Issues.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

At 10:32am, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by A. Henrichs and carried that the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

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

Preston Gardner, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees