

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 16, 2024

Mr. Ken Peterson, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 2:01 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at Western Technical College, Admin Center, 111 7th St. N., Rm 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: L. Bagstad, A. Bosshard, C. Doering III, M. Greendeer-Rave (joined after resolutions approved), K. Hennessey, J. Dillin, A. Lawrence, and K. Peterson. Excused: R. Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on April 11, 2024, at 3:11 p.m., with the agenda being distributed to interested persons, sent to the district's official newspaper (The La Crosse Tribune), and distributed to other news media throughout the district in compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 19.81-19.98.

Others present J. Pintz, W. Hackbarth, J. Heath, C. Heit, J. Lemon, J. Schreiner, K. Dean (Western employees), M. Wolf, and M. Skarlupka.

Motion Lawrence, seconded by Dillin, to approve the resolution of commendation, Melissa Elliott and Earlyn Hanson. Votes: 7 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstain. Motion carried. [Attachments A and B](#).

Presentations included a Budget Review from C. Heit and W. Hackbarth and a Foundation Update from J. Schreiner; no action was taken.

Bagstad provided an update on the Policy Subcommittee.

Motion Bagstad, second Doering, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes - a. March 19, 2024, b. Sept. 2023 & Jan. 2024 Policy Subcommittee minutes. 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-March 2024; b. General revenue/expense reports-March 2024; c. Department budget summary - March 2024; d. Enterprise service-March 2024; e. Capital Projects - March 2024. 3. Project Submission: a. WTCS FY2024 State Leadership Grant Funds; b. WTCS FY 2024-25 Workforce Advancement Training Grants 4. Policies a. D0107 Attendance; b. F0101 Facility Development. Votes: 7 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstain: from Vendors over \$2,500. Motion carried.

Motion Bosshard, second Dillin, Approval for 1. Parking Lot Expansion, Public Safety Facility Sparta; 2. Dental Lab Remodel Health Science Center. Votes: 8 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

No President's report.

The District Board Chairperson shared upcoming dates, events, information about an article on the UW system schools and their budgets, a brief update on the need for an additional board appointment committee meeting and public hearing to appoint a School District Administrator, and reminded them of Plus Delta feedback.

5:06 Motion Lawrence, second Hennessey, to move into closed session. Roll call: Bagstad, yes; Dillin, yes; Doering, yes; Bosshard, yes; Hennessey, yes; Lawrence, yes; Greendeer-Rave, yes; and Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

5:39 pm: Motion Bagstad second Hennessey that the Western Technical College District Board return to open session and adjourn. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.



Jim Dillin, District Board Secretary



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Resolution of Commendation to **Melissa Elliott**

Whereas, Melissa Elliott, Law Enforcement Coordinator in the Health and Public Safety Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 30 after 8+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Melissa has exemplified the qualities of a true servant leader, consistently demonstrating care, empathy, and high standards for her students and staff, leading by example with grace and purpose; and

Whereas, she has displayed unique characteristics, blending toughness with genuine care, going above and beyond by offering personal support, such as organizing weekend workouts to assist struggling students in passing physical agility tests, ensuring every individual can succeed; and

Whereas, Melissa's leadership has garnered immense respect from her coworkers, peers, and students, attracting adjuncts from across the state to work alongside her, and serving as a beacon of guidance and inspiration to all who have had the privilege of collaborating with her; and

Whereas, her departure will leave a significant void within our institution, as her exceptional leadership, humor, calming personality, and strong common sense have become integral components of the Western community, setting a standard for others to follow; and

Whereas, her expertise, dedication, and leadership will be missed; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Melissa Elliott for her years of service and her commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Melissa many happy and satisfying years in her retirement

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Resolution of Commendation to **Earlyn Hanson**

Whereas, Earlyn Hanson, Plumbing Apprenticeship Instructor in the Business and Industry Services Division will retire from Western Technical College on May 10, after completing 29+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Earlyn has consistently demonstrated qualities of thoughtfulness, consideration, and a deep commitment to the success of both employers and students, embodying the essence of a caring and conscientious leader; and

Whereas, he possessed unique characteristics that set him apart, including patience, helpfulness, kindness, empathy, and an unparalleled knowledge of his trade, creating a nurturing and supportive environment where learning thrived; and

Whereas, Earlyn's relationships with his coworkers were marked by mentorship, guidance, and camaraderie, serving as a beacon of knowledge and humor, always ready to uplift spirits and share his wisdom; and

Whereas, his legacy will endure through the countless plumbers he has mentored over three decades, shaping the future of the trade for generations to come; and

Whereas, his expertise, smile, and commitment to his work will be missed; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Earlyn Hanson for his years of service and his commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Earlyn many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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