

**Waukesha County Technical College  
District Board Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2025 - 5:00 PM  
Richard T. Anderson Education Center, C051/C057**

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**Present:**

Courtney Bauer, Vice Chairperson  
Ryan Clark, Secretary/Treasurer (remote)  
Rob Ewing, Board Member  
Jim Zaiser, Board Member  
Michael Cady, Board Member  
Jamie Stahulak, Board Member

**Absent:**

Brian Baumgartner, Chairperson  
Stephanie Reisner, Board Member

**Also Present:**

Richard Barnhouse

27 guests

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**I. Call to Order – Courtney Bauer 5:00 pm**

**II. Public/Staff Remarks\***

A. None

**III. Delegates to be Heard**

A. Student Government Association – Pierson Barnes

- SGA hosted a Valentines Day craft event for students on February 13. Student enjoyed connecting with each other.
- Attended Wisconsin Student Government Legislative Seminar in Madison February 16-18. Student Government members from all 16 colleges attended. WCTC SGA members Met with legislators and Governor Evers.
- On February 24, SGA hosted a blood drive with the Red Cross. This was a successful turnout with 20 participants.
- SGA is hosting an Energy Hour event today to hand out energy drinks to help students be energized for finals week this week.
- SGA continues to host Meet and Greets in different buildings on campus. This provides students an opportunity to meet SGA members.
- On April 2 SGA and the Cosmetology Club are partnering to host a fashion show in the AJN. Participants will be styled by Cosmetology students.

**IV. President's Report – Dr. Richard G. Barnhouse**

- A. Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the March WCTC District Board meeting.
- B. Dr. Barnhouse discussed 3-year AI degree, which will be presented further later tonight. WCTC will be the first college to offer a 3-year degree in AI. A few local universities are beginning to offer undergraduate degrees in AI and Dr. Barnhouse pointed out that these are often end user AI degrees while WCTC's curriculum is about creating AI.
- C. UWM Center has dedicated space on WCTC campus. Programs will start this fall. UWM will offer a Social Work bachelor's degree program that WCTC graduates in Human

Services can directly transfer in, and an Information Systems bachelor's degree program that WCTC graduates in IT can directly transfer in.

- D. Angela Frazier, Vice President of Student Services, has left WCTC for a new position, prompting organizational changes at the college. Dr. Brad Piazza, Provost and Executive Vice President, will oversee an Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and an Associate Vice President of Student Affairs. Dr. Barnhouse introduced Dr. Michael Lango who has been promoted to the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs. The college will do a national search for an Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- E. Dr. Barnhouse presented to this year's class of Wisconsin Leadership Development Institute (WLDI) offered by the WTCS System.
- F. Dr. Barnhouse and his team recently met with LAB Midwest. They have developed a modularized program for K12 systems and asked for input from WCTC.
- G. WCTC hosted the Spring Open House on February 27 for perspective students interested in attending WCTC. The college saw a good turnout.
- H. Dr. Barnhouse will be in Madison tomorrow for the WTCS System Board Meeting and President's Association Meeting.
- I. The gBeta graduation is on April 9, hosted by gener8tor. Board members will receive an invitation to this event.
- J. Dr. Barnhouse introduced Phyllis King, Chief Strategist for AI. She formerly was employed at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. This position is the first of its kind in the country.

#### **V. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Minutes dated February 11, 2025
- B. Accounts Payable Summaries February 2025
- C. 38.14 Contract Report February 2025
- D. FY24 Report of Compliance with Federal and State Awards

Dr. Cady motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items, receiving a second from Mr. Zaiser.  
**Approved, carried unanimously.**

#### **VI. Action Items**

- A. Construction Bid and Approval C building Restroom Renovations – Rich Haen
  - This project is to renovate the restrooms adjacent to the RTA and on the first floor by the Hub.
  - These restrooms are original to the building and experience plumbing issues that can render them out of service.
  - Construction will begin April 2 and will conclude at the end of July in time for Fall classes to begin.
  - The college received 6 bids for the project.

Mr. Stahulak motioned to award the C Building Restroom Renovation project to Level Up Construction, receiving a second from Mr. Ewing. **Approved, carried unanimously.**

- B. Request to Submit a Concept Review to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board for an Artificial Intelligence Implementation Specialist Advanced Technical Certificate – Alli Jerger, Andrea Wolf, David Schubot
  - WCTC currently offers an AI Data Specialist Associate of Applied Science program, developed in response to needs from local employers for workers

with entry level AI skills. This request is in response to employers' need for advanced level AI workers.

- WCTC brought in over 15 employers in the Waukesha County area to obtain feedback on what they are looking for in an AI degree and AI workers.
- This Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC) allows students who already have a bachelor's degree to come to WCTC to take this credential for 25 credits.
- There are eight classes in this ATC. One class is already part of the AI degree. The other seven classes will be created and will be written at a bachelor's level.

Mr. Ewing motioned to approve the Request to Submit a Concept Review to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board for an Artificial Intelligence Implementation Specialist Advanced Technical Certificate program, receiving a second from Dr. Clark. **Approved, carried unanimously.**

**VII. Presentation/Discussion**


**A. 2025/26 Budget Overview Presentation – Kristine Golz**

- Ms. Golz outlined key budget considerations including enrollment, revenue limitations, and increasing costs.
- WCTC has key growth opportunities for 2025-26, such as the expansion of Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Degrees and initiatives in Artificial Intelligence.
- Ms. Golz detailed revenue sources, including state, taxes, student fees, institutional sources, and federal sources. She also outlined revenue assumptions for tax levy, state aid, and tuition increases.

**VIII. Adjournment – Courtney Bauer**

- A.** Mr. Stahulak motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Mr. Ewing. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Jennifer Hagen  
Sr. Executive Assistant to the Board

Signed:   
Ryan Clark, Board Secretary/Treasurer