

**Waukesha County Technical College
District Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024 - 5:00 PM
Virtual Meeting**

Present:

Courtney Bauer, Board Chairperson
Joe Garza, Board Vice Chairperson
Brian Baumgartner, Secretary/Treasurer
Ryan Clark, Board Member
Stephanie Reisner, Board Member
Jamie Stahulak, Board Member

Absent

Thomas Michalski, Board Member
Jim Zaiser, Board Member

Also Present:

Richard Barnhouse

35 Guests

I. Call to Order – Courtney Bauer 5:00 p.m.

II. Public/Staff Remarks*

A. None

III. President’s Report – Dr. Richard G. Barnhouse

- Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the January WCTC District Board virtual meeting and thanked everyone for their flexibility.
- He shared that the December Graduation went well, noting the keynote speaker Ms. Mary Poehls did a great job.
- Dr. Barnhouse will be one of four panel members for the upcoming BizTimes Economic Trends Annual Event. He plans to talk about automation.
- The next WTCS Board meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2024. A discussion on the future of diversity, equity and inclusion in the technical college system is expected. WCTC has found the path forward through BACE: Belonging, Access, and Cultural Engagement and our connection to the community and industry. Immediately following the WTCS Board meeting is the President’s Association meeting where an active discussion on tuition is expected. The rate of tuition decision has always been made independently by the WTCS Board, without any input from the college presidents. He expects there to be some in-depth discussion.
- At this evening’s Board meeting, Mr. Rich Haen, Director-District Facilities, will present three projects. One of these is the AI Innovation Center, which we have had ongoing discussions about. We will be one of the only colleges in the country offering these types of opportunities to new businesses working with AI. More information to come.
- Dr. Barnhouse continues to develop relationships with four-year partners. He recently met with UW-M as well as Carroll University to discuss opportunities.
- He then noted Action Item V.A. on the Board agenda. This item is usually reported under the consent agenda, but the College felt it important to be fully transparent regarding a few findings. Ms. Kristine Golz, Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Shannon Small, Clifton Larsen Allen will provide additional information as part of the report.
- On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, the College will be holding a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration from 11 am to 1 pm in the AJN. If you would like to attend, please reach out to Ms. Kristan Gochenauer, Executive Assistant to the President and District Board.

- Dr. Barnhouse will be attending the Business Growth Breakfast, sponsored by the WCBA, tomorrow at the Ingleside. The College wants to continue its strong relationship with the WCBA and be a part of helping business growth and development in the region. The WCBA recently announced a leadership change. Ms. Suzanne Kelley, President & CEO is retiring June 30, 2024. Ms. Amanda Payne, Senior Vice President-Public Policy has been named her successor and will take over July 1, 2024.
- Mr. Joe Garza, Board member shared that he will not be applying for another term on the WCTC District Board. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve for two terms. Dr. Barnhouse thanked Mr. Garza for his valuable insight, experience, and strategies over the past two terms.
- Dr. Angela Frazier, Vice President-Student Services then introduced Dr. Michael Lango, the Colleges new Assistant Vice President-Student Services. Dr. Lango has over 20 years of experience in higher education and is excited to be at WCTC.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes dated December 12, 2023 (Regular Board Meeting)
- B. Accounts Payable Summary December 2023
- C. 38.14 Contract Report December 2023
- D. Approval of Hire Term Report

Mr. Joe Garza motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items, receiving a second from Ms. Stephanie Reisner. Approved; carried unanimously.

V. Action Items

A. Approve 2022/23 Report on Federal and State Awards – Kristine Golz, Clifton Larson Allen (CLA)

- Ms. Golz introduced Ms. Shannon Small, Clifton Larson Allen. Ms. Small gave an overview of the purpose of the audit and a summary of the process, noting no material weakness. She then reviewed the audit. Ms. Golz then recommended approval of the resolution.

Mr. Garza motioned to approve the 2022/23 Report on Federal and State Awards, receiving a second from Mr. Ryan Clark. Approved; carried unanimously.

VI. Presentation/Discussion

A. 5830AA Remodel Shop Areas I-Building w/Classrooms – Rich Haen

- Mr. Haen gave an overview of the project, which is partially funded with a donation from the Haas Foundation.

B. 5830A Q-Building Incubator Lab Project – Rich Haen

- Mr. Haen reviewed the renovation of the Q-Building into the AI Innovation lab to support partnerships and foster AI development.

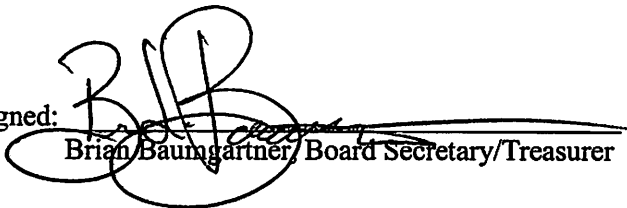
C. 5830AB B, E & K-Building Renovations – Rich Haen

- Mr. Haen reviewed the renovation of the B and E Building, which will provide a better utilization of space and enhance the student experience while supporting those enrolled in the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree programs.

VII. Adjournment – Courtney Bauer

- Mr. Garza motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Mr. Brian Baumgartner. Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Kristan Gochenauer
Assistant to the Board

Signed: 
Brian Baumgartner, Board Secretary/Treasurer