

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD  
Regular Meeting, May 15, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the SC Johnson iMET Center, Kopper Auditorium, on Thursday, May 15, 2025. 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, Preston Gardner, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Scott Pierce and Jason Tadlock

**Virtual:** Zaida Lange-Irison

**Excused:** Benjamin DeSmidt, William Duncan, Nicole Oberlin and Andrea Nunez, student trustee

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder David Elliott, Executive Assistant Liz Allen and 68 virtual and 20 in person citizens/reporters.

**Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of 4/17/25 Regular Meeting Minutes:** It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2025 Regular Meeting.

**Citizen Comments:** Dan Lyons, GTEA President, provided comments encouraging the Board of Trustees to include GTEA involvement in the Interim President selection process.

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

4 of the 9 trustees completed the May survey. Three trustees were excused.

Strategic: The agenda items covered key important topics such as those listed under the Chairperson's report. Similarly, good dashboard report and 3-years strategic facility planning under President's Report. Thank you to GTEA for making a statement during Public Comment, as well as their proactive leadership and understanding of the financial landscape we find ourselves in.

Task: I am always prepared and engaged. I encourage fellow board members to utilize our upcoming board retreats to improve and create relationships amongst the board and the new board members.

Action: The Ends statement and policy governance reviews focus on our governance roles. I felt the questions asked today were done so in a thoughtful, courteous, and professional manner. I appreciate the Finance office's detailed explanations and ongoing efforts.

Results: The agenda items assure successful college performance.

**Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 3.7:** The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the wording of Policy 3.7.

**Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Governance Policy 3.9:** The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the wording of Policy 3.9.

**Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Ends Statement #4:** The Trustees reviewed the wording of the ends statement. It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve the wording of Ends Statement #4.

**Chairperson's Report – Discussion of FY 25/26 Board Meeting Schedule:** Action on the proposed FY 25/26 meeting schedule will be tabled to the July 14, 2025, board retreat to enable input from new Trustees.

**Chairperson's Report – Discussion of Topics for Committee of the Whole Presentations:** The Trustees discussed potential topics and approaches for such presentations in FY 25/26. Suggested approaches included having three to four meetings throughout the year and merging with the regular meeting schedule. Suggested topics included an update on veterinarian tech, dental, welding and respiratory programs, and connecting with the Gateway Foundation Board.

**Chairperson's Report – Discussion on FY 25/26 Budget:** The Trustees provided feedback on the FY 25-26 Budget public hearing held on May 8, 2025, at the Kenosha Campus, Madigrano Conference Center. The budget presented was balanced based on the status quo, as information on state funding is not yet available. Appreciation for all constituents' understanding due to this situation was expressed by many participants.

**Chairperson's Report – Discussion of Board Member Accountability Policy:** P. Gardner is awaiting final legal clarification on draft policy 1.17 and confirmed policy focuses more on enforcement than Trustee conduct. Reading the updated draft has been moved to next month's meeting.

**Board Member Community Reports:** None.

**President's Report – Announcements:** President Raju provided college updates, including initiatives such as the compensation study, organizational structure review and a pilot program on artificial intelligence (AI) relative to student success. Amanda Robillard was acknowledged as a three-time recipient of a top Ellucian CRM recognition. Tammi Summers is transitioning seamlessly into her Student Services executive role. Reminders on the annual Gateway Foundation fund-raising golf event on May 22, 2025, and the next Board of Trustees being moved to June 11, 2025, at 8 am were provided (Liz Allen will attend since her last day in her role is scheduled for June 17, 2025).

**President's Report – Dashboard:** The dashboard report included information about Gateway's Commencement Ceremonies May 20-21, 2025; the accreditation visit for the Respiratory Therapy program, which was well received; and that key metrics such as enrollment headcount and fall registration are up.

**President's Report – Strategic Facility Planning Guide:** The draft plan for FY 25-26, 26-27 and 27-28 were submitted for review. Topic will be an action item for next month's meeting.

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

**Operational Agenda - Action Agenda:** No items this month.

### **Consent Agenda**

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink 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 4/30/25.

**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), transfers (0), retirements (3) and separations (11).

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

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

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

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

**Program Approvals Delivery:** Approved Cybersecurity Analyst Apprenticeship.

**Policy Governance Monitoring Report – Executive Limitations - 3.2 Human Relationships, 3.3 Employment, Compensation, and Benefits, and 3.9 Sustained Presidential Leadership:** Lisa Guerrero and Magan Perez 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 3.2, 3.3, and 3.9.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjourn**

Special Closed Meeting, Interim President Screening – Friday, May 23, 2025, 2:00 pm, Virtual.

Special Closed Meeting, Interim President Interviews – Thursday, May 29, 2025, 8:00 am, Virtual.

Special Closed Meeting, Interim President Interviews – Friday, May 30, 2025, 1:00 pm, Virtual.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Kenosha Campus, Madrigano Conference Center Board Room.

Adjourn - At 10:15 am, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner 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: 6**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Excused: 3**

**Closed Session**

At 11:17 am, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve that the board reconvene in open session.

At 11:19 am, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve that the board approve the personnel issue recommendation discussed during the closed session.

At 11:20 am, it was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned.

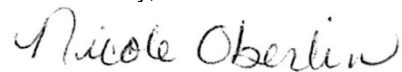
**Aye: 6**

**No: 0**

**Abstaining: 0**

**Excused: 3**

Submitted by,



Nicole Oberlin, Secretary

Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees