

**Waukesha County Technical College
District Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2025 - 5:00 PM
Richard T. Anderson Education Center, C051/057**

Present:

Brian Baumgartner, Chairperson
Courtney Bauer, Board Vice Chairperson (virtual)
Ryan Clark, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Cady, Board Member
Rob Ewing, Board Member
Stephanie Reisner, Board Member

Absent:

Amanda Busche, Board Member
Barb Dittrich, Board Member
Jamie Stahulak, Board Member

Also Present:

Richard Barnhouse
Ron Starke

17 guests

REGULAR MEETING

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

II. Public/Staff Remarks*

A. None

Mr. Clark motioned to change the order of the agenda to have the Action Items at the start of the meeting, followed by Consent Agenda, the President's Report, and the Presentation/Discussion, receiving a second from Dr. Cady.

Approved, carried unanimously.

III. Action Items

A. Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$4,650,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025C, of Waukesha County Area Technical College District, Wisconsin – Kristine Golz

- This will fund building improvements including the nursing virtual reality lab, general site improvements, and equipment throughout the college.
- Ms. Golz introduced Jordan Masnica from Baird who reported on the official notice of sale, bid tabulation, winning bid, pricing summary, debt service schedule and irrepealable tax levies.

Ms. Reisner motioned to approve the resolution awarding the sale of \$4,650,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025C, receiving a second from Mr. Ewing.

Approved, carried unanimously.

B. Resolution to Approve 2025/26 Tax Levy – Kristine Golz

- Ms. Golz reported that the college has now received the equalized valuation information from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.
- Ms. Golz reported the total mill rate of \$0.24590. The impact on a \$325,000 home is \$79.92.

Mr. Ewing motioned to approve the 2025/26 tax levy, receiving a second from Dr. Cady.
Approved, carried unanimously.

C. Resolution to Modify the 2025/26 Budget – Kristine Golz

- Ms. Golz explained the college has a need to modify the budget due to modification of tax levy and expenditures, increase in Personal Property Tax Relief Aid, general fund expenditures, and transfer between funds.

Mr. Clark motioned to approve the 2025/26 budget modifications, receiving a second from Ms. Reisner. **Approved, carried unanimously.**

D. Resolution to Modify the 2024/25 Budget – Kristine Golz

- Ms. Golz explained the need to modify grant revenue and increase expenditures, transfers between functions within a fund, and fund transfer from the general fund to the capital projects fund to support infrastructure improvements.

Dr. Cady motioned to approve the 2024/25 budget modifications, receiving a second from Mr. Clark. **Approved, carried unanimously.**

E. Bid Information and Approval – H Building H220 Virtual Reality Lab Project – Rich Haen

- Mr. Haen reporting this project will renovate space in the H building to accommodate ten virtual training stations and one instructor station.
- A recently awarded grant will fund the purchase of equipment, instructional materials, and staffing.
- Funding for this renovation will come from FY26 Capital Borrowing.
- Construction is anticipated to begin mid-October with completion by the end of December.

Mr. Ewing motioned to award the H Building, H220 Nursing VR Lab Renovation project to the lowest responsible bidder, Allcon LLC, receiving a second from Ms. Reisner.
Approved, carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A.** Minutes dated September 9, 2025
- B.** Accounts Payable Summary September 2025
- C.** 38.14 Contract Report September 2025
- D.** Annual Security Report
- E.** Resolution of Technical College Annual Board Officials Subject to State Code of Ethics
- F.** 2024/25 Vendor Volume Report
- G.** Approval of International Travel

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

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

- A.** Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the October WCTC District Board meeting.
- B.** Dr. Barnhouse attended Legislative Summit at the WTCS System Office last month.

- C. Dr. Barnhouse met with the CEO of Aries Industries located in Waukesha regarding workforce opportunities.
- D. Dr. Barnhouse attended the WMC Executive Briefing regarding the different areas of manufacturing.
- E. Dr. Barnhouse attended Kenosha Innovation Neighborhood grand opening.
- F. Dr. Barnhouse reported the WCTC Foundation Executive Director, Robyn Ludtke, met with the WCTC Foundation Board and other stakeholders, including Dr. Barnhouse, to discuss the mission and vision of the Foundation.
- G. Dr. Barnhouse attended the Midwest Manufacturing AI Summit last week.
- H. Dr. Barnhouse attended the MMAC All Members meeting last week.
- I. Last month, Dr. Barnhouse attended the investiture of Ton Cruz, President, Milwaukee Area Technical College.
- J. Dr. Barnhouse reported that Chief of External Relations and Marketing, Andy Palen, conducted a tour of WCTC for the Waukesha County Board last month.
- K. Dr. Barnhouse and several PEC members met with Herzing University to discuss collaborative partnerships.

VI. Presentation/Discussion

- A. Early College Opportunities Update – Becky Kurter
 - Ms. Kurter gave an update on the Office of Early College Opportunities (ECO).
 - Ms. Kurter reported on the different programs and opportunities offered through ECO including:
 - Transcribed Credit allowing high school teachers to become approved WCTC instructors allowing them to teach our curriculum in their classes (average college success rate 93%).
 - Start College Now, a state statute program where school districts cover tuition costs to take courses not offered at their high school.
 - Dual Enrollment Academy, a 38.14 contract with high schools allowing students to join a cohort at WCTC for a full academic year.
 - Initiative and partnerships like Excelerate that allows high school juniors and seniors to enroll into a WCTC program.
 - Youth Apprenticeship allows students to take relevant courses that relate to their industry/career pathway.

VII. Adjournment – Brian Baumgartner

- A. Ms. Reisner motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Mr. Cady. Meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Ron Starke

Signed: 
Ryan Clark, Board Secretary/Treasurer