

**Waukesha County Technical College
District Board Meeting Minutes
November 11, 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
Barb Dittrich, Board Member
Rob Ewing, Board Member
Jamie Stahulak, Board Member

Absent:

Stephanie Reisner, Board Member

Also Present:

Richard Barnhouse
Jennifer Hagen

25 guests

REGULAR MEETING

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

II. Public/Staff Remarks*

A. Student Leadership Council – Cyril Sablich

- Isabel Erickson gave the report for the Student Leadership Council (SLC). Isabel is in her first semester studying Construction Management.
- The SLC attended the Foundation Forward Dinner last month. They enjoyed promoting students and meeting with donors.
- The Children's Halloween Party was a few weeks ago. It was a good turnout, and guests had a lot of fun.
- Club Showcase will take place prior to the District Board meeting in December.

B. WCTC Foundation Board Report – Robyn Ludtke and Jamie Stahulak

- WCTC Foundation Board Members Tammy McCormack, Vice Chair and Sandy McGee, Board Chair updated the WCTC District Board on the work of the WCTC Foundation.
 - The Foundation has added 8 new Board members since July 2024, enhanced the WCTC Legacy Council, increased the staff to 3 full time staff, and relocated their offices near Student Affairs to better reach students.
 - The Foundation has reimagined the purpose, mission, and vision of the Foundation.

- Total donations in 2024-25 total over \$1.3 million. This is a total increase of over 16% compared to 2023-24.
- The Foundation has worked to increase community engagement.
- Hosted the Foundation Forward Dinner last month. 100% of the donations received that night were from new donors.

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

- A. Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the November WCTC District Board meeting.
- B. Dr. Barnhouse shared that Pieper Power has donated \$2 million for the addition of the Q Building. The fundraising campaign for Q is now complete.
- C. Meta recently conducted a panel with entrepreneurs. They hosted 4 of these events across the country, with one on the WCTC Campus.
- D. Manufacturing Happy Hour podcast was hosted in the Applied AI Lab last week.
- E. WCTC hosted the Legal Issues conference as is done every 2 years. This is open to all WTCS staff and Board members.
- F. WCTC Foundation Forward Dinner last month was a great event. Dr. Barnhouse thanked Robyn Ludtke and her team for their work.
- G. WCTC received the STEMMY award at the sySTEMnow conference for our partnership in STEM Education.
- H. The college has gone through the process to determine viability of an academic program in Data Center Management.
- I. Dr. Barnhouse and Andy Palen attended the WMC Business Day in Madison last month. WCTC was the only college in attendance and will expand their presence next year.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes dated October 14, 2025
- B. Accounts Payable Summary October 2025
- C. 38.14 Contract Report October 2025
- D. Board Monitoring Report 2024/25 Fourth Quarter Financials
- E. Board Monitoring Report 2025/26 First Quarter Financials
- F. Board Policies Review: Policy 1.9 and 1.10

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

V. Action Items

- A. Resolution to Modify the 2025/26 Budget – Kristine Golz
 - Ms. Golz explained the college has a need to modify the budget due to employee investment of a one-time stipend and donations of funds to provide equipment.

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

VI. Presentation/Discussion

- A. Q Building Second Floor Project – Rich Haen, Kristine Golz, Alli Jerger
 - Ms. Jerger shared that the IT programs will be on the second floor of the Q Building so students can be close to business and industry in AI. This includes

AI Data Specialist, IT Computer Support, IT Cybersecurity, IT Data and Analytics Specialist, IT Network Specialist, and Web and Software Developer.

- This space will also include a “pitch room”, collaboration spaces, Zoom rooms, and proximity to the Applied AI Lab.
- Mr. Haen shared the architectural drawing on the second-floor addition.

B. Presentation on 5-year Longitudinal Follow-up – Ryan Paulus

- Mr. Paulus shared the survey of WCTC students 5 years after graduation.
- The survey showed that WCTC graduates are making comparable or greater salaries than the Milwaukee/Waukesha Metropolitan area.
- 83% of graduates “definitely recommend” a technical education. A major point of satisfaction was the faculty.


VII. Mr. Ryan Clark motioned to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section §19.85(1)(b), (c), and (g) Wisconsin State Statute at 5:52 pm:

- A. Ms. Bauer seconded the motion**
- B. Unanimous roll call vote**
- C. Discussion was held on Faculty Dismissal.**
- D. Discussion was held to Confer With Legal Counsel Who is Rendering Legal Advice Regarding Strategy to be Adopted by WCTC With Respect to Litigation in Which it is or is Likely to Become Involved.**
- E. Mr. Clark motioned to reconvene in open session, receiving a second from Ms. Bauer.**
- F. Unanimous roll call vote**
- G. The open meeting reconvened at 6:24 pm.**

VIII. Adjournment – Brian Baumgartner

- A. Mr. Stahulak motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Ms. Busche. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by
Jennifer Hagen

Signed: 
Ryan Clark, Board Secretary/Treasurer