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REGULAR BOARD MEETING](#)

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Committee of the Whole Meeting, November 20, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board held an in-person and virtual Committee of the Whole Meeting at the Elkhorn Campus, South Building Room 112/114 on Thursday, November 20, 2025, to receive information and updates on Strategic Planning and College Funding Sources 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: Ram Bhatia, Preston Gardner, Zaida Lange-Irison, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Nicole Oberlin, Michael P. Reader and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: Tamarra Coleman Scott Pierce

Excused: Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott, Presenters Chief Financial Officer Sharon Johnson, and Associate Vice President-College Excellence Anne Whynott, and 10 in-person and 36 virtual attendees. No decisions were made and no actions were taken.

At 8:59 am, it was moved by Z. Lange-Irison, seconded R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Elkhorn Campus, South Building Room 112/114, on Thursday, November 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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, Zaida Lange-Irison, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Nicole Oberlin, Michael P. Reader and Jason Tadlock

Virtual: Tamarra Coleman and Scott Pierce

Excused: Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott and 31 virtual and 11 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison and carried to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman and carried to approve the Minutes of October 14, 2025, Regular Meeting, October 20, 2025, Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, November 3, 2025, Ad Hoc Committee and November 10, 2025, Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.

Citizen Comments: Citizen Comments were provided by Bridget Bell of Kenosha County and GTEA Vice President to call attention to faculty wellbeing concerns based on results from the college's recently conducted employee survey.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

6 of the 8 trustees who attended completed the October Regular Meeting survey. Comments were: Strategic – Meeting of the Whole provided valuable information to Trustees, Executive Leadership and Fire Personnel. Thank you. Results – The meeting resulted in a stronger link between the community and the college with the Meeting of the Whole. I was disappointed that I could not attend the vendor interviews for our President Search. Too short a notice to follow our regular board meeting as well as other commitments that prevented my participation.

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Policy 1.15: The Trustees reviewed the Wording of Policy 1.15. It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by Z. Lange Irsson and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.15.

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Policy 1.16: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the Policy 1.16. It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.16 with the action item to revisit Item 3b regarding the credit hours the Student Trustee is required to be registered for during the academic year in which he/she serves.

Chairperson's Report – Proposed New Start Time and Location for April 2026 Regular Board: New arrangements for the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for April 2026 were being considered due to a conflict with Gateway's annual Signing Day event. Following discussion it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to hold the meeting on the Racine campus on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, starting at 8:00 am.

Ad Hoc Committee-Presidential Search Report: Committee Chair P. Gardner provided an update on the Presidential Search and presented the list of college and external stakeholders who confirmed their willingness and ability to serve on the expanded Search Committee to select the next President for Gateway. It was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by N. Oberlin and carried to approve the candidates for appointment to the Search Committee.

Board Member 2025 ACCT Leadership Congress Reports: Conference attendees R. Bhatia, T. Coleman, Z. Lange-Irsson, R. Matoska-Mentink and J. Tadlock reported on what they learned, how Gateway was well represented and important developments in the education industry while attending the event October 21-25, 2025, in New Orleans.

Board Member Community Reports: R. Bhatia reported on recent developments in the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)-District Board Association (DBA), including improvements gained after B. Albrecht's appointment as Interim Executive Director and the organization looking to form a Legislative Committee in which all WTCS colleges will have a member.

President's Report – Announcements: Interim President Phillips provided college and industry updates.

President's Report – Dashboard: In addition to the metrics regularly tracked, the dashboard report included reports on critical projects, community and government connections, recent successes and interactions with educational partners.

Student Trustee Report: A report on student activities over the past month was submitted in advance.

Resolution No. F-2025-2026C.1

The administration is recommending approval to issue General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026C, in the principal amount of \$4,000,000 -- \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects and \$2,500,000 for the public purpose of financing the acquisition of movable equipment. This borrowing is included in the 2025-2026 budget.

Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to roll call vote for approval of Resolution No. F-2025-2026C.1.

Aye: 9

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 0

Resolution No. F-2025-2026C.2

The administration is recommending Board approval of a resolution establishing parameters for the sale of \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026C: \$1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects and \$2,500,000 for the public purpose of financing the acquisition of movable equipment.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to roll call vote for approval of Resolution No. F-2025-2026C.2.

Aye: 9

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 0

DRAFT Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

Representatives from the College's audit firm, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, presented the DRAFT Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025.

Following discussion, it was moved by Z. Lange-Irisson, seconded by R. Bhatia and carried to approve DRAFT Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by Z. Lange-Irisson and carried that the following items in the consent agenda be approved.

Resolution No. B-2025 B: Approval of Trane Controls Migration Contract at Kenosha and Racine campuses

Finance - Summary of Revenue and Expenditures: Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of 10/31/25.

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

Personnel Report for September: Approved the personnel report of new hires (1), transfers (1), retirements (1), promotions (0) and separations (3).

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

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

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

Advisory Committee Activity Report: Eleven (11) new members as of November 1, 2025.

Amended Minutes for August 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Special Meeting – Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 2:30 pm, Virtual, Approve Profile for Presidential Search.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 3:00 pm, Virtual and In-Person, Kenosha Campus, Madrigano Conference Center Board Room.

Adjourn - At 10:40 am, it was moved by R. Bhatia, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Preston Gardner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Preston" and last name "Gardner" clearly distinguishable.

Preston Gardner, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees