

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD**  
**MARCH 19-20, 2019**  
**LAKESHORE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**1290 NORTH AVENUE**  
**CLEVELAND, WI**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

Members Present: JoAnna Richard for Caleb Frostman, Becky Levzow, W. Kent Lorenz, Rodney Pasch, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Stephen Willett via phone, Mary Williams.

Members Absent: Eve Hall, Terry McGowan, John Schwantes.

System Office Staff Present: Terese Craig, Monique Currie, Julie Drake, Morna Foy, Colleen McCabe, Dan Scanlon, Chrystal Seeley-Schreck, Conor Smyth, Brandon Trujillo, Jim Zylstra.

District/Others Present: Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Connor Jackson, Wisconsin Student Government; Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College; Bonnie Baerwald, Moraine Park Technical College; Rob Elliott, Northcentral Technical College; Shelly Mondeik, Mid-State Technical College; John Will, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College; Paul Carlsen, John Lukas, Heidi Soodsma, Lakeshore Technical College; Sharon Wendt, Department of Public Instruction.

Board President Tyler called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Julie Drake read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

Board President Tyler introduced Carolyn Stanford Taylor, recently appointed Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction. By virtue of that appointment, she is an ex-officio member of the Board.

Board President Tyler introduced JoAnna Richard, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Workforce Development, representing Secretary Frostman.

Board President Tyler introduced and recognized Connor Jackson, President of Wisconsin Student Government and a student at Fox Valley Technical College.

Board President Tyler thanked LTC President Dr. Paul Carlsen for hosting the Board Meeting. Dr. Carlsen welcomed the Board.

**ITEM A: Approval of the January 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**It was moved by Board Member Pasch, seconded by Board Member Tourdot that the January 22, 2019 meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **ITEM B: Report of the Board President**

Meeting agenda Item F and Item I have been interchanged due to schedule conflicts.

Dr. Hall's Board of Regents report is in the Board folders for review.

## **ITEM C: Report of the System President**

WTCS Celebrated National Ag Day earlier in the day, hosted by Lakeshore Technical College, with Board Member Levzow serving as a keynote speaker along with Julie Maurer, Board President of Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center and Kim Bremmer, Owner of Ag Inspirations, LLC.

Governor Evers proclaimed February as CTE Month in Wisconsin. WTCS received a lot of positive coverage, including the kick-off event that took place February 5 at WE Energies in West Allis. WTCS was represented by MATC President Vicki Martin and Board Members Stanford Taylor and Richard.

The 2019 WTCS Student Showcase took place in the Capitol Rotunda on February 19. This event gave students from every Wisconsin technical college an opportunity to visit with policymakers, discuss and demonstrate programs and service-learning projects.

Wisconsin Student Government's legislative advocacy day also took place on February 19. Students talked with legislative members about what impacts their education.

The New Leaders and Assessment Conferences, two System-led professional development events for college staff, took place March 6-8 at Gateway Technical College.

The 2019 WTCS Ambassador Banquet will take place on April 25, at Great Wolf Lodge in Wisconsin Dells. Each college will have one student representative who serves as an ambassador for a year. Contact Mr. Smyth or Ms. Drake if you are interested in attending.

The latest editions of the WTCS Fact Book and the Apprenticeship Completion report are in Board folders. If additional copies are needed, please contact Mr. Smyth or Ms. Drake. The Equity Report will be presented later in the meeting, and the Grad Outcomes report will be shared at the May Board meeting.

## **ITEM D: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association**

Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association (DBA) Executive Director Layla Merrifield updated the Board on recent activities.

In February, the Community College National Legislative Summit took place in Washington, D.C. with more than 1,200 community college leaders, including 60 from Wisconsin, who heard from members of Congress, leading political analysts and other high-profile speakers, about the current climate in D.C., recent elections and legislative issues.

The District Boards Association Spring meeting will be held in Fond du Lac April 11-13, at Moraine Park Technical College. The meeting will include an in-service on student services, annual leadership elections and a tour of Mercury Marine.

**ITEM E: WTCS Presidents' Association**

Association President and Moraine Park Technical College President Bonnie Baerwald provided the Board with an update on recent activities. The Presidents' Association met twice since the January Board meeting, in addition to many attending the Student Showcase.

Areas of focus are tuition, budget development and advocacy. More than 60 employer letters supporting the System's budget request were sent to members of the Legislature.

**ITEM I: 2019-20 Tuition**

WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra provided the Board with an overview of the tuition recommendation process and historical trends.

The Tuition workgroup, consisting of Board Members Tyler, Lezvow and Lorenz, considered many factors impacting the technical colleges and forwarded a recommendation for a 1.7 percent increase in tuition for both Postsecondary/Vocational Adult programs and Collegiate Transfer to System President Foy. Workgroup members Tyler, Lezvow and Lorenz spoke favorably of the process, and offered strong support for the recommendation.

**It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member Willett, that the Board approve the per credit tuition rates for 2019-20 as follows:**

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| <b>Postsecondary/Vocational Adult</b>                       | <b>\$136.50 per credit</b> |
| <b>Postsecondary/Vocational Adult non-resident addition</b> | <b>\$68.25 per credit</b>  |
| <b>Collegiate Transfer</b>                                  | <b>\$184.60 per credit</b> |
| <b>Collegiate Transfer non-resident addition</b>            | <b>\$92.30 per credit</b>  |

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Board Member Lorenz, seconded by Board Member Tourdot, to recess the meeting until Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting recessed at 4:31 p.m.

## **Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

Members Present: JoAnna Richard for Caleb Frostman, Eve Hall, W. Kent Lorenz, Terry McGowan, Rodney Pasch, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, S. Mark Tyler, Stephen Willett via phone, Mary Williams.

Members Absent: Becky Lezvow, John Schwantes, Kelly Tourdot.

System Office Staff Present: Terese Craig, Monique Currie, Julie Drake, Morna Foy, Tou Ya Khang, Colleen McCabe, Brenda Powles, Dan Scanlon, Chrystal Seeley-Schreck, Conor Smyth, Brandon Trujillo, Jim Zylstra.

District/Others Present: Sharon Wendt, Department of Public Instruction; Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Connor Jackson, Wisconsin Student Government; Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College; Bonnie Baerwald, Moraine Park Technical College; Shelly Mondeik, Mid-State Technical College; Richard Nelson, Nicolet College; John Will, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College; Paul Carlsen, Jim Lemerond, John Lukas, Julie Mirecki, Patti Saunders, Heidi Soodsma, Lakeshore Technical College; Rob Elliott, Lori Weyers, Northcentral Technical College.

Dr. Paul Carlsen introduced LTC's 2019 Student Ambassador, Gregg Udulutch from Manitowoc, who addressed the Board; and Sheila Schetter, Dean of Advanced Manufacturing, Ag, Auto & Engineering, who previewed the tour.

LTC provided a tour and presentation of the Advanced Automotive Training Center and the Kohler Center for Manufacturing Excellence.

Board President Tyler called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m. Julie Drake read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

### **ITEM G: Consent Agenda**

**It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member Hall that the Board approve the program development, facilities requests and interim board appointment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **ITEM H: Waukesha County Technical College – Construction of an Addition to the Integrated Manufacturing Center in Pewaukee**

WTCS Facilities Director Dan Scanlon gave an overview on the approval process.

**It was moved by Board Member Pasch, seconded by Board Member Willett that the Board approve the Waukesha County Technical College District constructing facilities at the Pewaukee Campus. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **ITEM F: Teaching and Learning – System-wide Equity Report**

WTCS Human Resources Manager Brenda Powles, Moraine Park Technical College Diversity Relations Manager Laurice Snyder and Lakeshore Technical College Multicultural Student Advocate Nicole Yang provided the Board with an overview of the System-wide Equity Report.

The report sets the stage as the System moves forward with a collaborative approach to addressing the report's focus:

- Identifying and addressing gaps in student and staff data, which will help to create a more accurate understanding of equity at each institution;
- Supporting and maintaining a culture of equity and inclusion at every level of WTCS through informed decision-making and strategic resource allocation; and
- Setting and sustaining the expectation that equity and inclusion are core values underlying the work of every employee and every WTCS institution.

The Board recessed for a fifteen-minute break, reconvening at 10:58 a.m.

## **ITEM J: State and Federal Grant Awards**

WTCS Grants Manager Tou Ya Khang presented an overview of the System's grant process and highlighted initiatives in each grant category. More than \$37 million in grants are awarded annually. Grant activities will begin on July 1 and technical colleges will be provided with additional technical assistance throughout the year. Each program includes evaluation components, and best practices will be shared System-wide.

Board Member Willett expressed interest in assuring that the outcomes for all grant funds, regardless of source or recipient, be assessed. System President Foy explained that this is the practice.

**It was moved by Board Member Willett, seconded by Board Member Williams, that the Board approve funding awards for the State of Wisconsin, Carl D. Perkins Act and Adult Education and Family Literacy Act grant programs for fiscal year 2019-20 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **ITEM K: Legislative Update**

WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra, Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo and DBA Executive Director Merrifield provided an update on key legislative issues. An update on the Governor's biennial budget process and the components affecting WTCS, including dual enrollment and Wisconsin Grants. System President Foy and DBA Executive Director Merrifield have been sharing an overview of the budget process with legislators.

WTCS Policy Advisor Monique Currie provided a federal update.

**ITEM L: Announcements/Adjourn**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is May 14, 2019 at the System Office in Madison.

**It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member Hall, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Drake  
Recording Secretary