



AGENDA OF THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD

May 20, 2025 – 9 am – 12 pm

Wisconsin Technical College System

Hill Farms State Office Building

4822 Madison Yards Way, North Tower, 1st Floor, Madison, WI 53705

A continental breakfast will be available for Board members and invited guests at 8:30 am in N108. No official business will be conducted.

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Lunch will be available for Board members and invited guests at the conclusion of the meeting. No official business will be conducted.

If you wish to attend the meeting virtually,
please contact Julie Drake at julie.drake@wtcsystem.edu or at 608-267-9066 for access instructions.

ITEM A: APPROVAL OF MARCH 11-12, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

Board President Mark Tyler

ITEM B: REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Board President Mark Tyler

- Board of Regents Report

ITEM C: REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT

WTCS System President Layla Merrifield

- System Updates

ITEM D: WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Association President Chuck Bolstad and Executive Director Diane Handrick

Chuck Bolstad, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College trustee and current president, and Executive Director Diane Handrick will provide the Board with an overview of recent Association activities.

ITEM E: WTCS PRESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Association President Dr. Richard Barnhouse

Dr. Richard Barnhouse, president of Waukesha County Technical College and current Association president, will provide the Board with an overview of recent Association activities.

ITEM F: STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS DEVELOPMENT 2026-2030

WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Katy Pettersen

The System Board is reviewing its Strategic Directions to be implemented for 2026-2030. WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Katy Pettersen will share an update from the planning teams and review the work conducted to-date.

ITEM G: DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo will provide comments and present a video explaining the District Board Appointment Process.

ITEM H: CONSENT AGENDA

WTCS Associate Vice President of Instruction Chrystal Seeley-Schreck

WTCS Director of Facilities Development Dan Scanlon

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

- Program Development
- Facilities Development
- Annual District Board Appointments

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Authority for the initiation and development of programs is vested with the Wisconsin Technical College System Board as provided under s. 38.001(1m), Wis. Stats.

CONCEPT REVIEW

During the Concept Review phase for occupational programs, the district provides information on local labor market demand and employment trends. In addition, the district provides a summary of discussions with other districts which offer the same or a similar program. The results of Ad Hoc Advisory Committee discussions are shared and District Board approval is documented. Approval of the Concept Review does not authorize the district to offer the program. Approval of the Concept Review does allow the district to proceed with compiling and documenting information required in the next and final stage of the approval process.

The information, analyses and documentation submitted in the Concept Review phase are reviewed by System Office staff for adequacy. The following Concept Reviews are recommended for approval. Board approval of the following Concept Reviews will initiate the Program Approval phase.

<u>College</u>	<u>Program Title</u>
Lakeshore Technical College	Office Management Associate of Applied Science Degree
Milwaukee Area Technical College	Biotechnology Laboratory Technician Associate of Applied Science Degree
Waukesha County Technical College	Artificial Intelligence Implementation Specialist Advanced Technical Certificate

Concept Review – Requested by: Lakeshore Technical College

Program Title: Office Management

Program Description: The Office Management Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to provide administrative leadership including project management, business principles and budgeting, as well as office support skills. Graduates are employed as office and administrative managers, executive assistants and administrative professionals.

Demonstration of Program Need: Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market information and advisory committee support.

Summary of Collaborative Discussions: LTC notified the three colleges with the same or similar programs. There were no concerns.

Salary: \$20.77/hour

District Board Approval Date: 3/19/2025

Concept Review – Requested by: Milwaukee Area Technical College

Program Title: Biotechnology Laboratory Technician

Program Description: The Biotechnology Laboratory Technician Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to blend theory with hands-on experience, providing a deep understanding of the science behind biotechnology, as well as the technical, ethical, regulatory and safety skills required for laboratory and industrial settings. Students will explore molecular biology, genetics, microbiology, bioinformatics, bioprocessing and complementary laboratory testing techniques. Graduates are employed as biological technicians.

Demonstration of Program Need: Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market information and collaboration with the Wisconsin Biohealth Tech Hub.

Summary of Collaborative Discussions: MATC notified the one college with the same or similar programs. There were no concerns.

Salary: \$24.73/hour

District Board Approval Date: 3/25/2025

Concept Review – Requested by: Waukesha County Technical College

Program Title: Artificial Intelligence Implementation Specialist

Program Description: The Artificial Intelligence Implementation Specialist Advanced Technical Certificate prepares students to acquire, analyze and prepare data for use in machine learning algorithms. Graduates are employed as data scientists, AI specialists and machine learning engineers.

Demonstration of Program Need: Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market information, focus group and advisory committee support.

Summary of Collaborative Discussions: There are no colleges with the same or similar programs.

Salary: \$44.00/hour

District Board Approval Date: 3/11/2025

PROGRAM APPROVAL

During the Program Approval phase for occupational programs, the district prepares a final analysis of the new program and the cost/benefit to district stakeholders. The analysis includes a final estimate of labor market need, instructional costs and career pathway opportunities. In addition, the district prepares a response to any issues or questions raised by the Board in the Concept Review phase.

The information, analysis and documentation submitted in the Program Approval phase are reviewed by System Office staff for adequacy. The following programs are recommended for Board approval. Board approval will complete the occupational program development process.

<u>College</u>	<u>Program Title</u>
Mid-State Technical College	Advanced Meat Cutting & Butchering One-Year Technical Diploma
Milwaukee Area Technical College	Commercial Building Inspector Apprentice Apprenticeship
Milwaukee Area Technical College	Community Health Worker Apprentice Apprenticeship
Moraine Park Technical College	Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist Associate of Applied Science Degree
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College	Automation Systems Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Approval – Requested by: Mid-State Technical College

Program Title: Advanced Meat Cutting & Butchering

Program Description: The Advanced Meat Cutting & Butchering One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to receive, cut and package meat products in commercial establishments with a focus on advanced knife skills, processing and food safety, and sanitation regulations. Graduates are employed as licensed meat cutters and butchers.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

New Apprenticeship Program Approval – Requested by: Milwaukee Area Technical College

Program Title: Commercial Building Inspector Apprentice

Program Description: The Commercial Building Inspector Apprenticeship prepares apprentices to apply industrial, labor and governmental standards and laws to the oversight of construction projects and the maintenance of completed buildings and other structures. Apprentices are employed as building inspectors.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Preferred Start Date: June 2, 2025

District Board Approval Date: 3/25/2025

New Apprenticeship Program Approval – Requested by: Milwaukee Area Technical College

Program Title: Community Health Worker Apprentice

Program Description: The Community Health Worker Apprenticeship prepares apprentices to serve as facilitators, advocates and referral professionals linking health care and related social services with affected recipient communities. Apprentices are employed as community health workers.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Preferred Start Date: August 25, 2025

District Board Approval Date: 1/13/2025

Program Approval – Requested by: Moraine Park Technical College

Program Title: Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist

Program Description: The Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to acquire, analyze and prepare data for use in machine learning algorithms. Graduates are employed as data analysts, Artificial Intelligence (AI) specialists and predictive modeling analysts.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Program Approval – Requested by: Southwest Wisconsin Technical College

Program Title: Automation Systems Technology

Program Description: The Automation Systems Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to install, program, troubleshoot and repair various automated and mechanical systems including programmable controllers, servomechanisms and peripheral equipment in a production setting. Graduates are employed as robotics technicians, mechatronics technicians and automation specialists.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

Blackhawk Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Janesville at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Lakeshore Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Cleveland at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Lakeshore Technical College – Construction of facilities in Cleveland at a cost of \$1,100,000.

Milwaukee Area Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Milwaukee at a cost of \$1,200,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Construction of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$255,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$1,000,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$800,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$700,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$1,320,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$960,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$303,000.

Waukesha County Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Pewaukee at a cost of \$1,162,000.

Blackhawk Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Janesville

The Blackhawk Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the main campus in Janesville.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 9,300 square feet to utilize the vacated public safety shooting facilities. Public safety programs have relocated to their own facility on campus and the unused shooting ranges will be converted into seven general education classrooms and one study/club room. The new classrooms will be added to the inventory of flexible classroom spaces to alleviate class scheduling conflicts on campus.

The remodeling will not meet the System requirement of LEED Silver and an exception to meeting this requirement is granted. A significant number of LEED points are unavailable because the project is being served by the existing HVAC systems and involves no changes to the building exterior or plumbing. The lighting and interior finishes are being designed and specified to meet the requirements outlined for a LEED Silver facility.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$154 per square foot. The district will spend an additional \$450,000 on equipment to furnish the space. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

Lakeshore Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Cleveland

The Lakeshore Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the main campus in Cleveland.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 11,800 square feet to improve the Student Services Success Center. The project will improve space for the Admissions Office, Student Advising, Veteran Services and Bursar's Office. Reorganizing these functions will consolidate services and improve delivery to students. Twenty-five single offices will provide space for confidential consultations with students and faculty members. Six conference/collaboration rooms will be created along with a central lobby to direct students to the appropriate services. Approximately 20 staff will be relocated into two open offices, and two large accessible bathrooms will be created to replace bathrooms that have reached the end of their useful lives.

The remodeling will not meet the System requirement of LEED Silver and an exception to meeting this requirement is granted. A significant number of LEED points are unavailable because the project is being served by the existing HVAC systems and involves no changes to the building exterior. The lighting, plumbing fixtures and interior finishes are being designed and specified to meet the requirements outlined for a LEED Silver facility.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$120 per square foot. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

Lakeshore Technical College – Construction of Facilities in Cleveland

The Lakeshore Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to construct facilities in Cleveland.

The district proposes to construct a 2,300 square foot vehicle storage addition for facilities equipment, public safety vehicles and a mobile manufacturing training lab. The proposed facility will be a climate controlled four-bay storage building (garage). The structure will allow the district to store industrial training equipment for manufacturing programs and storage of vehicles to extend the life of those vehicles. An Environmental Assessment for the addition was made available to the public and no comments were received on the proposed construction.

The cost of the construction is \$1,100,000, and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$397 per square foot and will be funded by district borrowing.

Milwaukee Area Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Milwaukee

The Milwaukee Area Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Downtown Campus in Milwaukee.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 3,600 square feet to create support spaces for the dental program. The project will create these new facilities from underutilized individual offices, conference rooms and various storage spaces. The project will create two separate student locker rooms, two separate faculty locker rooms, five single bathrooms, one faculty office, two small

consultation rooms, a larger student study lounge and a large open office for twenty full- and part-time staff. This project increases the support spaces needed to increase the number of dental hygiene students served each semester from 24 to 30. The district has significant student and employer demand for dental hygiene graduates.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,200,000 and the unit cost of the remodeling calculates to approximately \$333 per square foot and the project will be funded by district borrowing.

Northcentral Technical College – Construction of Facilities in Wausau

The Northcentral Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to construct facilities at the Agriculture Center in Wausau.

The district proposes to construct a 1,000 square foot Heifer Barn to relocate dry cows from the main barn freeing up space for additional milking cows. The stalls in the barn addition and two existing stalls will allow cows direct access to the pasture and will reduce handling requirements and improve the welfare of the animals. The district has 120 cows at the farm and the Dairy Science programs has 16 FTEs. The district has consistent enrollments and employer demand for agriculture and farm related programming. An Environmental Assessment for the addition was made available to the public and no comments were received on the proposed construction.

The cost of the construction is \$255,000, and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$230 per square foot and will be funded by district borrowing.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Wausau

The Northcentral Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Wausau.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 3,400 square feet to improve an entrance vestibule and offices at the Workforce Leadership Center (WLC). The entrance vestibule will be upgraded to match the districts design aesthetics with improvements for energy efficiency and circulation. The WLC remodeling will convert unused individual and open faculty offices into four office suites and a conference room for educational and business partners. Education partners will use these suites to organize interactions with students interested in extending or transferring their educational goals. Local employers can use these suites for recruiting efforts. These office suites have flexible spaces and can be utilized by various other district activities.

The cost of the construction is \$1,000,000, and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$265 per square foot and will be funded by district borrowing.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Wausau

The Northcentral Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Wausau.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,930 square feet to improve facilities for the Electric Power Distribution (14 headcount) and Gas Utility Construction (12 headcount) programs. The project will create two classrooms, two bathrooms and a utility room in the existing utilities building that is adjacent to the outdoor utilities field and practice areas. The remodeling reduces travel time from other facilities located at the farm campus. The district has consistent enrollments and employer demand for these programs.

The cost of the construction is \$800,000, and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$378 per square foot and will be funded by district borrowing.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Wausau

The Northcentral Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Wausau.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 3,200 square feet to improve facilities for the Accommodation & Testing Center (ATC) and the campus security office. The project will create an accessible testing suite with three single testing rooms, two larger group testing rooms, a waiting area with lockers, two staff cubicles and three single staff offices. The existing testing facilities have reached the end of their useful lives and are not accessible. The existing security office will be enlarged and includes a reception desk/lobby, kitchenette, collaboration space and three private offices across the hall from the campus main entrance information desk, increasing visibility.

The cost of the construction is \$700,000, and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$194 per square foot and will be funded by district borrowing.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Green Bay

The Northeast Wisconsin Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the main campus in Green Bay.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 7,700 square feet to relocate and provide modern facilities for the Corporate Training & Economic Development (CTED) staff and the Talent & Culture (T&C) Administration staff. Relocation and consolidation of staff will address the reduced space needs that hybrid staff require. The remodeling for the CTED suite consists of 14 individual offices, an open office for ten staff, conference room, workroom and a large storage room for training equipment. The CTED staff supports the approximately 900 annual conference, contract and district training seminars on campus with an approximate annual revenue of \$6.5 million. The remodeling for the T&C suite consists of six single offices, an open office for nine full- and hybrid-staff, two conference rooms and a staff collaboration space. The T&C staff are responsible for hiring, development and retention of district staff and faculty.

The remodeling will not meet the System requirement of LEED Silver and an exception to meeting this requirement is granted. A significant number of LEED points are unavailable because the project is being served by the existing HVAC systems, does not involve changes to the building exterior and consists of

constructing interior walls. The lighting, ceilings and interior finishes are being designed and specified to meet the requirements outlined for a LEED Silver facility.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,320,000, and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$169 per square foot. The district will spend an additional \$570,000 on equipment to furnish the space. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Green Bay

The Northeast Wisconsin Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the main campus in Green Bay.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 4,000 square feet to expand and improve the Testing and Assessment Center and create study/collaboration rooms in the library. An underutilized portion of the library will be used to expand the facilities for the testing and assessment center which will include four larger testing rooms, four individual testing rooms, check-in desk, a staff office, a data closet and reception/locker area. These testing rooms are being designed to meet modern testing standards regarding sound isolation and privacy. The library remodeling will create 17 study rooms for student collaboration and tutoring, and a larger study suite. These projects address the needs of student assessments, placements and advancement.

The estimated cost of the project is \$960,000, and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$238 per square foot. The district will spend an additional \$220,000 on equipment to furnish the space. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Green Bay

The Northeast Wisconsin Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the main campus in Green Bay.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,600 square feet to consolidate the offices for STEM administration staff. The remodeling will create an office suite with five individual offices, a conference room, reception desk/lobby and open offices for six staff. This office suite is located adjacent to existing STEM faculty offices, science classrooms, and labs. The primary drivers of this project are improved proximity and consolidation .

The estimated cost of the project is \$303,000, and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$192 per square foot. The district will spend an additional \$87,000 on equipment to furnish the space. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

Waukesha County Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Pewaukee

The Waukesha County Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the main campus in Pewaukee.

The district received State Board approval for this project at the March 2025 WTCS Board meeting, and subsequently, the bidding process revealed a higher cost than originally estimated. The district has also

reconsidered the project and wishes to pursue two alternatives to the project. The alternatives include the redesign of the entrance by creating one main entrance (from two) and the addition of one break-out room.

The district proposes to remodel the lobby of the Anthony J. Natalizio (AJN) conference facility, approximately 6,200 square feet. The project will reconfigure, modernize and update the finishes of the lobby. A warming kitchen will replace the existing serving area, a micro-store (self-checkout/vending) will replace a vending machine alcove and the student study/attendee gathering areas will be redefined. The lobby precedes the 1,375 person AJN facility and holds approximately 175 school and community events annually. A small breakout conference room will also be updated.

The remodeling will not meet the System requirement of LEED Silver and an exception to meeting this requirement is granted. A significant number of LEED points are unavailable because the project is being served by the existing HVAC systems, involves no changes to the building exterior and consists of mostly interior finish updates. The lighting and interior finishes are being designed and specified to meet the requirements outlined for a LEED Silver facility.

The original project approval was \$720,000 with an estimated cost of \$108 per square foot.

The new estimated cost of the project is \$1,162,000, and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$174 per square foot. The district will spend an additional \$120,000 on equipment to furnish the space. The project will be funded with \$668,000 in district borrowing and \$494,000 from operating expenses.

ANNUAL DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Wisconsin statutes establish requirements for the membership of technical college boards, including that each board has nine members who are residents of the college district and who take office on July 1. Members whose appointments are approved by the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board serve staggered three-year terms.

For 15 WTCS colleges, statutes require that board membership include two employers, two employees, three additional members, a school district administrator and an elected official. WTCS Board approval is needed for terms from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 for one employer member, one additional member and one employee member. Interim appointments to fill vacant positions are noted with a plus (+) for the term as specified.

For Milwaukee Area Technical College, statutes require that board membership include five members representing employers, two additional members, a school district administrator and an elected official. WTCS Board approval is needed for Milwaukee Area Technical College terms from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 for one member representing an employer with 15+ employees, one elected official member and one additional member.

Note: Incumbent appointments are designated with an asterisk (*).
Interim appointments are designated with a plus (+).

Blackhawk Technical College (BTC)

<u>Member Category</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
Employer	*Eric Thornton

Eric Thornton is the president of St. Mary's Hospital. He holds Bachelor's of Business Administration and Master's of Business Administration degrees in Human Resources Management from UW-Whitewater. A native of Janesville, Eric is professionally and personally involved in the community.

<u>Member Category</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
Additional Member	Dave Marshick

Dave Marshick is a senior vice president and commercial banking manager of First National Bank and Trust Company. He has been involved in the revitalization of downtown Janesville for nearly 20 years, both as a member of Downtown Janesville Inc. and through participating on the Eastside Basketball Booster Club. He is also a member and the president of the Craig High School Board.

<u>Member Category</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
Employee	*Rich Deprez

Rich Deprez is a senior manager at TDS Telecom. He holds a Master's of Information Systems degree from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Computer Applications and Networking from Coleman College. Rich was in the military and holds certifications in the IT field and as a private pilot and remote pilot.

Member Category

Elected Official

Appointee

Barbara Barrington-Tillman

Barbara Barrington-Tillman is retired from the Rock County Sheriff's Department after serving a 35-year career in law enforcement. She holds an associate's degree in Police Science from BTC and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Public Administration from Upper Iowa University. She is involved in numerous professional organizations and has extensive community service involvement.

Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

Matt Guse

Matt Guse is an advocate for manufacturing excellence and technical education, with over three decades of industry experience. As the president of M.R.S. Machining Co., Inc., he has helped shape the future of precision machining while fostering workforce development. His commitment to education is evident through his support of technical training programs, including Cardinal Manufacturing at Eleva-Strum School. Beyond the shop floor, Matt is an active community leader, serving on the local school board and the CVTC Machine Tool Advisory Board. His dedication to bridging the gap between education and industry continues to strengthen opportunities for the next generation of skilled workers.

Member Category

Additional Member

Appointee

*Tim Benedict

Tim Benedict is a retired business leader with over 30 years of experience as the owner and employer of Benedict Sales and Service. He has been deeply involved with CVTC, serving on the HVAC advisory committee for over 20 years and currently serving as a CVTC District Board member for the past six years. Tim is also an active community leader, serving as president of the Boy Scouts Board of Directors and previously as a member of the Eau Claire Chamber Executive Board and Eau Claire Chamber Foundation Board. He is the previous board chair of the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce and remains committed to supporting workforce development and education in the region.

Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

*Chuck Spoehr

Chuck Spoehr is employed at Miron Construction Company, Inc. as a director of labor relations.

Member Category

Additional Member

Appointee

*Javad Ahmad

Javad Ahmad is a member of the Oshkosh community. He is currently pursuing his doctorate.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

*Molly Steiner

Molly Steiner is a graduate of FVTC. She currently works as a district court administrative assistant with District 4 of the State of Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Gateway Technical College (Gateway)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

Michael Reader

Michael Reader is the current president of Reader Precision Solutions, a family business that provides high-quality precision machining while blending traditional craftsmanship with innovative technologies, equipment and engineered solutions. He oversees daily operations and strategic direction. His previous role at Reader Precision Solutions was vice president of sales and engineering, where he directed business growth through targeted sales strategies and operational alignment. Michael received his Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Member Category

Additional Member

Appointee

Tamarra Coleman

Tamarra Coleman is the current chief executive officer of the Racine Family YMCA. Her role includes strategic development and vision, financial oversight and budget management, along with directing the operations of three facilities. Prior to this position, Tamarra was the executive director of the Shalom Center in Kenosha, Wisconsin, a community outreach and resource center. In this role, Tamarra spearheaded the development and completion of the fully funded \$2.4 million center, increased community engagement, managed project planning, budgeting and stakeholder communication. Tamarra received her Bachelor's of Science degree from Herzing University in Health and Human Services.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

*Nicole Oberlin

Nicole Oberlin served as a student trustee from July 2022 – June 2024, and this past year has held the role of secretary on the Gateway Board. She is currently an assistant dietary manager for Union Grove High School. Nicole earned her Associate of Arts – Humanities Degree from Gateway in 2023 and is currently pursuing her Bachelor's of Psychology degree from UW-Parkside. She is currently the president of the ACCT 45 and Under Caucus, a committee member of the DBA Internal Best Practices and ACCT Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, among several other committees.

Lakeshore Technical College (Lakeshore College)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

Abbey Quistorf

Abbey Quistorf is the executive director of the Chamber of Manitowoc County, a member organization that provides resources and services to promote a healthy and prosperous business environment in the region. She has been with the chamber since 2008 and holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from UW-Milwaukee. Quistorf also serves as an ex-officio board member for Progress Lakeshore and the Two Rivers Business Association, a trustee for the Manitowoc Public Library Board and is a co-director of the Miss Harbor Cities Scholarship Organization.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional Member

*Monica Nichter

Monica Nichter had an extensive healthcare career prior to her retirement as executive director from Froedtert Holy Family Memorial in 2021. She has fulfilled numerous leadership roles including strategic planning, operations management, change management, practice management, fundraising and community engagement, and has served as a mentor and coach. Monica holds a Bachelor's and Master's of Science degree in Nursing from UW-Oshkosh. She is a rotarian for Manitowoc's Sun Rise Rotary, board president for Shady Lane Inc. and board member for the Manitowoc Public Library Foundation. Her first educational degree was from a technical college. She wants to ensure that others in her community have the opportunities to grow and develop on their educational journey.

Member Category

Appointee

Employee

Mary Parrish

Mary Parrish is the executive administrative assistant at the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center in Sheboygan Falls. Her responsibilities include graphic design, marketing, research, donor management, volunteer coordination, processing donated materials, and hosting workshops and classes. Before that, she and her husband, Jim, owned Kvindlog Services, Inc., in Waldo, Wisconsin, for 15 years. She holds three associate degrees from Lakeshore College and enjoys traveling, reading, genealogy, photography and crafting in her free time.

Madison Area Technical College (Madison College)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

*Daniel Bullock

Daniel Bullock is the president of Holtz Companies as well as the chair of the Sauk County Development Corporation. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and serves as a board member for both Mahala's Hope and the advisory board for InBusiness Magazine.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional Member

*Melanie Lichtfeld

Melanie Lichtfeld is the owner of Il Bit Ranch in Columbus, Wisconsin. She has received multiple awards: the Trailblazer Award, the Torchbearer Award and the Women to Watch Award.

Mid-State Technical College (Mid-State)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

*Ryan Zietlow

Ryan Zietlow has served on the Mid-State Board for nearly three years. Prior to Mid-State, he served as a board member for the Nicolet Area Technical College district. He currently serves as the president and CEO of the Stevens Point Area YMCA. He is involved throughout the Mid-State district, advocates for the college and is highly engaged in activities and events, often partnering with the college.

Member Category

Additional Member

Appointee

*Charles Spargo

Charles Spargo has served on the Mid-State Board for ten years. He serves as the chair of the finance and infrastructure committee. He is active in the District Boards Association and advocates for the college and WTCS locally, statewide and nationally.

Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)

Member Category

Employer/15+

Appointee

*Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

Citlali Mendieta-Ramos has 20 years of experience in the culinary industry and owns Antigua Latin Restaurant LLC, where she employs several MATC graduates. She has served on the boards of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association and the Hispanic Collaborative. She is recognized as an emerging leader in our community, including as a Milwaukee Business Journal 40 Under 40 honoree and a recipient of the city of West Allis and West Allis/West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award, among other recognitions. Citlali has a Master's of Business Administration from Alverno College and a Bachelor's of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She has served on the MATC Culinary Arts and Management Advisory Committee since 2016 and worked as a part-time instructor at Waukesha County Technical College. She joined the MATC District Board in 2019.

Member Category

Elected Official

Appointee

*Supreme Moore Omokunde

State Representative Supreme Moore Omokunde has served in the Wisconsin State Assembly, representing District 17, since 2020. He sits on the assembly committees for Energy and Utilities, Mental Health, Regulatory Licensing Reform, Transportation and the Legislative Council Study on Occupational Licenses. In 2015, he was elected to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in a special election and was re-elected in 2016 and 2018. Before serving on the county board, Rep. Moore Omokunde worked for several community groups including the Sherman Park Community Association, where he established the Friends of Sherman Park group and helped formulate a Neighborhood Improvement District. Rep. Moore Omokunde serves on the Milwaukee Public Museum Board of Directors and was appointed to the MATC District Board in March 2022.

Member Category

Additional Member

Appointee

Raynetta Hill

Raynetta "Ray" Hill has helped sustain and grow economic development in the Milwaukee region for nearly two decades. She has served as executive director of Milwaukee's Historic King Drive Business Improvement District No. 8 since November 2021, overseeing more than 200 businesses along a 4.5-mile commercial corridor. She previously served as the district's associate director from January 2016 to March 2018. She also worked at CommonBond Communities Wisconsin, an affordable housing nonprofit organization, and was chief operations officer at Sylvan Development LLC in Brookfield. Ray holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications and Leadership from Concordia University Wisconsin and is a graduate of the Associates in Commercial Real Estate Program at Marquette University. In 2018, she completed Cardinal Stritch University's African American Leadership Program. Wisconsin Governor Tony

Evers appointed Ray to the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, where she served as vice chair from 2019 to 2024. In 2021, she was honored as one of the Milwaukee Business Journal's 40 Under 40 and won an African American Chamber of Commerce Trailblazer Award.

Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

Robert Traylor

Robert Traylor is the chief financial officer and executive vice president at Horicon Bank. He holds a Master's of Business Administration degree from Louisiana Tech University and is a licensed CPA in the states of Louisiana and Wisconsin. He is also a graduate of UW-Madison's Graduate School of Banking program and earned his Certificate of Executive Leadership from the UW-Madison School of Business.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional Member

*Vernon Jung

Vernon Jung is the principal at Team Technologies in Racine. He is an alumnus of MPTC, an Association of Community College Trustees Central Region Trustee of the Year and a District Boards Association Distinguished Alumnus of the Year and Trustee of the Year award recipient. This year will mark his 30th year serving on the MPTC District Board.

Member Category

Appointee

Employee

*Sara Hintz

Sara Hintz has worked in the insurance industry for most of her professional career and is currently the claims manager at West Bend Mutual Insurance. She has been through the Leadership West Bend program and has a bachelor's degree in Sociology from UW-Madison. She also currently serves in an officer role as the treasurer of the MPTC District Board.

Nicolet Area Technical College (Nicolet College)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

+Scott Sievert

Scott Sievert is the plant manager and general manager at Lake Shore Systems, Inc., a large local manufacturer in his community. He has a degree in both law enforcement and management. He has over 49 years of experience in manufacturing and is looking forward to bringing a fresh perspective to issues facing his community and district.

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

*Abbey Dall

Abbey Dall is the executive director of Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing. She's been recognized as Oneida County's Top 10 under 40, helped to pass 11 of 13 bills for the Wisconsin Foster Care Taskforce and is currently chair of the Nicolet College Board.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional Member

Tony Pharo

Tony Pharo is the executive director of the Oneida County Economic Development Corporation. He holds an associate degree in Materials Management and a Project Management Certificate from MATC. Tony has served several boards in the community. He has built a 70,000-square-foot facility from the ground up and secured multiple licensing agreements with industry partners. He enjoys fundraising and networking events.

Member Category

Appointee

Employee

Jim Mulleady

Jim Mulleady is the current sales director at Shorewest Realty and has a Master's of Business Administration from DePaul University. He also ran his family business until 2015. Having formerly served on the Northland Pines School Board, he recognizes the importance of education. Jim comes highly recommended as a past school board president.

Northcentral Technical College (NTC)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

*Troy Brown

Troy Brown is the president of Kretz Lumber Co., Inc. in Antigo, Wisconsin. Troy holds a Master's of Business Administration from Upper Iowa University (UIU) as well as a bachelor's degree in Accounting. He is a member of and holds leadership roles on multiple boards related to the hardwood, timber and forestry industries. He was recognized in 2006 with an Excellence in Teaching Award from UIU and was the 2018 Advisory Chairperson of the Year for NTC.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional Member

*Rainer Shooter

Rainer Shooter serves as the executive director of the Stockbridge Munsee Community. He has a bachelor's degree from UW-Stevens Point in Wildland Fire Science and Ecology as well as a Master's of Business Administration in Forest Business Management. Rainer has been an active supporter of NTC through his role on the NTC Foundation Board of Directors as well as through the knowledge and support he has provided to Wood Science programming at NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence.

Member Category

Appointee

Employee

*Heather Renzelmann

Heather Renzelmann is a legal analyst at Church Mutual Insurance Company in Merrill, Wisconsin. She is an alumnus of NTC's Administrative Professional Associate Degree Program. Heather is an active member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP).

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

Emily Miller

Emily Miller is the superintendent of Oconto Unified School District. Emily earned her Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Aurora University and is a member of the Oconto County Economic Development Committee. She also holds membership within several professional and leadership associations including the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, the Wisconsin Rural Alliance and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Emily has led a successful school operational referendum and implemented Oconto University for teacher professional growth.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional Member

*Gerald Worrick

Gerald Worrick is the retired president and chief executive officer of Door County Memorial Hospital. He has been an active NWTC Board member since 2010. During his time on the board, he has filled chairman, vice chairman and secretary roles. He also serves on the board of the Sevastopol School District in Door County.

Member Category

Appointee

Employee

*Dustin Delsman

Dustin Delsman is the assistant business manager of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 400. He has been a Board Member on a number of committees at Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 400 for many years and has experience in chairing committee meetings and participating in strategic planning solutions. He has been a business representative since July 2019. In Dustin's first term on the NWTC Board of Trustees, he has gained experience in chairing committee meetings and participating in strategic planning solutions for the organization and has participated in advocacy at the local, state and federal level on behalf of NWTC's district community members.

Northwood Technical College (Northwood Tech)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

Neil Kline

Neil Kline has a bachelor's degree in Political Science and History from UW-Madison. Neil is the development and communications manager at the Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley in Baldwin, Wisconsin, and is additionally employed by Family Friendly Workplaces, Inc. Neil is currently on the Village of Osceola Board of Trustees, the St. Croix Economic Development Corporation and the Osceola Business Improvement District Board.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional Member

*Brett Gerber

Brett Gerber is currently employed by Impact Seven, Inc. as the president and chief executive officer. Prior to that, he worked at the Indianhead Community Action Agency, Inc., in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, as a chief financial officer, chief executive officer and transition consultant. He was also the director of business services at the Medford Area School District. Brett has a master's degree in Education and

Business Management from UW-Whitewater. He attended Harvard University and was the 2013 Harvard Business School Scholarship winner for the Executive Leadership Institute. Brett is currently serving on the Greater Wisconsin Opportunity Fund Board and has served on various other employment and housing-related boards. He has served on the Northwood Tech Board since September 2013.

Member Category

Appointee

Employee

*Janelle Gruetzmacher

Janelle Gruetzmacher has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from UW-Eau Claire and is currently employed at the Rice Lake School District within the Human Resource/Benefits Department. She was previously a human resources manager at NorthernBridges in Hayward and has experience in policy governance. Janelle was also the vice president at the First National Bank and Trust in Barron and has served her community on the Barron City Council, Church Council and as a hospice volunteer. She has served on the Northwood Tech Board since September 2016.

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (SWTC)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

Theresa Braudt

Theresa Braudt is the administrator of Gunderson Boscobel Area Hospital & Clinics. Originally from Boscobel, she proudly began her post-high school education journey at SWTC, earning her CNA and AND certifications. She is a Registered Nurse who holds a master's degree in Leadership & Management. Theresa is very active in her community, serving as a board member for the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative and the Boscobel Developers Association. She is a member of Grant County Economic Development and former chair of the SWTC Foundation.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional Member

*Charles Bolstad

Charles Bolstad was first appointed as a trustee in 2016 and has served numerous leadership roles on the SWTC board, as well as the District Boards Association. He is a resident of the Kickapoo Area School District and currently farms the farm that has been in his family for over a century. Charles is a retired educator of over 30 years, with 25 years in the role of guidance counselor. He retired from the Wisconsin Army National Guard with 38 years of service.

Member Category

Appointee

Employee

*Jeanne Jordie

Jeanne Jordie has served on the SWTC Board of Trustees since January 2020. She is a senior recreation coordinator for the Prairie du Chien Park District and is very involved in her community where she co-leads the Alzheimer's Dementia Memory Cafe and Support Group and is a strong supporter of the Crawford County 4-H program. Jeanne also holds a bachelor's degree in Communications and Leadership.

Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

Rob Ewing

Rob Ewing is the president of Wenthe-Davidson Engineering. In the past, he has served on the advisory committee for the welding program at WCTC. Throughout his career in manufacturing, Rob has seen the importance of technical colleges for the workforce in Wisconsin and beyond.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional Member

Amanda Busche

Amanda Busche is the business development manager at VJS Construction Services. She participates in the Talent Solutions Council with the Waukesha County Business Alliance. Amanda is a former member of the board of directors of Blessings in a Backpack and is currently on the board for Real Estate Alliance for Charity (REACH). She is also involved in Emerging Women Leaders and organizes the VJS run and golf outing for the community.

Member Category

Appointee

Employee

*Courtney Bauer

Courtney Bauer is the special agent in charge with the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation. She has served on the WCTC District Board for nine years and wishes to continue to serve because of her deep appreciation for the technical college system. She is dedicated to public service and community development.

Member Category

Appointee

Elected Official

Barbara Dittrich

Representative Barbara Dittrich is filling the seat vacated by Tom Michalski in January 2025 due to a loss in the November election. Rep. Dittrich was elected to the State Assembly in 2018 and has served as vice chair of the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development. She currently serves on the Assembly Committee on Education and serves as vice chair on the Assembly Committee on Small Business Development. Rep. Dittrich has also served as a trustee of her local church and as an ambassador for the Oconomowoc Area Chamber of Commerce. She continues to serve on the board of Key Ministry, a faith-based ministry serving families of kids with special needs.

Western Technical College (Western)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

*Kenneth Peterson

Kenneth (Ken) Peterson is excited to reapply for another term on the Board after taking a brief break from service. He is a U.S. Army veteran and currently serves as the vice president of asset management at J.F. Brennan Company, where he has worked for over 30 years. Ken is a graduate of UW-La Crosse (Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration) and Viterbo University (Master's of Business Administration). He and his wife met in high school and still live in their hometown of La Crosse. Ken is also involved in the Association of Equipment Management Professionals, is the vice president of the Association of Construction Equipment Managers and serves on Western's Foundation Board.

Member Category

Additional Member

Appointee

Janie Felton

Janie Felton is the business development manager at Sleepy Hollow Auto Goup, which is owned by her family. She is a proud member of the Viroqua community, where she grew up and returned after college. She and her husband also are business owners, and she volunteers with the Family and Children's Center, is a member of the Viroqua Area Foundation Board, and started a program to raise thousands of dollars for local non-profit organizations and schools. Janie is a graduate of UW-Madison (Bachelor's of Social Work, Bachelor's in Gender and Women's Studies) and University of Michigan (Master's of Public Health Behavior and Health Education). She is excited to make a difference in her local community and within the Western district.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

*Michelle Greendeer-Rave

Michelle Greendeer-Rave is excited to reapply for another term on the board after taking a brief break from service. She is a proud member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and is employed by the Nation as an elected trial court judge. Michelle is a graduate of UW-Madison (Bachelor's degree in History with a certificate in American Indian Studies, and Juris Doctor, UW Law School). She serves on several boards in her community and in Jackson County. Michelle and her husband have fostered children throughout their life together, they have four biological children of their own, and her children have attended or are currently attending Western. In 2024 she was identified as one of the most influential Native American Leaders in Wisconsin.

ITEM I: NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE – PROJECT CONCEPT REVIEW -
REMODELING AT TWO LOCATIONS ON THE MAIN CAMPUS IN GREEN BAY

WTCS Director of Facilities Development Dan Scanlon

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Director of Facilities Mark Hansel

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, a finding is made that the concepts for Northeast Wisconsin Technical College’s proposed remodeling projects at the Main Campus in Green Bay are reasonable. The final scope of the projects are subject to review and approval by the Board as required by s. 38.04(10) Stats.

Consistent with established procedures, remodeling of existing facilities with budgets in excess of \$1,500,000 are subject to a two-phased review process beginning with a project concept review. This initial review considers the project at its conceptual stage with the primary focus on programmatic needs. While a limited amount of detail may be available at this stage, the review can identify areas of concern and factors to be considered in subsequent planning and development of the projects. Following this review, the projects are subject to approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats.

The Proposals

Green Bay Area Public Schools Northeast Wisconsin School of Innovation

The district has been a partner with Green Bay Area Public Schools (GBAPS) Northeast Wisconsin (N.E.W.) School of Innovation since 2019 on the main campus in Green Bay. The N.E.W. School of Innovation provides career and technical education to grades 6-12 (120 students enrolled) and the 12th Grade Academy (125 students enrolled). The 12th Grade Academy is a competency-based program for seniors to meet GBAPS graduation requirements through an alternative pathway. The GBAPS programs currently occupy approximately 18,000 square feet in various locations on campus and are seeking to consolidate its space on the campus.

In November 2024, GBAPS passed a referendum that allocated \$2 million to enhance safety and security for students at N.E.W. School of Innovation. This funding will facilitate the relocation of N.E.W. School of Innovation to the second level of the Corporate Conference Center building on the Green Bay Campus. The Corporate Conference Center Building, situated on the west side of the campus, will enable staff to provide enhanced safety and security, as all functions will be centralized within their suite. The move will create a dedicated secure drop-off location for students, reducing the risk of unauthorized access.

The project will remodel approximately 14,000 square feet to create eight classrooms, a single restroom, a conference room, various storage spaces, a reception desk/lobby, library, cafeteria, kitchen, multipurpose exercise room and a student services office. Existing facilities such as bathrooms, eight classrooms and circulation and storage areas will also be utilized by the N.E.W. School of Innovation.

The preliminary budget for the project is \$2,000,000. The project will be funded by the GBAPS successful referendum.

Staff Finding

Staff concludes that there is a need to provide a dedicated space for the N.E.W. School of Innovation. Prior to final approval of the project, the district shall provide further development of the architectural plans and space allocation, proof of the funding, a detailed breakdown of the costs, the number of students served and the projected increases in enrollment.

Corporate Training & Economic Development (CTED) Center

The district proposes expanding facilities for the CTED Center in the existing Business Education Center. The project will remodel approximately 9,900 square feet to create large flexible conference/meeting rooms from existing classrooms and office space. Business education classes are increasingly being offered in hybrid and remote formats, resulting in the underutilization of general classrooms that will become flexible sized rooms with moveable partitions. The CTED Center offers approximately 900 conferences, events, contract and district training seminars annually with an approximate annual revenue of \$6.5 million.

The estimated construction cost is \$2,000,000 and will be funded by \$500,000 in operational funds and \$1,500,000 in district borrowing.

Staff Finding

Staff concludes there is a need for additional corporate training facilities. Converting underutilized space to flexible training and seminar space are the primary drivers of the project. Prior to project approval the district shall provide further development of the architectural plan and the expenses related to operating the facility.

ITEM J: MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System president, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board disapproves the appointment of Donald D. Dantzler, Jr. for the Employee position on the Madison Area Technical College Board.

As part of its annual appointment process, the Madison Area Technical College Appointment committee submitted Donald D. Dantzler, Jr. for appointment as the Employee position of the Madison Area Technical College Board. However, Mr. Dantzler does not meet the qualifications for the Employee position.

As defined under Wis. Stats. § 38.08(1)(a)2. and § TCS 2.04(4)(c), the Board shall determine whether the appointment reasonably represents the various businesses and industries in the district as required for the Employer and Employee members of the district board. Mr. Dantzler is employed by UW-Milwaukee and designated their business location as their home which is located in Fitchburg, Wisconsin. To fulfill the requirement for being employed at a location outside the boundaries of the district by a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, labor organization, or association whether or not operated for profit, that maintains an office, factory, warehouse, or other business facility within the boundaries of the district where other employers or employees of that organization are regularly employed. Mr. Dantzler does not meet this qualification since he works from his home location.

If the System Board disapproves this appointment, Ch. TCS 2, Wis. Admin. Code requires that, within ten days, the System Board notify the chair of the appointment committee, the person recommended for appointment, and the chair of the district board, of the System Board's action. The notice shall request the appointment committee to hold its first meeting for reconsideration of the appointment within 30 days of receiving notice of disapproval.

Chapter TCS 2 requires that the new appointment shall be made by the local appointment committee within 45 days of receiving notice of the disapproval and submitted to the System Board for review. System Office staff shall review the new appointment according to standard statutory and administrative code requirements. Following this review, the appointment would go before the System Board for its consideration.

ITEM K: TEACHING & LEARNING – TCS 10

WTCS Provost & Vice President Dr. Colleen McCabe

Associate Vice President for Student Success Dr. Christina Lorge

This presentation will offer a general overview of Administrative Code TCS 10, as well as an update on the progress made by the WTCS workgroup since the project's launch in December 2023.

ITEM L: INTEGRATED EDUCATION & TRAINING (IET) DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION GRANT APPROVALS

WTCS Grant Manager Tou Ya Khang

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System president, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves funding awards for the Integrated Education & Training Development and Expansion grant programs for fiscal year 2025-26, as presented.

Source: State

Focus: Integrated Education & Training (IET) Development and Expansion

Type: Competitive

Total: \$1,500,000

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board awards funds to support the development and expansion of Integrated Education and Training (IET). IET provides adult education and literacy activities concurrently and contextually with workforce preparation activities and workforce training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster for the purpose of educational and career advancement.

<i>Grant Recipient</i>	<i>Initiative</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Blackhawk	IET Development and Expansion Project	\$70,841
Chippewa Valley	Integrated Education and Training at CVTC	\$169,747
Gateway	Welding Integrated Education and Training Program	\$200,000
Lakeshore	Lakeshore IET Development and Expansion Grant	\$200,000
Madison Area	Expanding Integrated Education and Training Programs to High-Demand Construction and Nursing Careers	\$199,806
Milwaukee Area	FY 25-26 State (124-206) IET Development and Expansion	\$200,000
Mid-State	Mid-State IET Development & Expansion	\$200,000
Southwest Wisconsin	2026 Welding Academy (IET)	\$50,113
Waukesha County	Extending Integrated Education and Training Programs	\$200,000

ITEM M: OUTCOMES FOR 2024 WTCS GRADUATES

WTCS Provost & Vice President for Educational Services Dr. Colleen McCabe

WTCS Associate Vice President for Instruction Chrystal Seeley-Schreck

Wisconsin's technical colleges surveyed 25,253 individuals who graduated in 2024, with 56% responding. Of those who responded and were in the labor force, 92% indicated they were employed within six months of graduation, including 82% who reported employment in a field related to their technical college program.

The Board will see a presentation about the report and discuss outcomes for 2024 technical college graduates with WTCS Provost & Vice President for Educational Services Dr. Colleen McCabe and Associate Vice President for Instruction Chrystal Seeley-Schreck.

ITEM N: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WTCS Executive Vice President Paul Hammer; WTCS Policy Advisors Megan Stritchko and Brandon

Trujillo; DBA Executive Director Diane Handrick

An update on recent state and federal legislative activity affecting the Wisconsin Technical College System will be provided.

ITEM O: ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Board President S. Mark Tyler

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WTCS Board is July 8-9, 2025, at Nicolet College in Rhinelander.