



AGENDA OF THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD

**September 9-10, 2025**

**Chippewa Valley Technical College  
620 W. Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

**Location: Business Education Center, 620 W. Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI – Room 170**

**4:30 pm**

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**Motion to Recess until Wednesday, September 10, 2025**

*Following completion of the Tuesday agenda, Board members and invited guests will attend dinner at Chippewa Valley Technical College. No official business will be conducted.*

If you require accommodations to observe the meeting, please contact Julie Drake at [julie.drake@wtcsystem.edu](mailto:julie.drake@wtcsystem.edu) or at 608-267-9066.



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Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Location: Energy Education Center, 4000 Campus Road, Eau Claire, WI – Room 103

*Breakfast will be available for Board members and invited guests at 8:00 am in the Energy Education Center Room 103. No official business will be conducted.*

**8:30 am**

*Chippewa Valley Technical College Presentation and Tour*

**9:30 am**

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*Lunch will be available for Board members and invited guests. No official business will be conducted.*

If you wish to listen during the meeting, please contact Julie Drake at [julie.drake@wtcsystem.edu](mailto:julie.drake@wtcsystem.edu) or at 608-267-9066 to obtain instructions on how to join the call.

**ITEM A: APPROVAL OF JULY 8-9, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

*Board President Sara Rogers*

**ITEM B: 2026-2027 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

*Board President Sara Rogers*

**That, upon the recommendation by the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board adopt the 2026-2027 meeting schedule as presented.**

**2026**

<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Tuesday, January 20 – 9 am – 12 pm	Hill Farms State Office Building – Madison
Tuesday, March 17 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, March 18 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Blackhawk Technical College – Beloit-Janesville
Tuesday, May 19 – 9 am – 12 pm	Hill Farms State Office Building – Madison
Tuesday, July 14 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, July 15 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Western Technical College – La Crosse
Tuesday, September 1 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, September 2 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Milwaukee Area Technical College – Milwaukee
Tuesday, November 10 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, November 11 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Fox Valley Technical College – TBD

**2027**

<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Tuesday, January 19 – 9 am – 12 pm	Hill Farms State Office Building – Madison
Tuesday, March 9 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, March 10 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Gateway Technical College – Kenosha
Tuesday, May 18 – 9 am – 12 pm	Hill Farms State Office Building – Madison
Tuesday, July 13 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, July 14 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Green Bay
Tuesday, September 14 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, September 15 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Lakeshore Technical College – Cleveland
Tuesday, November 9 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, November 10 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Waukesha County Technical College – Pewaukee

#### ITEM C: REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

*Board President Sara Rogers*

- Board of Regents Report

#### ITEM D: REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT

*WTCS System President Layla Merrifield*

- System Updates

#### ITEM E: 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 F: TEACHING & LEARNING – ADVANCING ORAL HEALTH IN WISCONSIN: STRENGTHENING EDUCATION, COLLABORATION AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

*WTCS Health Sciences Director Dani Cook; Chippewa Valley Technical College Adjunct Instructor Credit – Dental Hygienist Pamela Entorf*

This presentation will examine the evolving landscape of dental education and oral health initiatives within the Wisconsin Technical College System. The System Office will provide an overview of statewide dental programs, leadership efforts, collaborative strategies and the impact of state grant funding on community oral health. Following this, Chippewa Valley Technical College will spotlight its Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) program, highlighting System-wide training opportunities and interdisciplinary collaboration aimed at enhancing community outcomes.

#### ITEM G: WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS ASSOCIATION

*Association President John Wyatt and Executive Director Diane Handrick*

John Wyatt, Lakeshore Technical College trustee and current president, and Executive Director Diane Handrick will provide the Board with an overview of recent Association activities.

## ITEM H: DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE: ADVANCING STUDENT SUCCESS THROUGH RESEARCH AND PARTNERSHIP

*WTCS Associate Vice President for Student Success Dr. Christina Lorge and Director of Student Success Dr. Colleen Larsen; University of Wisconsin-Madison Barbara and Glenn Thompson Endowed Professor in Educational Leadership Dr. Xueli Wang*

WTCS Associate Vice President for Student Success Dr. Christina Lorge and Director of Student Success Dr. Colleen Larsen will be joined by University of Wisconsin-Madison Barbara and Glenn Thompson Professor in Educational Leadership Dr. Xueli Wang will share insights from the recent Delivering on the Promise event. The presentation will highlight research-driven imperatives, college success stories from institutions like Fox Valley Technical College and Madison Area Technical College, and the transformative work ahead. The presentation will emphasize the growing partnership between UW-Madison and WTCS, grounded in both quantitative and qualitative data.

Each WTCS Board member will receive a copy of Dr. Wang's book, *Delivering on the Promise*, to support continued learning and collaboration.

## ITEM I: 2026-2030 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

*WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Katy Pettersen*

**That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System and the WTCS Board Strategic Directions Work Group, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves the 2026-2030 Strategic Directions, as presented in Attachment A.**

The System's Mission is outlined in s. 38.001, Wis. Stats. In renewing the System's paraphrased Mission, Vision, Values, Directions and Goals, the Board and its work group conducted an in-depth environmental scan. This work entailed soliciting broad stakeholder input, internal and external to the System, including:

- revisiting the Board's 2021-25 Strategic Directions and outcomes;
- conducting an "environmental scan," which looked at state and national trends and discussions related to college completion, student success and accountability; and
- considering state and national academic and media reports reflecting trends in postsecondary education and workforce training;
- carefully reviewing each technical college's current strategic plan;
- engaging work groups of System office leaders and staff; and
- conducting a web-based survey that solicited broad stakeholder input and was completed by stakeholders including students, employers, taxpayers, state and local workforce and economic development partners, community-based organizations, System Board members, leaders and staff, college staff, faculty, leaders and trustees.

The Board reviewed detailed input from the Future Priorities stakeholder survey and a draft of the Strategic Directions at the July Board meeting. They emphasized the importance of revising the plan to

include values, directions and goals that highlight the success stories of students and employers within our System.

WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Katy Pettersen will present for discussion and action a final draft of the System's Mission, Vision, Values, Directions and Goals (Attachment A).

#### ITEM J: 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
- Interim 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>
Madison Area Technical College	Barber One-Year Technical Diploma
Western Technical College	Clinical Medical Assistant Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma

### **Concept Review – Requested by: Madison Area Technical College**

**Program Title:** Barber

**Program Description:** The Barber One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to perform hair cutting, shaving, grooming and styling and to develop proficiency in hygiene and safety standards. Graduates are employed as barbers.

**Demonstration of Program Need:** Madison Area Technical College demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data and employer survey.

**Summary of Collaborative Discussions:** Madison College notified the four colleges with the same or similar programs. There were no concerns.

**Salary:** \$11.97/hour + gratuity

**District Board Approval Date:** 6/4/2025

### **Concept Review – Requested by: Western Technical College**

**Program Title:** Clinical Medical Assistant

**Program Description:** The Clinical Medical Assistant Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma prepares students to perform minor diagnostic tests and procedures, promote patient safety, mediate between patients and providers and guide patients through a clinic's facilities and procedures. Students will also learn to prepare and stock examination and procedure rooms. Graduates are employed as clinical medical assistants.

**Demonstration of Program Need:** Western Technical College demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data, advisory group and employer surveys.

**Summary of Collaborative Discussions:** Western notified the eight colleges with the same or similar programs. There were no concerns.

**Salary:** \$23.18/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 5/13/2025

## 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>
Blackhawk Technical College	Office Management Associate of Applied Science Degree
Milwaukee Area Technical College	Biotechnology Laboratory Technician Associate of Applied Science Degree

### **Program Approval – Requested by: Blackhawk 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.

**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.

**Career pathway opportunities:** Blackhawk Technical College is exploring options for embedded programs.

### **Program Approval – 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 diagnostic testing techniques. Graduates are employed as biological laboratory technicians.

**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 DISCONTINUANCE

A program is discontinued at a district's request, or as initiated by System Office staff, when labor market projections decline or a program experiences low enrollment over a long period of time. Prior to being discontinued, programs are suspended for three years. In some cases, the program is modified or combined with another program. Discontinuing low-demand programs help ensure that Wisconsin technical college programs maintain high quality and relevance to state workforce needs.

<u>College</u>	<u>Program Title</u>
Northwood Technical College	Broadband Internet Technician One-Year Technical Diploma Program transitioned to local short-term digital badge. Program originally approved: 05/01/1973

## FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

Blackhawk Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Janesville at a cost of \$180,000.

Blackhawk Technical College – Acquisition of land in Janesville at a cost of \$1,020,000.

Fox Valley Technical College – Acquisition of land in Hortonville at a cost of \$3,500.

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

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

Milwaukee Area Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Oak Creek at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Milwaukee Area Technical College – Construction of facilities in Oak Creek at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Moraine Park Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Fond du Lac at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$350,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$400,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Sturgeon Bay at a cost of \$307,000.

Waukesha County Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Pewaukee at a cost of \$250,000.

### **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 200 square feet to create an entrance vestibule. The vestibule will improve the energy efficiency and air quality of the building and is located near the Student Commons and Café. Recent improvements to vehicle circulation and parking areas have increased the foot traffic at this entrance.

The estimated cost of the project is \$180,000 and will be funded with operational funds.

### **Blackhawk Technical College – Acquisition of Land in Janesville**

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

The district proposes to acquire 20 acres of land contiguous to the Central Campus. Currently the parcel is largely undeveloped farmland and will allow the district additional space for long-range plans and expansion. A Phase I Environmental Assessment was conducted on the property and no recognized environmental conditions were found. An Environmental Impact Statement of any potential impact resulting from this acquisition will be deferred until improvements to the property have been proposed. Future development of the site is subject to WTCS Board review.

The total cost of the acquisition is \$1,020,000, which includes \$20,400 for legal and environmental services. The price for the property is \$999,600 which is the appraised value. The acquisition will be funded with operational funds.

#### **Fox Valley Technical College – Acquisition of Land in Hortonville**

The Fox Valley Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to acquire land in Hortonville, Wisconsin.

The district proposes to acquire six parcels of land equaling 160 acres near Hortonville. The property is being donated by an individual with the intent that the “property will be used in alignment with the mission and objectives of Fox Valley Technical College.” The property has been appraised at \$1,313,000 and is located just east of the intersection of Lonely Rd and Midway Rd which is just south of Hortonville. Historically, a large portion of the property was used for agricultural production and now is primarily wooded with four small ponds. The property will provide the Natural Resources Technician (65 FTEs) and Wildland Fire (13 FTEs) programs the additional land for training scenarios, observations and actions. A Phase I Environmental Assessment was conducted on the property and no significantly recognized environmental conditions were found. An Environmental Assessment for the acquisition of the property was made available to the public and government agencies and no comments were received. An Environmental Impact Statement is being deferred until such time as improvements are proposed on the property. Future development of the site is subject to WTCS Board review. The acquisition of the property includes the restriction of sale for 20 years.

The cost of the acquisition consists of legal fees, which are \$3,500. The acquisition will be funded with operational funds.

#### **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 update facilities for the Surgical Technologist AAS (64 FTEs) and Anesthetic Technology AAS (24 FTEs). The existing labs are approximately 20 years old and have reached the end of their useful life. The project entails creating three medical surgery rooms, two classrooms, a small conference room, a sterilization room, a restroom and various storage spaces. The new spaces are designed and will be equipped to resemble facilities students will encounter in the medical industry. The district has consistent student and employer demand for its health programs and graduates.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000. The unit cost of the remodeling calculates to approximately \$423 per square foot and the project 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 3,900 square feet to create additional dental hygiene training space. This project will create 11 additional dental hygiene training stations in space previously

vacated by a previous remodeling project. The project will increase the number of 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 \$1,500,000. The unit cost of the remodeling calculates to approximately \$382 per square foot and the project will be funded by an Oral Health Grant and district borrowing.

#### **Milwaukee Area Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Oak Creek**

The Milwaukee Area Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Oak Creek.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 6,400 square feet to combine the Admissions Center and Careers Pathway Office to serve as a central location for Admissions, Pathways, Registrar, Financial Aid and Career Counseling. Consolidating staff and the reduction of various support spaces provides the space for a central lobby/waiting/reception area to assist and direct students to the appropriate office. The remodeling will create the lobby, 17 individual offices, five workstations, 24 computer stations and a kitchenette/workroom. The individual offices are being designed to provide staff and students with confidential space for sensitive conversations.

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 or plumbing and consists primarily 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 \$1,500,000. The unit cost of the remodeling calculates to approximately \$233 per square foot and the project will be funded by district borrowing.

#### **Milwaukee Area Technical College – Construction of Facilities in Oak Creek**

The Milwaukee Area Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to construct facilities in Oak Creek.

The district proposes to construct a locker room facility and concessions stand adjacent to the campus baseball and soccer fields for student athletes. The design of the 2,300 square foot facility involves creating two locker rooms with restrooms, showers, mechanical and storage spaces. The locker room facility will be used by the student athletes, as well as the truck driving and fire protection programs. The restrooms at the main building do not provide the adequate number of plumbing fixtures for the ball fields and there are no showers or locker rooms. There are approximately 350 practice sessions and home games scheduled for the ball field and additional practice and home games for the adjacent soccer field. The district's student sports teams are Baseball, Softball, Men's Soccer and Women's Soccer. The district also rents these fields to local athletic programs approximately 140 times annually. The showers and locker rooms will also be used by the Fire Protection program for decontamination. The building is being designed with a brick exterior with interior partitions of concrete masonry units to provide a durable facility. This type of construction along with additional plumbing fixtures has resulted in a higher than System average cost per square foot.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000. The unit cost of the construction calculates to approximately \$661 per square foot and the project will be funded by district borrowing

#### **Moraine Park Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Fond du Lac**

The Moraine Park Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Fond du Lac.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 6,850 square feet to improve two Cosmetology (48FTEs) studios, two general education classrooms and a science classroom. These spaces will have all of their finishes updated along with new program specific plumbing fixtures, cabinetry, lighting and technological support infrastructure. These existing spaces are approximately 20 years old and have reached the end of their useful lives. These spaces will be moderately altered to include new storage spaces and the corridors in this portion of the building 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, 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 \$1,500,000. The unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$206 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing as approved in a \$55,000,000 November 8, 2022 referendum. The district will spend an additional \$702,000 on equipment to furnish the space.

#### **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 2,300 square feet to consolidate the Human Resources (HR) office suite and create a large conference room. The remodeling of the existing HR suite will create five new individual offices for private conversations, an open office for five staff and improve the entrance /reception/waiting area. The large new conference room will have seating around a large table for 25-30 people and is being equipped to support a professional venue for external partners and community organizations. The conference room will have a new adjoining kitchenette that has an independent entrance to minimize disruption of meal set up.

The cost of the remodeling is \$350,000. The unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$143 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 72,000 square feet of parking lot, road and sidewalk. The project will redesign the Student Center Boulevard which leads to the welcome center main

entrance to improve traffic flow, enhance pedestrian safety and create more accessible outdoor spaces. The redesign includes the installation of a roundabout to streamline vehicle circulation and reduce congestion. Additionally, the project will relocate existing sidewalks to eliminate the need for pedestrians to cross active traffic lanes, significantly improving safety and accessibility.

The estimated cost of the project is \$400,000 and will be funded by district borrowing.

#### **Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Sturgeon Bay**

The Northeast Wisconsin Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Sturgeon Bay.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,600 square feet to create a Nursing Assistant (51 FTEs) lab. The project will convert a general education classroom and a faculty office into a six-bed lab with an assessment room. This new lab will provide the Nursing Assistant program a dedicated lab which will reduce scheduling conflicts in other nursing labs. The district has had increasing enrollments and employer demand for graduates of the Nursing Assistant program.

The estimated cost of the project is \$307,000, and the unit cost calculates to approximately \$198 per square foot. The district will spend an additional \$48,000 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 proposes to remodel approximately 1,100 square feet to create a Nursing (144 FTEs) Virtual Reality (VR) Lab. The project will combine two existing computer labs to create a ten station VR lab. The remodeling will update the finishes, lighting and electrical infrastructure to create the spacing needed for the VR stations. The district has consistent enrollments in its Nursing and CNA programs and high employer demand for its graduates.

The estimated cost of the project is \$250,000, and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$214 per square foot. The district will spend an additional \$231,156 on equipment to furnish the space. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

### INTERIM 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.

WTCS Board approval is needed for interim appointments for vacant positions with terms as specified.

#### **Madison Area Technical College**

<u>Member Category</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Employee	Donald Dantzler, Jr.	Sept. 10, 2025-June 30, 2028

Donald Dantzler, Jr. is a researcher at the Urban League of Greater Madison and an alder with the Fitchburg City Council. In his spare time, he also serves as a member on several boards: the South Central Region Junior Achievement of Wisconsin Board, the Sherman Phoenix Board, the 100 Black Men of Greater Madison Board and he serves as the chair of the Communities Learning to Invest and Mobilize for Business Board.

#### **Northwood Technical College**

<u>Member Category</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Elected Official	Craig Fowler	Sept. 10, 2025-June 30, 2026

Craig Fowler holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Eastern Illinois University and a master's degree in leadership from National Louis University. Craig was the campus administrator at the Northwood Tech Rice Lake campus for 22 years, retiring in 2020. He is active in the community serving on several boards including the Rice Lake Rotary Club, City of Rice Lake Parks and Recreation Board, West Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and Barron County Economic Development Board. In 2024, he was elected to the Barron County Board of Supervisors.

ITEM K: MORAINES PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE – PROJECT REVIEW – CONSTRUCTION OF  
ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AND REMODELING OF EXISTING FACILITIES IN FOND DU LAC  
*WTCS Director of Facilities Development Dan Scanlon*

**Resolution:**

**That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, approval is granted to the Moraine Park Technical College district to construct additional and remodel existing facilities in Fond du Lac at a cost of \$11,075,000.**

The Moraine Park Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10) Stats., requests approval to construct additional and remodel existing facilities at its Fond du Lac Campus.

The district proposes this project to support its Health and Human Services programs and to make improvements to the existing facility. The Concept Review for this project was approved by the WTCS Board at the September 2022 meeting.

The cost of the project is \$11,075,000 and will be funded through district borrowing as approved in a \$55,000,000 November 8, 2022 referendum.

An analysis of the requests with the applicable criteria are detailed below.

**Analysis of Request for Approval  
Moraine Park Technical College District  
Construction and Remodeling of Facilities in Fond du Lac  
Health and Human Services and General Facility Improvement**

Applicable review criteria: TCS 5.04(2) Wisconsin Administrative Code

**TCS 5.04(2)(a) & TCS 5.04(4)(a) – A resolution of the District Board approving the construction and remodeling of existing facilities and contingent upon WTCS Board approval.**

The District Board of the Moraine Park Technical College adopted a resolution at the June 18, 2025 meeting approving the project.

**TCS 5.04(2)(c) & TCS 5.04(4)(c) – Evidence of compliance with s. 1.11 Stats.**

An Environmental Assessment was proposed for construction. It was determined there would be no significant environmental impact and an Environmental Impact Statement was not required. There were no public comments received on the proposed action.



**TCS 5.04(2)(d) & TCS 5.04(4)(d) – A report relating programmatic and student requirements and the needs of business and industry to the need for additional and remodeling of existing facilities.**

The district proposes to construct an 8,900 square foot addition and remodel approximately 35,142 square feet for Health and Human Services programs. The district has consistent student enrollments and employer demand for graduates in these programs and projections for enrollments are projected to remain consistent.

<b>Program</b>	<b>FTE 2023</b>	<b>FTE 2024</b>	<b>FTE 2025</b>
Nursing	36	35	34
Radiography	13	13	15
Medical Assistant	9	7	6
Surgical Technology	6	2	3
Respiratory Therapy	10	6	6
Medical Lab Technician	9	8	9
CNA	7	6	7
Emergency Medical Services	6	7	18

**TCS 5.04(2)(e) & TCS 5.04(4)(e) – Educational specifications relating specific space requirements for approved programs to the need for additional and remodeling of existing facilities.**

This project entails completely remodeling the existing E-Wing which is largely in its original configuration. Modernizing the E-wing will eliminate redundant entrances, corridors, bathrooms and mechanical spaces that are a result of past building additions. Updating these spaces will allow the district to modernize everything to deliver spaces that respond to modern training needs. The addition will provide additional flexible training space, classrooms and a student commons area that will provide the ability to respond to changing programmatic needs and provides space for community engagement. A new entrance, lobby and plaza will engage the public sidewalk and provide an identifiable entrance to the east end of the building to enhance community awareness.

The allocation of space for the primary functional areas of the new and remodeled area is shown below:

<b>Function</b>	<b>New Construction in Square Feet</b>	<b>Remodeling Square Feet</b>
Commons	2,407	
Flex Space	3,257	
Classrooms (Two)	1,395	9,817
Conference Room	240	536
Circulation (Corridor, Vestibule, etc.)	950	6,797
Storage		2,787
Restrooms, Data, Mechanical	651	1,627
Science Labs		2,540
Health & Early Childhood Classrooms		10,069
Offices and Open Offices		969
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>35,142</b>

**TCS 5.04(4)(f) & TCS 5.04(4)(f) – An analysis of the impact of the additional and remodeling of existing facilities on the district’s budget including the availability and source of funds.**

The project will be funded through district borrowing as authorized in a November 8, 2022 referendum. The district anticipates spending an additional \$43,000 annually on utility costs and will spend \$1,594,000 on equipment to furnish the facility.

**TCS 5.04(2)(g) & TCS 5.04(4)(g) – A conceptual sketch of the addition and remodeling.**

Architectural drawings have been submitted and found to be satisfactory. Architectural plans and elevations will be provided to the Board.

**TCS 5.04(2)(h) & TCS 5.04(4)(h) – The estimated project cost.**

The breakdown of the cost for the project is shown below:

Item	Cost
Site Construction	325,135
General Construction & Demolition	4,632,968
HVAC	1,875,642
Fire Protection	170,085
Plumbing	390,702
Electrical	1,247,290
General Conditions	1,103,088
Contingency 5%	665,045
Fees	665,045
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,075,000</b>

The unit cost of the entire project, exclusive of site work and professional fees, calculates to \$229 per square foot.

**TCS 5.04(2)(i) & TCS 5.04(4)(i) – The District energy analysis indicating compliance with s. 1.12 Stats.**

Energy consumption is below the WTCS performance standard and the project is being designed and specified to meet the System requirement of LEED Silver.

**Staff Finding**

Staff concludes there is a need for the project; replacement of aging facilities and the addition of flexible classrooms will provide transitional space for changing technological and programmatic requirements. The flexible space will provide the district with an additional community engagement venue.

ITEM L: NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE – PROJECT REVIEW – ACQUISITION OF IMPROVED FACILITIES AT THE MAIN CAMPUS IN GREEN BAY

*WTCS Director of Facilities Development Dan Scanlon*

**Resolution:**

**That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, approval is granted to the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College district to acquire improvements at the Main Campus in Green Bay.**

The Northeast Wisconsin Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10) Stats., requests approval to acquire improved facilities.

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 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy (125 students enrolled). The 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy is a competency-based program for seniors to meet GBAPS graduation requirements through an alternative pathway. The Concept Review for this project was approved by the WTCS Board at the May 2025 meeting.

In November 2024, GBAPS passed a referendum 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.

NWTC will lease a total of 21,880 square feet to GBAPS for up to 20 years. The remodeling project will remodel approximately 14,000 square feet to create eight classrooms, a single restroom, conference room, various storage spaces, reception desk/lobby, library, cafeteria, kitchen, a 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 estimated cost for the remodeling is \$2,700,000 and will be funded by the GBAPS successful referendum. GBAPS is responsible for all architectural, engineering and contracted services required for the remodeling including a project management fee of \$135,000 to NWTC for overseeing and managing the project. There is no base rental sum to be paid as part of this lease. GBAPS will pay NWTC approximately \$50,000 annually for utilities and miscellaneous expenses.

The district requests approval to acquire all of the improvements at the end of the lease.

Staff recommends approval of the acquisition of the improvements at the end of the lease.

ITEM M: STATE WORKFORCE ADVANCEMENT TRAINING (WAT), APPRENTICE-RELATED INSTRUCTION AND FEDERAL PERKINS GRANT GUIDELINES

*WTCS Grants Manager Tou Ya Khang*

**That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board adopts the funding categories for the State of Wisconsin WAT, Apprentice-Related Instruction and Perkins V Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century programs for fiscal year 2026-27.**

The WTCS Board is required to approve guidelines for the distribution of funds made available through the state of Wisconsin and federal Perkins grant appropriations. These guidelines include:

- Complete guidelines, including purpose and allowable activities of each State and Perkins funding category.
- Planned 2026-27 allocation of funds among State and Perkins V grant categories.

The guidelines being presented to the Board for approval include the grant categories for which applications are solicited through Requests for Proposals. The Board is being asked to approve changes to the provisions and affirm the statutorily established categories and WTCS priorities within the categories.

ITEM N: ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

*Board President Sara Rogers*

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WTCS Board is November 4-5, 2025, at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College in Fennimore.