

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 14, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board held an in-person Committee of the Whole Meeting at the Racine Campus, Racine Building Quad Room on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, to receive information and updates on the college's EMS and Fire Science programs 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, Tamarra Coleman, Preston Gardner, Zaida Lange-Irison, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Michael P. Reader, Jason Tadlock and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott, Dean Robin Rupp and representatives from various fire departments in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties. No decisions were made and no actions were taken. The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 8:58 am.

[LINK TO RECORDING OF OCTOBER 14, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING](#)

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, October 14, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Racine Campus, Racine Building Quad Room, on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. 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: Ram Bhatia, Tamarra Coleman, Preston Gardner, Zaida Lange-Irison, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Michael P. Reader, Jason Tadlock and Caio Lisboa, student trustee

Virtual: Scott Pierce

Excused: Nicole Oberlin

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott and 40 virtual and 10 in person citizens/reporters.

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

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve the Minutes of September 17, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Citizen Comments: Citizen Comments were provided by Dan Lyons of Kenosha County and GTEA President to present wage-related concerns and by faculty member Greg Chapman on alternative approaches for budget and cost reductions.

Chairperson's Report - Board Evaluation Summary:

6 of the 8 trustees who attended completed the September Regular Meeting survey. No additional comments were made.

Chairperson's Report – Wording Review of Policy 1.13 and Policy 1.14: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the policies. It was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison and carried to approve the wording of Policy 1.13 and Policy 1.14.

Chairperson's Report – Gateway Delegate to 2025 ACCT Leadership Congress: J. Tadlock appointed Z. Lange-Irison to serve as Delegate for Gateway Technical College while attending the 2025 ACCT Leadership Congress (October 22-25, 2025, in New Orleans, LA) with no objections.

Board Member Community Reports: R. Bhatia reported on recent developments at the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)-District Board Association (DBA), including the Executive Director leaving the association and the DBA's request for WTCS colleges to consider hosting future meetings.

President's Report – Announcements: Interim President Phillips provided college and industry updates, including his meetings with delegates from out-of-state colleges and China.

President's Report – Dashboard: In addition to the metrics regularly tracked, the dashboard report included reports on workforce development, legislative connections, Gateway's annual Employee Learning Day, SC Johnson STEM program activities, WTCS president welcomes and the Trane Energy Project Proposal.

Student Trustee Report: Caio Lisboa gave an update on student activities that have been taking place over the past month.

FY 2024-2025 Budget Revision #5

The administration is recommending approval to amend the fiscal year 2025 budget based on year-end requests. The FY 2024-25 budget requires revisions in two funds. The General Fund and Capital Fund require year-end revisions to balance the fund by function.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to roll call vote for approval of FY 2024-2025 Budget Revision #5.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

FY 2025-2026 Budget Revision #1

The FY 2025-26 budget requires a modification in the General and Special Revenue—Operational Funds. The modification in the General Fund will reflect final Net New Construction, an adjustment for Refunded/Rescinded, and an adjustment in State Aid. These funds will be added to a general contingency to fund future priorities. The modification in the Special Revenue—Operational Fund will reflect adjustments for new and ongoing grant activity.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison and carried to roll call vote for approval of FY 2025-2026 Budget Revision #1.

Aye: 8

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 1

Resolution No. M-2025 B – Designation of Assistant, Associate, and Deputy Directors

Wisconsin's Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Employees applies to a member of a technical college district board or district director of a technical college, or any position as assistant, associate, or deputy district director of a technical college (Wis. Statutes, Sec. 19.42(13)(f)).

Following discussion, it was moved by Z. Lange-Irison, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the positions designated as deputy, associate, or assistant district directors, and the who occupy those positions and their successors, as state public officials to whom Wisconsin's Ethics Code applies.

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

Annual Procurement Review

Finance - Summary of Revenue and Expenditures: Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of 9/30/25.

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 (2), promotions (0) and separations (4).

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

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

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

Advisory Committee Activity Report: Eight (8) new members as of October 1, 2025.

Amended Minutes for August 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Executive Limitations - 3.4 Budgeting/Forecasting: Jason Nygard delivered the presentation, which included the Tax Levy and Mill Rate Confirmation.

Following discussion, it was moved by R. Bhatia, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to roll call vote that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.4 and to approve the Tax Levy and Mill Rate Confirmation.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 2

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Regular Meeting – Thursday, November 20, 2025, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Elkhorn Campus, South Building-Room 112/114.

Adjourn - At 9:53 am, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, 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 potential contracts for the **Presidential Search**. 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

Roll Call

Present: Ram Bhatia, Tamarra Coleman, Preston Gardner, Zaida Lange-Irison, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Michael P. Reader and Jason Tadlock

Excused: Nicole Oberlin and Scott Pierce

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Vice President of Talent & Culture Jacqueline Morris, Director of Budgets and Purchasing Jason Nygard, Executive Assistant David Elliott and representatives from five candidate service providers in individual virtual sessions.

At 4:35 pm, it was moved by R. Matoska-Mentink, seconded by Z. Lange-Irison and carried by roll call vote for the board to reconvene in open session and adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstaining: 0

Excused: 2

Submitted by,

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

Preston Gardner, Secretary

Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees