

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD**  
**SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2019**  
**MORAINES PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**235 NORTH NATIONAL AVENUE**  
**FOND DU LAC, WI**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

Members Present: Caleb Frostman, Becky Levzow, W. Kent Lorenz, Rodney Pasch, Cooper Richason, John Schwantes, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Stephen Willett, Mary Williams.

Members Absent: Eve Hall, Terry McGowan.

System Office Staff Present: Terese Craig, Monique Currie, Julie Drake, Morna Foy, Colleen McCabe, Dan Scanlon, Chrystal Seeley-Schreck, Lenard Simpson, Conor Smyth, Brandon Trujillo, Jim Zylstra.

District/Others Present: Vernon Jung, Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Ann Ilagan, Wisconsin Student Government; Zina Haywood, Gateway Technical College; Susan May, Fox Valley Technical College; Shelly Mondeik, Mid-State Technical College; Roger Stanford, Western Technical College; Bonnie Baerwald, James Eden, Carrie Kasubaski, Mandy Potts, Moraine Park Technical College; John Will, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College; Sharon Wendt, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

**Board President Levzow called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Julie Drake read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.**

Board President Levzow introduced and recognized Ann Ilagan, President of Wisconsin Student Government and a student at Mid-State Technical College.

Board President Levzow thanked Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC) President, Bonnie Baerwald, for hosting the meeting. President Baerwald welcomed and thanked the Board for visiting MPTC and recognized District Board Member Vernon Jung.

MPTC Student Ambassador Barbara Turner addressed the Board and shared that she was born in Ukraine and immigrated to Israel where she served as intelligence in the Army. She is a Leadership Development program student and currently knows four languages and is working on her fifth.

Board Member Frostman arrived at 4:38 p.m.

**ITEM A: Approval of the July 9-10, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member Schwantes, that the July 9-10, 2019 meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **ITEM B: Report of the Board President**

Dr. Hall's Board of Regents report is in the Board folders for review.

In July, Board President Lezow attended her first University of Wisconsin System (UWS) Board of Regents meeting. Board Member Tyler led a discussion on early childhood development and was recognized for his years of service on the Board of Regents.

The 2020 National Ag Day Celebration will take place the afternoon of March 4, 2020 at Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) at its Energy Education Center. They are also planning to host an Ag Skills Contest for High School students that morning, allowing students to test their skills, and the event has been timed in conjunction with the Eau Claire Farm Show.

Early next year, the Board will begin the process of developing its next set of Strategic Directions for 2021 to 2025. A working group of Board members will convene between regular meetings, to advance this work for the full Board's discussion. Board Members Hall, Pasch, Schwantes, Stanford Taylor, Tourdot and Tyler will be part of the group and will be working with and supported by Mr. Smyth, Dr. McCabe and Ms. Drake from the System Office.

## **ITEM C: 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule**

**It was moved by Board Member Lorenz, seconded by Board Member Richason, to adopt the WTCS Board meeting schedule for 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **ITEM D: Report of the System President**

System President Foy recognized Zaida Hernandez Irisson as the newest trustee at Gateway Technical College. Zaida was a 2015 WTCS Ambassador and originally attended Gateway in its ELL program, then earned a cosmetology credential that allowed her to work her way through Gateway's Electrical and Biomedical Engineering Associate Degree programs. Zaida earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at MSOE. She is now an electrical engineer at Fischer USA.

The WorldSkills competition took place in Russia last month. Tom Wozniak, Madison College Diesel Tech instructor, who was with the Board for its May meeting, was the coach for the only U.S. competitor to medal at the competition. Three of the 21 expert U.S. coaches, nationally, were from Madison College.

The third annual Student Success Summit took place in July at Northcentral Technical College with the focus on equity and inclusion. Lt. Governor Barnes joined System President Foy along with WTCS Ambassador Kayley McColley on day one of the summit.

System President Foy was invited by Superintendent Stanford Taylor to attend the State Education Leaders Retreat by Aspen Institute. Attendees will continue to meet as the state's leaders take a larger role in education, particularly K-12.

October is Manufacturing Month in Wisconsin and our colleges are key partners in promoting careers in manufacturing. Currently, 33 events are planned across the System. WTCS Education Director for Manufacturing programs, Jim Mackey, works with the colleges to identify and help promote these events and efforts.

## **ITEM E: Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association**

Board President Levzow welcomed new District Boards Association (DBA) President and MPTC Trustee Vernon Jung. Joined by Executive Director Layla Merrifield, they updated the Board on recent activities.

The DBA Summer meeting was held in Rice Lake July 18-20, at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College.

In August, the DBA Board and Committee Chairs met in Madison for annual planning on Strategic Directions. System President Foy and Presidents' Association President Wood met jointly with DBA with the purpose of aligning goals.

The DBA Fall meeting and Legal Issues Seminar will take place at Waukesha County Technical College in Pewaukee.

## **ITEM G: Teaching and Learning – Education for Re-Entry Populations**

WTCS Education Director for Re-entry Populations Lenard Simpson and MPTC Associate Dean of Economic and Workforce Development Mary Davies, provided an overview of the System's collaborative work in delivering education and skills instruction for individuals who are preparing for re-entry.

Currently in Wisconsin, one in three offenders released from prison return within three years. Through academic or vocational education programs, there is a 28% higher employment rate among prisoners who participate than those who did not.

MPTC offers reentry focused welding programs. Recently, seven of nine incarcerated individuals finished the program and all seven are employed. A second program will take place in a mobile welding lab with eight welding booths. Partnership between DWD, DOC and Technical Colleges to encourage high school equivalency/GED while incarcerated. DOC has mandatory education, incorporating math into curriculum, with individuals receiving transcripts of courses they completed.

Due to time constraints, ITEM F: WTCS Presidents' Association report was tabled until Wednesday, September 11.

**It was moved by Board Member Schwantes, seconded by Board Member Lorenz, to recess the meeting until Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting recessed at 5:58 p.m.

## **Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

Members Present: Caleb Frostman, Eve Hall, Becky Levzow, W. Kent Lorenz, Rodney Pasch, Cooper Richason, John Schwantes, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Kelly Tourdot, S. Mark Tyler, Stephen Willett, Mary Williams.

Members Absent: Terry McGowan.

System Office Staff Present: Valerie Crespín Trujillo, Monique Currie, Julie Drake, Morna Foy, Tou Ya Khang, Colleen McCabe, Dan Scanlon, Chrystal Seeley Schreck, Lenard Simpson, Conor Smyth, Brandon Trujillo, Jim Zylstra.

District/Others Present: Vernon Jung, Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association; Ann Ilagan, Wisconsin Student Government; Bonnie Baerwald, Kathy Broske, Moraine Park Technical College; Susan May, George Hoppen, Fox Valley Technical College; Paul Carlson, Lakeshore Technical College; Shelly Mondeik, Mid-State Technical College; Jack Daniels, Madison Area Technical College; Roger Stanford, Western Technical College; Jason Wood, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College; Vicki Martin, Milwaukee Area Technical College; John Will, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College; Lori Weyers, Northcentral Technical College; Sharon Wendt, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction; Zina Haywood, Gateway Technical College.

President Baerwald introduced MPTC's JoAnn Hall, Dean of Economic and Workforce Development, who provided the Board with a presentation on Serving Diverse Populations and Laurice Snyder, Diversity Relations Manager, who presented on Diversity and Inclusion.

**Board President Levzow called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Julie Drake read the open meeting statement and roll call indicated that a quorum was present.**

#### **ITEM F: WTCS Presidents' Association**

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College President Jason Wood provided the Board with a brief update on recent activities of the Association.

President Wood joined System President Foy at the District Boards Association meeting to coordinate and collaborate in Strategic Planning across Presidents' Association, System Office and DBA.

#### **ITEM H: Consent Agenda**

Board Member Willett expressed concern that Nicolet Area Technical College is canceling their dental hygiene program. Ms. Seeley-Schreck shared that there are current conversations taking place on other program options to meet future needs.

**It was moved by Board Member Williams, seconded by Board Member Tyler, that the Board approve the program development, facilities requests and interim board appointment as presented, with exception of the concept reviews for Western. Motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Board Member Willett, seconded by Board Member Pasch, that the Board approve the concept reviews for Western Technical College's Interior Design and IT-Cybersecurity Specialist. Motion carried 11-0; Board member Richason abstained.**

#### **ITEM I: WTCS Credit Transfer Report**

WTCS Education Director for General Education and Business Valerie Crespín Trujillo and Associate Vice President for the Office of Instructional Services Chrystal Seeley-Schreck provided an overview of the WTCS Credit Transfer Report.

During the 2017-18 academic year, more than 10,000 students transferred 145,181 credits to a Wisconsin technical college, an average of 14.5 credits per student. This represents a three percent increase in the number of students transferring from the previous year. Of the more than 10,000 students transferring credits to a technical college, 39 percent transferred from a UW System institution; seven percent transferred from a Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities institution; and 25 percent transferred from a college or university outside of Wisconsin.

Board Member Tourdot left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

#### **ITEM J: WAT and Apprenticeship Grant Guidelines**

WTCS Grants Manager Tou Ya Khang provided an overview of the State of Wisconsin Workforce Advancement Training (WAT) and Apprenticeship grant guidelines.

Board Member Tyler inquired how well grants are utilized. Mr. Khang explained that WTCS receives more applications than funding available.

**It was moved by Board Member Willett seconded by Board Member Hall that the Board adopt the funding categories for the State of Wisconsin WAT and Apprenticeship grant programs for fiscal year 2020-2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **ITEM K: Legislative Update**

WTCS Executive Vice President Jim Zylstra, WTCS Policy Advisors Brandon Trujillo and Monique Currie, and DBA Executive Director Merrifield provided an update on key legislative issues.

Mr. Zylstra highlighted two bills regarding credit transfer between WTCS, UW System, private and tribal colleges. System President Foy along with representatives from Moraine Park, Fox Valley and Madison technical colleges will testify for information only.

On September 17, there will be a joint meeting of WTCS and UW institutions to talk about transfer.

Ms. Merrifield touched on a co-sponsored bill to change local district boards. Mr. Trujillo discussed credit for prior learning for veterans and active duty military personnel. WTCS Policy Advisor Monique Currie provided a federal update.

#### **ITEM L: Announcements/Adjourn**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is November 12-13, 2019 at Gateway Technical College in Sturtevant.

**It was moved by Board Member Pasch, seconded by Board Member Richason, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Drake  
Recording Secretary