

MINUTES OF MEETING
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD
JULY 9-10, 2019
NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
2740 WEST MASON STREET
GREEN BAY, WI

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Members Present: Caleb Frostman, Eve Hall, Becky Lezow, W. Kent Lorenz, Terry McGowan, Rodney Pasch, Cooper Richason, John Schwantes, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Stephen Willett, Mary Williams.

System Office Staff Present: Monique Currie, Julie Drake, Morna Foy, Colleen McCabe, Dan Scanlon, Conor Smyth, Brandon Trujillo.

District/Others Present: Carla Hedtke, Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Ann Ilagan, Wisconsin Student Government; Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College; Susan May, Fox Valley Technical College; Shelly Mondeik, Mid-State Technical College; Jeff Rafn, Bob Mathews, Colleen Simpson, Cathy Dworak, Lisa Maas, Dan Mincheff, Kathryn Rogalski, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College; Roger Stanford, Western Technical College; Sharon Wendt, Department of Public Instruction.

Board President Tyler called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Julie Drake read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

Board President Tyler introduced new student representative Cooper Richason from Western Technical College, recently appointed to the Board by Governor Evers.

Board President Tyler introduced and recognized Ann Ilagan, President of Wisconsin Student Government and a student at Western Technical College.

Board President Tyler thanked Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) President, Dr. Jeff Rafn, for hosting the Board meeting. Dr. Rafn welcomed the Board.

NWTC Student Ambassador Joseph Meier addressed the board and happily reported that he is employed at Foth in Green Bay after graduating in the Mechanical Design Technology program. His future plans include finishing his bachelor's degree at UW Green Bay as a part-time student.

ITEM A: Approval of the May 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member Willett that the May 14, 2019 meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM B: November 2019 Meeting Date Change

It was moved by Board Member Pasch, seconded by Board Member Willett to change the date of the November 2019 WTCS Board meeting to November 12-13, 2019 at the SC Johnson iMET Center at Gateway Technical College in Sturtevant, WI. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM C: Report of the Board President

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

In January 2019, a memorandum of understanding was signed between WTCS and the Education Department of Heilongjiang Province. On July 3, Board President Tyler represented the WTCS Board at a meeting with a delegation from Harbin University of Science and Technology (HUST). The group is very interested in learning more about opportunities for future collaboration with public postsecondary institutions in Wisconsin and toured Western Technical College.

ITEM D: Report of the System President

System President Foy welcomed and congratulated Board Member Richason on his appointment to the WTCS Board.

In May, System President Foy attended and addressed students at graduation ceremonies at Gateway and Lakeshore technical colleges.

SkillsUSA Nationals were held in June with great success for Wisconsin. Gold for Drake Feriancek of NWTC in criminal justice; Silver for Tyler Lendt of NTC in technical math; Silver for Theodor Kretzmann of FVTC in automotive; and Bronze for Phillip Lynch of FVTC in electronics. Additionally, 29 WTCS students earned Top 10 finishes.

The third annual Student Success Summit will take place July 23-24 at Northcentral Technical College with the focus on equity and inclusion. Lt. Governor Barnes will join System President Foy along with WTCS Ambassador Kayley McColley on day one of the summit.

Later in the meeting the Board will receive a tour of NWTC's energy education facility, a preview of Budget Outcomes, and an annual update and look ahead on Strategic Directions.

ITEM E: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association

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

The District Boards Association Summer meeting will be held in Rice Lake July 18-20, at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. The meeting will include 2019 Media and TECH Awards, Boardsmanship in-service, K-12 partnership in-service and new member orientation.

In August, the DBA Board and Committee Chairs will meet in Madison for annual planning on Strategic Directions. System President Foy and Presidents' Association President Wood will be presenting so that the three groups remain aligned throughout the year.

Board President Tyler congratulated and thanked Association President Hedtke with this being her last meeting serving as Association President. Trustee Vernon Jung will take over as Association President at the conclusion of the DBA's meeting on July 20.

Ms. Hedtke expressed appreciation for having had the opportunity to be part of the most recent WTCS budget process and working with the WTCS Board.

Ms. Merrifield thanked Ms. Hedtke for serving as DBA President and for attending the WTCS Board meetings in addition to DBA and NWTC board meetings.

ITEM F: WTCS Presidents' Association

NWTC President Jeff Rafn provided the Board with an update on recent activities. Dr. Rafn began by thanking the Board for taking the time to visit the campuses for WTCS Board meetings.

The Presidents' Association met twice since the May Board meeting. Dr. Jason Wood of Southwest Technical College took over as new Association President. The Governor's budget continued to be their primary focus, with a tremendous outcome.

The Association's Incarcerated Individuals Task Force remains an area of focus, and President Baerwald from Moraine Park Technical College is leading the development of a data sharing agreement between WTCS and Department of Corrections.

The Early College Opportunities Task Force is working to address the challenge that many teachers will not be qualified to teach as of 2022 because of new Higher Learning Commission credit requirements.

The Special Populations Task Force will continue working on how the System can advance the goal of recruiting and retaining a more diverse workforce.

Finally, the new Transfer Improvement Task Force was formed to assist in making it easier for students to transfer technical college credits to other higher education institutions.

Due to time constraints, Teaching and Learning – Update on *60 Forward* Activities was tabled until Wednesday, July 10.

ITEM H: Election of Officers

Board President Tyler called for nominations.

Board Member Schwantes nominated Board officers Becky Lezvow for President; Kent Lorenz for Vice President and Mark Tyler for Secretary and moved that a unanimous ballot be cast to elect

these individuals as officers of the Board for 2019-20. Board Member McGowan seconded the motion.

Board Member Tyler called for nominations two additional times and hearing no other nominations, asked for a vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Tyler thanked the Board and passed the gavel to Board President Lezow. Board Member Willett and Lezow lauded Board Member Tyler's leadership.

It was moved by Board Member Schwantes, seconded by Board Member Stanford Taylor, to recess the meeting until Wednesday, July 10, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 5:58 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Members Present: Eve Hall, Becky Lezow, W. Kent Lorenz, Terry McGowan, Rodney Pasch, Cooper Richason, John Schwantes, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Stephen Willett, Mary Williams.

Members Absent: Caleb Frostman.

System Office Staff Present: Monique Currie, Julie Drake, Morna Foy, Tou Ya Khang, Colleen McCabe, Dan Scanlon, Conor Smyth, Brandon Trujillo.

District/Others Present: Carla Hedtke, Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Ann Ilagan, Wisconsin Student Government; Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College; Bonnie Baerwald, Moraine Park Technical College; Tanya Wasmer, Lakeshore Technical College; Shelly Mondeik, Robb Fish, Deb Stencil, Mid-State Technical College; Jeff Rafn, Amy Kox, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College; Roger Stanford, Western Technical College; Lori Weyers, Rob Elliot, Northcentral Technical College; Sharon Wendt, Department of Public Instruction; Ginny Routhe, James Weishan, Milwaukee Area Technical College; Brian Urlaub, Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Dr. Jeff Rafn introduced NWTC's Dr. Amy Kox, Associate Dean, Trades & Engineering, who previewed the tour of the Great Lakes Energy Education Center. A video was shared followed by the tour and presentation.

Board President Lezow called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. Julie Drake read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

ITEM G: Teaching and Learning – Update on 60 Forward Activities

WTCS Vice President and Provost Colleen McCabe provided the Board with an update on *60 Forward* Activities.

Six key areas of emphasis have been identified to help Wisconsin achieve a postsecondary attainment rate of 60 percent by 2027:

- awareness and engagement;
- data and quality management;
- entry points and lifelong learning;
- accelerated pathways;
- financial and student supports; and
- support to completion.

Board President Lezow asked for an estimate of the number of participants in the newly developed IT apprenticeship. Dr. McCabe will provide this information after consultation with Nancy Nakkoul, Education Director of Architecture, Construction and Apprenticeship.

Board Member Hall recommended exploring ways to collaborate further to increase the depth of engagement in assisting teachers in improving career pathways for K-12 students. Wisconsin is unique with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) emphasizing career pathways. System President Foy thanked DPI for having the foresight to highlight models in which students learn by doing. Board Member Willett added that military would be a great partner to WTCS, WAICU and UW.

ITEM I: Consent Agenda

WTCS Facilities Director Dan Scanlon shared a correction on Page 11 of the Consent Agenda for Facilities Development Requests for Mid-State Technical College – Rental of Facilities in Wisconsin Rapids. This grant is from the Legacy Foundation of Central Wisconsin, not the Aspirus Riverview Foundation, as noted.

Board Members McGowan and Pasch both commented on the importance of keeping up with the need for dynamic learning environments.

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

ITEM J: Milwaukee Area Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Mequon

WTCS Facilities Director Dan Scanlon provided an overview of remodeling of facilities at Milwaukee Area Technical College Mequon Campus.

Board Member Pasch inquired as to the distance between the wells for the geothermal installation. Mr. Scanlon verified that the wells are 20 feet apart.

It was moved by Board Member Pasch, seconded by Board Member McGowan that the Board approve the Milwaukee Area Technical College District remodeling of facilities at the Mequon Campus. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM K: 2016-2020 Strategic Directions Update

WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Conor Smyth shared an update on the 2016-2020 Strategic Directions, along with the timeline and process of planning for 2021-2025.

The System's mission is clearly defined in state statutes. The vision was developed as part of the Board's last process. As the Board begins to plan for development of the 2021-2025 Strategic Directions, a working group of Board members will convene to steer the process, with calls between Board meetings. Board President Levzow noted that the biennial budget process will occur along the same timeline, beginning in March 2020 allowing for strong alignment.

The Board recessed for a ten-minute break, reconvening at 10:53 a.m.

ITEM L: State and Federal Perkins Grant Guidelines

WTCS Grants Manager Tou Ya Khang provided an overview of the State of Wisconsin and Carl D. Perkins Act grant guidelines. Previously, the guide recommendations came before the Board at the September meeting. This has been changed to give the colleges more time to review the guidelines and prepare materials for submission.

Board Member Tourdot expressed concern that the apprenticeship grant amount remains static, despite strong growth in participation over the last five years. She recommended that when the budget development process begins, consideration for apprenticeship be part of the discussion.

It was moved by Board Member Tyler, seconded by Board Member Schwantes, that the Board adopt the funding categories for the State of Wisconsin and Perkins V Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century grant programs for fiscal year 2020-2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM M: Legislative Update

WTCS Policy Advisors Brandon Trujillo and Monique Currie and DBA Executive Director Merrifield provided an update on key legislative issues.

Ms. Merrifield shared an update on the 2019-21 biennial budget and the components affecting WTCS, including dual enrollment and Wisconsin Grants. WTCS will receive a funding increase of \$25 million over the biennium. However, while the Governor proposed increases of \$1.1 million in 2019-20 and \$2.4 million in 2020-21 for need-based financial aid for technical college students, the final budget did not include these increases and base-level funding will continue.

The next WTCS Biennial Budget Development Workgroup will convene in April 2020. Ms. Merrifield reviewed the last budget process and thanked the college presidents for their support, particularly in

inviting Legislators to campus to provide a clear picture of the positive outcomes the colleges consistently achieve for students and employers.

WTCS Policy Advisor Monique Currie provided a federal update.

ITEM N: Announcements/Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is September 10-11, 2019 at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac.

It was moved by Board Member Tyler, seconded by Board Member Schwantes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Drake
Recording Secretary