



District Board Meeting | MINUTES



BELOIT-JANESVILLE CAMPUS
District Board Room – 2613
6004 S County Rd G, Janesville, WI 53546



January 15, 2025



5-7 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

District Board Members Present: Eric Thornton, Chairperson; Barbara Barrington-Tillman, Vice-Chairperson (5:07 p.m.); Rich Deprez, Secretary; Suzann Holland; Mark Holzman; and Dave Marshick.

District Board Members Absent: Kathy Sukus, Treasurer; Rachel Andres; Rob Hendrickson.

Staff: Julie Barreau, Kathy Broske, Tony Landowski, Jim Nemeth, Liz Paulsen, Dr. Tracy Pierner, Dr. Karen Schmitt, Dr. Jon Tysse.

Student Representative: Rebecca Barnett.

Guests: None.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Thornton called the Blackhawk Technical College District Board meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and called for Public Comments. There were none.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Chairperson Thornton called for Special Reports.

- a. Chairperson Rebecca Barnett gave the District Board members a student activity report.
- b. Chairperson Thornton recognized retiree Tammy Roehl for their service at the College.
- c. Dr. Karen Schmitt provided an overview of the approved programs for operation in fiscal year 2025-26.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Thornton called for the Consent Agenda. Mr. Deprez moved, and Mr. Holzman seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items a - c. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0.**

The motion carried.

- a. Draft December 18, 2024, District Board Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b. Current Bills for December 31, 2024, include starting check #00303511 and ending check #00303662, totaling \$2,959.953.29 for the month.
- c. Training Contracts: The number served is 144 for an actual contract amount of \$33,485.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. The Finance Committee met on December 18, 2024. The minutes are attached.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Thornton called for Action Items.



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- a. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented the 2024-25 Distinguished Alumni Award Nominee to the District Board members.

It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Mr. Marshick to nominate Brandon Giles as the 2023-24 Distinguished Alumni Award Nominee. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

- b. Administration recommends District Board approval on an additional \$10,00 for the Upper Level DO Remodel project and an additional \$10,000 for the Lower Level DO Remodel project to cover the projected cost overages and to close out the projects.

It was moved by Mr. Holzman and seconded by Mr. Marshick to approve an additional 2% over the budget for the Upper and Lower Level DO Remodel projects to cover projected cost overages and close out the projects. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion carried.**

POLICY REVIEW

Chairperson Thornton called for Policy Review. There were none.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a. Jim Nemeth reviewed the December Financial Statement and Quarterly Report with the District Board members. J. Nemeth shared with the District Board members that we went out to Bid and hired a company for \$32,000 to clean out the old shooting range.
- b. Dr. Tracy Pierner presented his monthly report to the District Board members.
- c. Staff Changes consisting of new hires, new positions, resignations, and retirements were reviewed.
- d. A discussion occurred regarding Membership in the District Boards Association (DBA). A discussion took place with the District Board members concerning whether the DBA membership benefits the college and students.

WTCS CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Chairperson Thornton Called for WTCS Consortium updates. There were none.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Thornton Called for Future Agenda items. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Marshick moved and was seconded by Mr. Depez to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. **Ayes: 6; Opposed: 0. The motion was carried.**

Rich Depez, Secretary