

Minutes to the Western Technical College District
BOARD APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Appointment Committee Meeting: Ms. Tara Johnson, La Crosse County Board Chair, called the Appointment Committee Meeting to order at 11:24am and stated that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law and that a quorum of the County Board Chairpersons, as statutorily defined, was present. In order to do business, statutes define a quorum as being not fewer than two county board chairs representing over 50% of the District's population; the six (6) County Board Chairpersons or representatives present represented 97.15% of the population of the District.

Appointment Committee Members present were Ray Ransom (Jackson County Chair), Timothy Cottingham (Juneau County Board Supervisor-Rep), Tara Johnson (La Crosse County Chair), Pete Peterson (Monroe County Chair), Douglas Winters (Trempealeau County Board Supervisor-Rep) and Dennis Brault (Vernon County Chair). The Chairs from Buffalo, Clark, Crawford, Richland, and Sauk Counties were excused.

Applicants present were James Bagniewski (La Crosse County), Kara Burgos (La Crosse County), Paul Cieslinski (Vernon County), Jeffrey Kroes (La Crosse County), Angie Lawrence (Vernon County) and Dennis Treu (Monroe County). Others present were Janice Strupp, Western's Liaison to the Board Appointment Committee, Monica Kruse, La Crosse County Board of Supervisors and Roger Stanford, President, Western Technical College.

A motion was made by Mr. Ransom (Jackson), seconded by Mr. Brault (Vernon), to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Johnson announced that the purpose of the meeting was to appoint individuals to the Western Technical College District Board to fill expiring terms for one Employee Member position, one Employer Member position, and one Additional Member position, each term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

The Committee discussed the current plan of representation which gives equal consideration to the general population distribution within the District as well as the distribution of men, women, and minorities within the District. It was also discussed that the Plan calls for appointees to be at-large, representing the District as a whole. The plan takes into consideration that the 2018 estimated minority population in the District stands at 6.7%, recognizing the requirement of at least one minority representative when minority population estimates reach 6.5%. The Plan recognizes that the female/male population is approximately equal throughout the District stipulating therefore that fewer than three of either gender on the District Board would not qualify as giving equal consideration to the general population distribution.

A motion was made by Mr. Ransom (Jackson), seconded by Mr. Peterson (Monroe), to adopt the Plan of Representation as it currently stands. Motion carried.

Action to Appoint One Employee Representative: Angie Lawrence was nominated by Mr. Brault (Vernon), seconded by Mr. Peterson (Monroe). No other nominations. Angie Lawrence was appointed unanimously.

Action to Appoint One Employer Representative: Dennis Treu was nominated by Mr. Winters (Trempealeau), seconded by Mr. Peterson (Monroe).

Kara Burgos was nominated by Mr. Brault (Vernon), seconded by Mr. Ransom (Jackson).

Votes were cast as follows. Dennis Treu was appointed.

ROUND 1

NAME	COUNTY	Jackson	Juneau	La Crosse	Monroe	Trempealeau	Vernon	
Kara Burgos	La Crosse	Yes		Yes			Yes	3
Dennis Treu	Monroe		Yes		Yes	Yes		3

ROUND 2

NAME	COUNTY	Jackson	Juneau	La Crosse	Monroe	Trempealeau	Vernon	
Kara Burgos	La Crosse			Yes				1
Dennis Treu	Monroe	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	5

Action to Appoint One Additional Representative: Kara Burgos was nominated by Mr. Ransom (Jackson), seconded by Ms. Johnson (La Crosse).

James Bagniewski was nominated by Mr. Winters (Trempealeau); motion was not seconded.

Jeffrey Kroes was nominated by Mr. Peterson (Monroe), seconded by Mr. Winters (Trempealeau).

Votes were cast as follows. Kara Burgos was appointed.

NAME	COUNTY	Jackson	Juneau	La Crosse	Monroe	Trempealeau	Vernon	
Kara Burgos	La Crosse	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		4
Jeffrey Kroes	La Crosse				Yes		Yes	2

There being no further matters to come before the Committee; a motion was made by Mr. Peterson (Juneau), seconded by Mr. Brault (Vernon) to adjourn the meeting at 11:47am. Motion carried unanimously.



Tara Johnson, Chairperson
Board Appointment Committee of the Western Technical College District

Attachment A: Plan of Representation

Adopted Plan of Representation

- The Plan of Representation must meet the requirements of Wisconsin Statutes 38.08 (1)(a) which states, “A district board shall administer the district and shall be composed of nine members who are residents of the district including 2 employers, 2 employees, 3 additional members, 1 school district administrator, and 1 elected official.”
- The current Western District Plan of Representation calls for all positions to be at-large throughout the District.
- Per Wisconsin Statutes 38.10 (2)(c) the Plan shall give equal consideration to the general population distribution within the district and the distribution of women and minorities within the district. The current Western District Plan takes the following into consideration:
 - Not fewer than 3 from La Crosse County – La Crosse County’s population comprises 44.82% of the total district population. Therefore, having less than 3 members on the District Board who are residents of La Crosse County would not be a fair representation of the population distribution within the District
 - Not fewer than 3 women - and not fewer than 3 men – Female residents in the district represent 49.80% of the District population; males 50.20%. Because the distribution of males and females throughout the district and State of Wisconsin is nearly equal, fewer than 3 of either gender on a district board would not qualify as giving equal consideration to the general population distribution.
 - Distribution of minorities within the district – By administrative rule, if the minority population should comprise 6.5% of the overall district population there must be a minority member on the Board. The Wisconsin Technical College System has issued the 2018 estimated minority population for the Western Technical College District to be at 6.7%; Western has two minority representatives currently serving on the District Board.

Census	Total	White	Other	Minority %
1980	209,391	206,850	2,541	1.21%
1990	215,863	210,704	6,159	2.84%
2000	238,974	228,308	10,666	4.46%
2010	265,600	244,762	20,838	7.84%

- Action to formally adopt a Plan of Representation was taken at the March 21, 2019 Board Appointment Committee Meeting.

PLAN OF REPRESENTATION Adopted March 21, 2019

AT-LARGE THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Type of Representation	Term Expires
Employee Member	2021
Employer Member	2021
School District Administrator	2021
Additional Member	2019
Employee Member	2019
Employer Member	2019
Additional Member	2020
Additional Member	2020
Elected Official	2020