

**Waukesha County Technical College  
District Board Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2025 - 5:00 PM  
Richard T. Anderson Education Center, C051/C057**

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**Present:**

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

**Absent**

Stephanie Reisner, Board Member

**Also Present:**

Richard Barnhouse

11 guests

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**REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

A. None

**III. President’s Report – Dr. Richard G. Barnhouse**

- A. Dr. Barnhouse welcomed everyone to the January WCTC District Board meeting.
- B. Dr. Barnhouse and Mike Shiels met with WTCS System Board Member Dan Kleckler regarding insights on working with the community and auto industry.
- C. Dr. Barnhouse, Dr. Frazier Arthur, and Dr. Piazza met with Lakeland University. Dr. Barnhouse reports 128 WCTC graduates have transitioned to Lakeland to obtain their baccalaureate degree on the WCTC campus.
- D. Dr. Barnhouse presented to the WCBA Small Business group to discuss AI.
- E. Dr. Barnhouse met with the WCBA Policy Board to discuss a 3-year degree. The group was supportive.
- F. Dr. Barnhouse will meet with MMAC and Wisconsin Legislators to discuss a 3-year degree.
- G. The annual Board Member appointment process has begun. The four positions up for renewal are in the categories Elected Official, Additional Member, Employer, and Employee.
- H. The WCTC employee retirement group Wise Old Owls group met on campus last week and Rich spoke with them at their luncheon about the work going on at WCTC.
- I. Dr. Barnhouse thanked those Board members who participated in the Fall Commencement last month.

**IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Minutes dated December 10, 2024
- B. Accounts Payable Summaries December 2024
- C. 38.14 Contract Report December 2024
- D. Approval of Hire Report

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

## V. Action Items

- A. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,600,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A, of Waukesha County Area Technical College District, Wisconsin, and Setting the Sale of the Notes – Kristine Golz

- Ms. Golz requested the issuance for remodeling projects including bathrooms in C building and concrete burn building, and Waukesha Campus renovations and capital equipment in academics and operations.

Mr. Ewing motioned to approve the issuance of \$2,600,00 general obligation promissory notes, receiving a second from Mr. Clark. **Approved, carried unanimously.**

- B. Approval of Fire Training Concrete Burn Building Repairs – Rich Haen

- Mr. Haen discussed this project and the need for repair of the fire training concrete burn building.

Ms. Bauer motioned to approve the repair project, receiving a second from Mr. Zaiser. **Approved, carried unanimously.**

## VI. Presentation/Discussion


- A. Graduate Follow-up Report – Ryan Paulus

- Mr. Paulus discussed the results of the Graduate Follow-up Report. This is a survey of WCTC students 6 months after they graduated.
  1. 96% of graduates were employed in Wisconsin, 86% were employed in Milwaukee-Waukesha area.
  2. 94% of graduates are either working or continuing their education.
  3. Median salary of graduates is \$51,980.
  4. 15.3% of students have student loan debt, compared to 39% nationally.
  5. 98.2% of satisfaction rate, the second highest in the WTCS system.
  6. 40% response rate for this survey.

## VII. Adjournment – Brian Baumgartner

- A. Mr. Ewing motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Mr. Zaiser. Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.

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

Signed:   
Ryan Clark, Board Secretary/Treasurer