

**Waukesha County Area Technical College
District Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023 – 5:00 PM
Richard T. Anderson Education Center, C051/057**

Present:

Courtney Bauer, Board Chairperson
Joe Garza, Board Vice Chairperson (virtual)
Ryan Clark, Board Member
Thomas Michalski, Board Member
Stephanie Reisner, Board Member
Jamie Stahulak, Board Member
Lois Vasquez, Board Member

Absent

Brian Baumgartner, Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Zaiser, Board Member

Also Present:

Richard Barnhouse

15 Guests

I. Call to Order – Courtney Bauer 5:09 p.m.

II. Public/Staff Remarks

A. None

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

- Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the July WCTC District Board meeting.
- He welcomed new board member Jamie Stahulak and thanked him for his interest in WCTC and willingness to serve.
- On June 19, Dr. Barnhouse testified to the Senate regarding the future of higher education in Wisconsin. He is looking forward to future conversations.
- Dr. Barnhouse briefly discussed Assembly Substitute Amendment 2, which would repeal the authority of a technical college district board to levy property taxes for the operating and maintenance expenses of a district. He then thanked Mr. Thomas Michalski, Board member, for his work with the legislative leadership. It is expected that this will be a subject of discussion in the future.
- He then briefly discussed the budget noting that the WTC System originally asked the state for a \$75M budget increase. It is expected that the system will receive an increase of \$6M.
- July 11-12, 2023, the WTCS Board will be on the Pewaukee campus. WCTC will highlight the Medical Interpreter for Healthcare Program.
- WCTC is in the early stages of developing and hosting an AI Hub. Dr. Barnhouse sees an opportunity for growth in the future.
- Last week Dr. Barnhouse received an invitation to serve on a Higher Education Task Force with Senator Rob Hutton regarding the future of two-year colleges in Wisconsin. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023.
- Dr. Barnhouse shared with the Board the recent passing of Dr. Khyana Pumphrey, a highly respected faculty member in the Arts & Sciences Department. He then thanked the individuals involved in providing support during this difficult time.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes dated June 13, 2023 (Regular Board Meetings)
- B. Accounts Payable Summaries for June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 27, 2023

- C. 38.14 Contract Report for June 2023
 - D. Approval of Hire Term Report
 - E. DBA: Nomination for the 2023 Distinguished Alumni
- Mr. Thomas Michalski motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items; receiving a second from Mr. Jamie Stahulak. **Approved; carried unanimously.**

V. Action Items

- A. **Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,700,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023B, of Waukesha County Area Technical College District, Wisconsin, and Setting the Sale of the Notes – Jane Kittel**
- Dr. Kittel gave an overview of the resolution requesting approval of the authorization to borrow \$3,700,000 general obligation promissory notes. This request is for general remodeling, site improvements and capital equipment. She then recommended approval of the resolution.
- Mr. Joe Garza motioned to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,700,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023B, of Waukesha County Area Technical College District, Wisconsin, and Setting the Sale of the Notes; receiving a second from Mr. Michalski. **Approved; carried unanimously.**

VI. Board Self-Evaluation

- Chairperson Bauer shared that five Board members participated in a self-evaluation this past month. This is not only an important part of the Higher Learning Commission process, but allows for on-going discussions and positive input.

V. Mr. Joe Garza motioned to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section §19.85(1) (c) and (e) of the Wisconsin State Statutes at 5:40 pm:

- A. Ms. Stephanie Reisner seconded the motion.
- B. **Unanimous roll call vote**
- C. Discussion was held regarding:
- Finalizing Terms Regarding President’s Evaluation
- D. Mr. Garza motioned to reconvene in open session; receiving a second from Mr. Ryan Clark.
- E. **Unanimous roll call vote**
- F. The open meeting reconvened at 6:46 pm
- G. Mr. Garza motioned to accept the Finalized Terms Regarding President’s Evaluation as presented; receiving a second from Ms. Reisner. **Approved; carried unanimously.**

VII. Adjournment – Courtney Bauer

- Mr. Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Ms. Lois Vasquez. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Kristan Gochenauer
Executive Assistant to the Board

Signed: 
Brian Baumgartner, Secretary/Treasurer