

**Waukesha County Technical College  
District Board Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2024 - 5:00 PM  
Richard T. Anderson Education Center, C051/057**

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**Present:**

Brian Baumgartner, Chairperson  
Courtney Bauer, Board Vice Chairperson  
Ryan Clark, Secretary/Treasurer  
Michael Cady, Board Member  
Ryan Clark, Board Member  
Robby Ewing, Board Member  
Stephanie Reisner, Board Member  
Jamie Stahulak, Board Member  
Jim Zaiser

**Absent**

Thomas Michalski, Board Member

**Also Present:**

Richard Barnhouse

19 guests

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**I. Call to Order – Courtney Bauer 5:13 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.
- Dr. Barnhouse welcomed two new Board members - Rob Ewing and Michael Cady.
- WCTC met with Marquette School of Business to discuss more ways to partner to give WCTC AI students better transferability options, including WCTC assistance with AI curriculum.
- Beginning a major fundraising campaign for the AI building.
- Dr. Barnhouse shared his community leadership roles, including being HERA Vice Chair, WTCS President’s Association Chair, Habitat for Humanity Board Vice President.
- On June 25, Dr. Barnhouse served as the keynote speaker for an AI Conference at Lakeshore Technical College for New North Conference. He was pleased to represent the college and share where WCTC is headed.
- Dr. Barnhouse will speak at a national conference in Minneapolis on Wednesday, July 10 as part of a panel on “The Transformative Power of AI in Higher Education”.
- WCTC participated in a conference call with the White House Office of National Cyber Director with interest in visiting campus to learn more about issues related to cybersecurity and the cyber workforce.
- Thank you to Ms. Courtney Bauer for her service at District Board Chair for the past two years. Thanked Ms. Kristan Gochenauer for her time at WCTC and wished her well as she moves on to California.

**IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Minutes dated June 11, 2024 (Regular Board Meeting)
- B. Accounts Payable Summary June 2024
- C. 38.14 Contract Report June 2024
- D. Approval to Hire Term Report

E. 5-Year Affirmative Action Plan

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

V. **Presentation/Discussion**

A. **Process Review: Facilities and Finance – Kristine Golz, Rich Haen**

- Dr. Kittel shared information about the creation of the Wisconsin Technical College System, creating the 16 individual units of government. Ms. Golz then reviewed the types of capital expenditures, rules, and the lifecycle of a capital project. Mr. Haen reviewed the approval and initiation phases along with construction expectations.

B. **Mechanical Infrastructure Update – Rich Haen, Kristine Golz**

- Mr. Haen provided an update on the mechanical infrastructure and shared the proposed objectives for heating and cooling systems across campus. Bids will be due in August 2024 with potential completion in June 2025. Ms. Golz reviewed how this infrastructure project will be funded using prior designated reserves along with a transfer of FY24 reserves.

IV. **Board Self-Evaluation**

- Chairperson Baumgartner shared that 4 Board members participated in a Board 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. Ryan Clark motioned to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section §19.85(1)(e) Wisconsin State Statutes at 6:22 pm:**

- Ms. Bauer seconded the motion
- **Unanimous roll call vote**
- Discussion was held regarding Negotiations Relating to a Partnership Agreement Involving Competitive Issues.
- Mr. Clark motioned to reconvene in open session, receiving a second from Ms. Reisner
- **Unanimous roll call vote**
- The open meeting reconvened at 6:40 pm
- Ms. Bauer motioned to approve the MOU partnership agreement with the YMCA, receiving a second from Mr. Clark. **Approved; carried unanimously.**

VI. **Adjournment – Brian Baumgartner**

- Ms. Reisner motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Mr. Stahulak.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

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

Signed:   
Ryan Clark, Board Secretary/Treasurer