

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, November 16, 2023

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Racine Campus, Racine Building, Quad Rooms, 1001 S. Main Street, Racine, WI 53403 on Thursday, November 16, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, 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, Benjamin DeSmidt, William Duncan, Nicole Oberlin – Student Trustee, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Scott Pierce, and Pamela Zenner-Richards

Virtual: Jason Tadlock

Excused: Jesse Adams and Zaida Lange-Irisson

Also in attendance were President Ritu Raju, Recorder Liz Allen, Administrative Assistant Amber Stoian and 47 virtual and 28 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda

With this change, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary: 2 of 8 Attending Trustees Responded to the Survey including the Student Trustee. The following are the comments received.

In past years, when the campus administrator provided a welcome, the presentation lasted only 5 to 10 minutes. In recent months, these welcomes are becoming full-fledged presentations bringing in speakers, travelogue presentations and more.

The information provided is not inappropriate but should be provided as part of the board agenda under another part of the agenda. In this way the chairperson and president can plan accordingly. Please keep the campus welcome to a maximum of 5 to 10 minutes.

No surprises to the agenda this month other than the unknown portion of the campus welcome content.

Chairperson's Report - Review Wording of Policy 1.14 College Budget Process: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policy. Following the discussion, it was moved by W. Duncan, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.14.

Board Member Community Reports

R. Bhatia attended the ACCT conference and learned many best practices. It was recommended the board should review Lakeshore Technical College's presidential evaluation. The Foundation's Innovation Celebration event was cancelled due to low reservations.

President's Report - Announcements

R. Raju provided college updates.

President's Report – Dashboard

The dashboard report included information on the Oklahoma Superintendent visit, NAACP events and the Legal Issues Conference President Raju and others attended in October.

President's Report – Campus Welcome

Cyndeane Jennings welcomed the Trustees to the Racine Campus and shared information about current events on the campus.

Student Trustee Report

Nicole Oberlin gave an update on student activities that have been taking place over the past month.

Operational Agenda - Action Agenda

Resolution Number M-2023 B – Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000,000; and Issuance of Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Notes

The administration is recommending Board approval of a resolution authorizing the short-term borrowing (if needed) of an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. The resolution will authorize the administration to establish a line of credit with its current bank, Johnson Bank, if the need arises.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by B. DeSmidt to approve Resolution Number M-2023B - Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000,000; and Issuance of Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Notes.

Operational Agenda - Action Agenda

Draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

A representative from the College's audit firm, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, presented the draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 for receipt by the Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards and carried to roll call vote to approve the Draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Consent Agenda

It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Zenner-Richards 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 October 31, 2023.

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

Personnel Report for October: Approved the personnel report of (2) two promotions and (3) separations and no employment approvals-adjunct faculty.

Grant Awards: One grant was received this month called the OER Grant Project for a period of 10/1/23 – 6/30/25 in the amount of \$69,736.00.

BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for October 2023.

Protective Services Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for October 2023.

High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for October 2023.

Advisory Committee Activity Report: Approved the advisory committee meeting schedule and new members as of November 1, 2023.

**Policy Governance Monitoring Reports
Ends Policy Monitoring**

There was no report for this month.

Executive Limitations

There was no report for this month.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Regular Meeting - Thursday, December 21, 2023, 3:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, Horizon Center for Transportation, Conference Room 106, 4940 88th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53144.

At approximately 9:25 am, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by W. Duncan and carried by a roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned and the Gateway Technical College District Board moved to executive 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 executive session.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 2

Executive Session

At approximately 10:25 am, the Board reconvened in Open Session. S. Pierce motioned, seconded by R. Bhatia to approve the personnel issues recommendations stated during closed session.

At 10:27 am it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by B. DeSmidt and carried by roll call vote that the meeting was adjourned.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 2

Submitted by,



Benjamin DeSmidt, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees