

**Waukesha County Technical College
District Board Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2025 - 5:00 PM
Richard T. Anderson Education Center, C051/057**

Present:

Brian Baumgartner, Chairperson
Courtney Bauer, Board Vice Chairperson
Ryan Clark, Secretary/Treasurer
Amanda Busche, Board Member
Michael Cady, Board Member
Rob Ewing, Board Member
Stephanie Reisner, Board Member
Jamie Stahulak, Board Member

Absent:

Barb Dittrich, Board Member

Also Present:

Richard Barnhouse
Jennifer Hagen

23 guests

REGULAR MEETING

I. Call to Order – Brian Baumgartner 5:00 pm

II. Public/Staff Remarks*

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

- A. Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the December WCTC District Board meeting.
- B. Dr. Barnhouse updated the Board on Expanded Degree Authority for WTCS colleges. Would like to see greater offering in Wisconsin, with the understanding the goal is to meet the new and emerging needs of local business and industry with each technical college offering 1-2 of these degrees.
- C. Dr. Barnhouse reported he will testify tomorrow at the hearing for Assembly Bill 750 regarding amending 38.22 (5) of statute.
- D. The President's Executive Cabinet recently met with the YMCA to get an update on the status of the project.
- E. Dr. Barnhouse spoke at gener8tor national showcase last month in Milwaukee.
- F. WCTC culinary students cooked Thanksgiving dinners and donated them to Habitat for Humanity families in Waukesha.
- G. Dr. Barnhouse was interviewed by Milwaukee Business Journal on his leadership vision for WCTC.
- H. Dr. Barnhouse shared that the college is working with Mount Mary and Lewis University in Chicago on Applied AI Lab projects.
- I. Dr. Barnhouse and leadership attended the WCTC Recruit Academy Graduation last week.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes dated November 11, 2025

- B. Accounts Payable Summary November 2025
- C. 38.14 Contract Report November 2025
- D. Approval of Hire Report
- E. Applied Technology Center Annual Report

Mr. Clark motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items, receiving a second from Ms. Busche. Approved, carried unanimously.

V. Action Items

- A. Approval Q Building Second Floor Project – Rich Haen
 - Mr. Haen reviewed the second floor project for the Q building, as presented at last month's meeting.
 - Second floor consists of pitch room, classrooms, study space, and outdoor terrace.

Ms. Bauer motioned to approve the resolution to remodel the Q building and submit to the WTCS Board for review and approval, receiving a second from Mr. Ewing. Approved, carried unanimously.

- B. Resolution to Approve the 2024/25 Fund Balance Reservations and Designations – Kristine Golz
 - Ms. Golz discussed the resolution approving the reservations and designations of fund balance.

Dr. Cady motioned to approve the resolution approving reservations and other segregations of fund balance, receiving a second from Mr. Clark. Approved, carried unanimously.

- C. Resolution to Approve the 2024/25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (AFCR) – Kristine Golz
 - Ms. Small from Clifton Larson Allen discussed the annual audit. Opinion of unmodified opinion was issued. This is the highest level.

Mr. Clark motioned to accept the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Finance report and related Commentary Report on the audit, receiving a second from Mr. Ewing. Approved, carried unanimously.

VI. Presentation/Discussion

- A. Student Affairs Division – Dr. Michael Lango
 - Dr. Lango shared that student demand is growing and the Division of Student Affairs is expanding services across Enrollment Management, Student Life, Mental Health, Career Connections, Accessibility, and Advising to support a unified student experience.
 - Access to support has been streamlined through Ollie's Compass, centralized graduation services, and a restructured Financial Aid model—resulting in high call volume, significant aid distribution, and improved student navigation of college processes.
 - Holistic student support needs are rising, with notable increases in Campus Cupboard usage, Career Closet demand, Accessibility accommodations,

emergency grants, mental health sessions, and CARE referrals—highlighting significant student need and strong outcomes powered by relationship-based service

VII. Adjournment – Brian Baumgartner

- A. Ms. Reisner motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Ms. Busche.
Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jennifer Hagen

Signed: 
Ryan Clark, Board Secretary/Treasurer