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GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Regular Meeting, September 17, 2025

The Gateway Technical College District Board met virtually and in person at the Kenosha Campus, Madrigrano Conference Center Board Room, on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Zaida Lange-Irisson, Vice 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, Zaida Lange-Irisson, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Scott Pierce and Michael P. Reader
Virtual: Nicole Oberlin and Caio Lisboa, student trustee
Excused: Ram Bhatia and Jason Tadlock

Also in attendance were Interim President Morgan Phillips, Recorder David Elliott and 42 virtual and 13 in person citizens/reporters.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by P. Gardner, seconded by T. Coleman to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by T. Coleman, seconded by M. Reader and carried to approve the Minutes of August 21, 2025, Regular Meeting, and August 27, 2025, Special Meeting.

Citizen Comments: Citizen Comments were provided by Dan Lyons of Kenosha County and GTEA President to report that Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for Fall 2025 are up by 7.7 percent over last year, attributing the academic advisors as a key contributor to this successful result.

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 Ends Statement #2: The Trustees reviewed the wording of the ends statement. It was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by P. Gardner and carried to approve the wording of Ends Statement #2.

Chairperson's Report – Discuss Board Participation in RFP 1753 Process: T. Coleman and M. Reader volunteered to join the evaluation team tasked with selecting candidate vendors to support the Presidential search. No more than two additional board members can opt to also participate.

Chairperson's Report – Review DRAFT Committee of the Whole Schedule: It was decided to proceed with the proposed schedule and topics presented. Additional topics will be considered to finalize arrangements at a future meeting. Invitations and advisories of Committee of the Whole meetings will be separate from the 2025/2026 District Board Regular Meeting Schedule but will likely be held in tandem with it.

Board Member Community Reports: None were given.

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 Faculty Welcome Week, student Fast Track enrollment, SC Johnson STEM program activities, Interim President's WTCS orientation, and continuing budget and staffing work.

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

Resolution No. F-2025-2026B.2 – Resolution Awarding the Sale of $1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026B
The administration is recommending approval to award the sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series F-2025-2026B; in the principal amount of $1,500,000 for the public purpose of financing building remodeling and improvement projects. This borrowing is included in the 2025-26 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-2025-2026B.2 – Awarding the Sale of $1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026B.

Aye: 7
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 2

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.

Bid 1750 – Vet Tech HVAC Repairs
Bid 1751 – CCA RTU Replacement
Bid 1752 – Toilet Room and Office Remodel
Finance - Summary of Revenue and Expenditures: Approved the summary of revenue and expenditures as of 8/31/25.
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 (14), transfers (0), retirements (5), promotions (0) and separations (6).
BWS Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for September 2025.
Protective Services Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for August 2025.
High School Contracts for Instructional Delivery: Approved the contracts for instructional delivery report for September 2025.
Grant Awards: Approved the report on 2 new grant awards for September 2025.
Advisory Committee Activity Report: No new members since July 31, 2025.
Elevate 2028 Strategic Plan: Approved revisions to college's strategic plan.

Executive Limitations - 3.5 Financial Condition: Sharon Johnson delivered the presentation. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Executive Limitations 3.5.

Policy Governance Monitoring Report – Ends Statement #3: Sean Riordan led the presentation. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by R. Matoska-Mentink and carried to approve that this report is evidence that the college is making progress on Ends Statement #3.

Next Meeting Date and Adjourn
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 8:00 am, Virtual and In-Person, Racine Campus, Racine Building Quad Room.

Adjourn - At 3:30 pm, it was moved by S. Pierce, 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: 7
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 2

Closed Session
At 4:09 pm, it was moved by S. Pierce, seconded by T. Colemen and carried by roll call vote for the board reconvene in open session and adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 7
No: 0
Abstaining: 0
Excused: 2

Submitted by,

Preston Gardner, Secretary
Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees