



AGENDA

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD

**May 21, 2024 – 10 am – 1:30 pm**  
**Wisconsin Technical College System**  
**4622 University Avenue**  
**Madison, WI 53705**

*Snacks will be available for Board members and invited guests at 9:30 am in the McCarthy Board Room. No official business will be conducted.*

Location: McCarthy Board Room

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(c) and (e), Wis. Stats., the WTCS Board will convene in closed session to discuss public records requirements, recruitment timeline and interview questions related to the Wisconsin Technical College System Presidential Search.</li></ul> |        |         |
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*Lunch will be available for Board members and invited guests during the meeting.*

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 MARCH 19-20, 2024, 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**

*System President Morna Foy*

- System Updates

**ITEM D: WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

*Association President Chuck Bolstad and Executive Director Layla Merrifield*

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

**ITEM E: WTCS PRESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

*Association Vice Chair Rich Barnhouse*

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

**ITEM F: 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 the 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.

| <b><u>College</u></b>          | <b><u>Program Title</u></b>  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Fox Valley Technical College   | Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary<br>Advanced Technical Certificate |
| Gateway Technical College      | Dental Hygienist<br>Associate of Applied Science Degree              |
| Mid-State Technical College    | Dental Hygienist<br>Associate of Applied Science Degree              |
| Nicolet Area Technical College | Field Service Technician<br>One-Year Technical Diploma               |
| Northcentral Technical College | Dental Therapy<br>Associate of Applied Science Degree                |

| <u>College</u>                    | <u>Program Title</u>   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Northcentral Technical College    | Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary<br>Advanced Technical Certificate |
| Waukesha County Technical College | Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary<br>Advanced Technical Certificate |

**Concept Review – Requested by: Fox Valley Technical College**

**Program Title:** Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary

**Program Description:** The Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary Advanced Technical Certificate prepares students to perform the following activities as delegated by a dentist: placement and finishing of restoration material after a dentist prepares a tooth; application of sealants; coronal polishing; impressions; temporizations; packing cord; removal of cement from crowns; adjustment of dentures and other removable oral appliances; removal of sutures and dressings; and application of topical fluoride, fluoride varnish or similar dental topical agents. Graduates are employed as expanded function dental auxiliaries or dental assistants.

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

**Summary of Collaborative Discussions:** No other colleges currently offer the same or similar programs, though several are currently seeking approval.

**Salary:** \$21.00/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 1/16/2024

**Concept Review – Requested by: Gateway Technical College**

**Program Title:** Dental Hygienist

**Program Description:** The Dental Hygienist Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to work as a member of a dental health team, focusing on prevention, assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning, implementation, evaluation and documentation of oral disease. Training will include assessing patients for signs, symptoms and risk factors of oral disease; counseling patients on oral health; maintaining records; exposing x-rays for diagnoses of oral disease and administering local anesthesia and nitrous oxide/oxygen sedation. Graduates are employed as dental hygienists.

**Demonstration of Program Need:** Gateway Technical College (GTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data, advisory committee discussion and employer survey.

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

**Salary:** \$45.91/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 2/22/2024

**Concept Review – Requested by: Mid-State Technical College**

**Program Title:** Dental Hygienist

**Program Description:** The Dental Hygienist Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to work as a member of a dental health team, focusing on prevention, assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning, implementation, evaluation and documentation of oral disease. Training will include assessing patients for signs, symptoms and risk factors of oral disease; counseling patients on oral health; maintaining records; exposing x-rays for diagnoses of oral disease and administering local anesthesia and nitrous oxide/oxygen sedation. Graduates are employed as dental hygienists.

**Demonstration of Program Need:** Mid-State Technical College demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data, advisory committee discussion and employer survey.

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

**Salary:** \$35.62/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 3/18/2024

**Concept Review – Requested by: Nicolet Area Technical College**

**Program Title:** Field Service Technician

**Program Description:** The Field Service Technician One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to diagnose, adjust, repair or overhaul mobile mechanical, hydraulic and pneumatic equipment (such as cranes, bulldozers, graders and conveyors used in construction, logging and mining). Graduates are employed as field service technicians, mobile equipment mechanics and heavy-duty equipment mechanics.

**Demonstration of Program Need:** Nicolet Area Technical College demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market information and advisory committee support.

**Summary of Collaborative Discussions:** No other colleges offer same or similar programs.

**Salary:** \$25.00/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 3/19/2024

**Concept Review – Requested by: Northcentral Technical College**

**Program Title:** Dental Therapy

**Program Description:** The Dental Therapy Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students in preventive and restorative dental care, focusing on oral health promotion and disease prevention.

Students learn a range of skills including oral examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments and minor restorative procedures under the supervision of licensed dentists. Graduates are employed as dental therapists.

**Demonstration of Program Need:** Northcentral Technical College (NTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market information, employer survey and advisory committee support.

**Summary of Collaborative Discussions:** No other colleges offer same or similar programs.

**Salary:** \$48.00/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 6/6/2023

**Concept Review – Requested by: Northcentral Technical College**

**Program Title:** Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary

**Program Description:** The Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary Advanced Technical Certificate prepares students to perform the following activities as delegated by a dentist: placement and finishing of restoration material after a dentist prepares a tooth; application of sealants; coronal polishing; impressions; temporizations; packing cord; removal of cement from crowns; adjustment of dentures and other removable oral appliances; removal of sutures and dressings; and application of topical fluoride, fluoride varnish or similar dental topical agents. Graduates are employed as expanded function dental auxiliaries or dental assistants.

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

**Summary of Collaborative Discussions:** No other colleges currently offer the same or similar programs, though several are currently seeking approval.

**Salary:** \$22.00/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 3/12/2024

**Concept Review – Requested by: Waukesha County Technical College**

**Program Title:** Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary

**Program Description:** The Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary Advanced Technical Certificate prepares students to perform the following activities as delegated by a dentist: placement and finishing of restoration material after a dentist prepares a tooth; application of sealants; coronal polishing; impressions; temporizations; packing cord; removal of cement from crowns; adjustment of dentures and other removable oral appliances; removal of sutures and dressings; and application of topical fluoride, fluoride varnish or similar dental topical agents. Graduates are employed as expanded function dental auxiliaries or dental assistants.

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

**Summary of Collaborative Discussions:** No other colleges currently offer the same or similar programs, though several are currently seeking approval.

**Salary:** \$23.55/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 3/12/2024



## 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>   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Chippewa Valley Technical College | Dental Assistant Apprentice<br>Apprenticeship                            |
| Fox Valley Technical College      | Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary<br>Advanced Technical Certificate     |
| Gateway Technical College         | Dental Hygienist<br>Associate of Applied Science Degree                  |
| Lakeshore Technical College       | Dental Hygienist<br>Associate of Applied Science Degree                  |
| Madison Area Technical College    | Diesel Heavy Equipment Technology<br>Associate of Applied Science Degree |
| Mid-State Technical College       | Dental Hygienist<br>Associate of Applied Science Degree                  |
| Mid-State Technical College       | Human Resources<br>Associate of Applied Science Degree                   |
| Northcentral Technical College    | Dental Therapy<br>Associate of Applied Science Degree                    |
| Northcentral Technical College    | Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary<br>Advanced Technical Certificate     |

### **New Apprenticeship Program Approval – Requested by: Chippewa Valley Technical College**

**Program Title:** Dental Assistant Apprenticeship

**Program Description:** The Dental Assistant Apprenticeship prepares apprentices to perform chairside assisting and related office and laboratory procedures under the direction and supervision of a dentist. Apprentices are employed as dental assistants.

**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 2024

**District Board Approval Date:** 10/25/2023

### **Program Approval – Requested by: Fox Valley Technical College**

**Program Title:** Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary

**Program Description:** The Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary Advanced Technical Certificate prepares students to perform the following activities as delegated by a dentist: placement and finishing of restoration material after a dentist prepares a tooth; application of sealants; coronal polishing; impressions; temporizations; packing cord; removal of cement from crowns; adjustment of dentures and other removable oral appliances; removal of sutures and dressings; and application of topical fluoride, fluoride varnish or similar dental topical agents. Graduates are employed as expanded function dental auxiliaries or dental assistants.

**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:** The Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary Advanced Technical Certificate ladders into the Dental Hygienist Associate of Applied Science Degree.

### **Program Approval – Requested by: Gateway Technical College**

**Program Title:** Dental Hygienist

**Program Description:** The Dental Hygienist Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to work as a member of a dental health team, focusing on prevention, assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning, implementation, evaluation and documentation of oral disease. Training will include assessing patients for signs, symptoms and risk factors of oral disease; counseling patients on oral health; maintaining records; exposing x-rays for diagnoses of oral disease and administering local anesthesia and nitrous oxide/oxygen sedation. Graduates are employed as dental hygienists.

**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:** A System-wide articulation agreement with Marian University is established.

**Program Approval – Requested by: Lakeshore Technical College**

**Program Title:** Dental Hygienist

**Program Description:** The Dental Hygienist Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to work as a member of a dental health team, focusing on prevention, assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning, implementation, evaluation and documentation of oral disease. Training will include assessing patients for signs, symptoms and risk factors of oral disease; counseling patients on oral health; maintaining records; exposing x-rays for diagnoses of oral disease and administering local anesthesia and nitrous oxide/oxygen sedation. Graduates are employed as dental hygienists.

**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:** A System-wide articulation agreement with Marian University is established.

**Program Approval – Requested by: Madison Area Technical College**

**Program Title:** Diesel Heavy Equipment Technology

**Program Description:** The Diesel Heavy Equipment Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to diagnose, service, repair and overhaul mobile mechanical, hydraulic and pneumatic heavy equipment. Graduates are employed as heavy equipment mechanics, heavy equipment technicians, field mechanics, field service technicians and mobile heavy equipment mechanics.

**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:** Madison Area Technical College is exploring the creation of an embedded one-year technical diploma that will ladder into this new associate degree.

**Program Approval – Requested by: Mid-State Technical College**

**Program Title:** Dental Hygienist

**Program Description:** The Dental Hygienist Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to work as a member of a dental health team, focusing on prevention, assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning, implementation, evaluation and documentation of oral disease. Training will include assessing patients for signs, symptoms and risk factors of oral disease; counseling patients on oral health; maintaining records; exposing x-rays for diagnoses of oral disease and administering local anesthesia and nitrous oxide/oxygen sedation. Graduates are employed as dental hygienists.

**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:** A System-wide articulation agreement with Marian University is established.

**Program Approval – Requested by: Mid-State Technical College**

**Program Title:** Human Resources

**Program Description:** The Human Resources Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to manage the development of personnel in organizations and to provide related services to individuals and groups. Students will learn how to recruit, hire and onboard new team members, maintain personnel records, coordinate compensation and benefit programs and administer safety programs. Graduates are employed as human resource generalists, recruiters, business relationship specialists, driver recruiters, field recruiters, talent acquisition specialists and payroll and human resources coordinators.

**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: Northcentral Technical College**

**Program Title:** Dental Therapy

**Program Description:** The Dental Therapy Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students in preventive and restorative dental care, focusing on oral health promotion and disease prevention. Students learn a range of skills including oral health examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments and minor restorative procedures under the supervision of licensed dentists. Graduates are employed as dental therapists.

**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:** Graduates of the Dental Hygienist Associate of Applied Science Degree can ladder into Dental Therapy to continue their career path.

**Program Approval – Requested by: Northcentral Technical College**

**Program Title:** Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary

**Program Description:** The Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary Advanced Technical Certificate prepares students to perform the following activities as delegated by a dentist: placement and finishing of restoration material after a dentist prepares a tooth; application of sealants; coronal polishing; impressions; temporizations; packing cord; removal of cement from crowns; adjustment of dentures and

other removable oral appliances; removal of sutures and dressings; and application of topical fluoride, fluoride varnish or similar dental topical agents. Graduates are employed as expanded function dental auxiliaries or dental assistants.

**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:** The Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary Advanced Technical Certificate ladders into the Dental Hygienist Associate of Applied Science Degree.

## 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.

| <b><u>College</u></b>       | <b><u>Program Title</u></b>  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Northwood Technical College | Dairy Herd Management<br>One-Year Technical Diploma<br>Program discontinued due to low enrollment.<br>Program originally approved: 5/25/2005   |
| Northwood Technical College | Electricity (Construction) Apprentice<br>Apprenticeship<br>Program discontinued due to lack of enrollment.<br>Program originally approved: 3/24/2021   |
| Northwood Technical College | Manufacturing Production Technician<br>Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma<br>The program was discontinued due to a modification of the parent program.<br>Program originally approved: 10/6/2014 |

The following programs were modified to better meet the needs of employers; the original program names and numbers are being discontinued:

| <b><u>College</u></b>       | <b><u>Program Title</u></b>   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Northwood Technical College | Utility Construction Technician<br>Two-Year Technical Diploma<br>Program discontinued due to a number change to 31-476-2.<br>Program originally approved: 9/12/2018 |

## FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

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

Blackhawk Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Janesville at a cost of \$1,100,000.

Fox Valley Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Appleton at a cost of \$1,175,000.

Lakeshore Technical College – Rental of facilities in Manitowoc at an initial annual cost of \$142,270 for five years.

Madison Area Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Madison at a cost of \$400,000.

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

Madison Area Technical College – Rental of facilities in Portage at an initial annual cost of \$76,162 for three years.

Mid-State Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Marshfield at a cost of \$210,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$75,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Construction of facilities in Merrill at a cost of \$500,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Rental of facilities in Medford at an initial annual cost of \$192,000 for ten years.

Northcentral Technical College – Construction of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$1,300,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$465,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$200,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Construction of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$400,000.

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College – Acquisition of land in Fennimore at a cost of \$1,272,900.

Western Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in La Crosse at a cost of \$1,460,000.

Western Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Sparta at a cost of \$77,800.

### **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 the biology lab and environmental sciences lab, approximately 6,000 square feet. The existing labs have reached the end of their useful lives, and the project will create new larger staging and support spaces. The new labs will provide the student stations and equipment to meet modern training requirements. The biology lab supports the Surgical Technology (26 FTEs) program and the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees. The environmental science lab supports the Agri-Business (14 FTEs) and Laboratory Food Science Technician (5 FTEs) programs.

The project 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 there are no changes to the building exterior. The plumbing fixtures, lighting and interior finishes are being designed and specified to meet the requirements outlined in a LEED Silver facility.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and the unit cost of the remodeling, exclusive of professional fees, is calculated at approximately \$233 per square foot. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

### **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 the parking lot on the east side of campus (1,500 FTEs). The project is being designed to improve the overall safety of pedestrians by separating vehicle drive aisles from parking areas. The project entails creating two new drive aisles, realignment of 312 parking spaces, improved walking paths and drop-off areas. At the main entrance, the addition of a landscaped island will separate entrance and exit vehicle flow to reduce traffic conflicts.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,100,000. The cost for the project is consistent with similar projects in the System. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

### **Fox Valley Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Appleton**

The Fox Valley Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Main Campus in Appleton.

The District proposes to remodel approximately 6,400 square feet to create a Welcome and Resource Center (Campus 4,036 FTEs). The Resource Center staff assists students with financial barriers and guides them to additional support for childcare, transportation, technology, emergency funding and other basic needs. The project will remodel the current welcome area into a new Welcome Center/Triage Desk and waiting room/collaboration area for students. Seven information, collaboration and meeting spaces will be created for admissions advisors/student consultations. Four faculty offices in



the resource center will allow staff to hold private conversations with students. Approximately 3,000 square feet of the corridor and entrance lobby will be updated with new lighting and surface finishes.

The project 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 system and there are no changes to the building exterior or plumbing fixtures. The lighting and interior finishes are being designed and specified to meet the requirements outlined in a LEED Silver facility.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,175,000 and the unit cost of the remodeling, exclusive of professional fees, is calculated to approximately \$167 per square foot. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

**Lakeshore Technical College – Rental of Facilities in Manitowoc**

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

The District proposes to continue to lease its facility in Manitowoc (40 FTEs). The 8,800 square feet facility consists of three classrooms, two computer labs, four faculty offices, a testing room, lobby and support spaces. The facility offers ABE, ELL, GED, general education courses, workforce development and community education services. The facility has approximately 200 parking spaces available to users and is downtown. The first year of this new lease is \$71,490 lower than the previous year.

The term is 5 years and the District estimates utilities and maintenance costs to be \$40,000 annually. The annual lease rate for the first year is \$16.17 per square foot. The annual lease cost is shown below.

|         |           |           |
|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Year 1: | 2024-2025 | \$142,270 |
| Year 2: | 2025-2026 | \$143,692 |
| Year 3: | 2026-2027 | \$145,129 |
| Year 4: | 2027-2028 | \$146,580 |
| Year 5: | 2028-2029 | \$148,046 |

The lease will be funded from the district’s operating budget.

**Madison Area Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Madison**

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

The District proposes to remodel approximately 1,400 square feet to relocate staff offices for the Veterinary Technician (87 FTEs) program. The new offices will consolidate staff from separate areas on campus into one open office suite for six full-time and six part-time staff. A small conference room is part of the office suite, and the new office suite is adjacent to the Veterinary Technician program area. The District has consistent student enrollments and employer demand for the program.

The estimated cost of the project is \$400,000 and the unit cost of the remodeling, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$251 per square foot. The District will spend an additional \$203,000 on equipment to furnish the space. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

### **Madison Area Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Madison**

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

The District proposes to remodel approximately 5,000 square feet to improve student services. The Enrollment Services, Financial Aid, and Recruitment staff and service area will be consolidated into one location at the entrance to the main building at Truax. The project entails creating four private offices, an enclosed work room, reconfiguration of twenty workstations, two conference rooms, a kitchenette and various storage spaces. Meeting rooms and booths will be provided in the open office areas for staff to meet in small groups or individually for student meetings/calls and for those working remotely to use as a hoteling space when on campus. Consolidation of these services and staff provides students with a “one stop shop” location for their enrollment needs.

The project 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 there are no changes to the building exterior. The plumbing fixtures, lighting and interior finishes are being designed and specified to meet the requirements outlined in a LEED Silver facility.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and the unit cost of the remodeling, exclusive of professional fees, is calculated at approximately \$270 per square foot. The District will spend an additional \$730,000 on equipment to furnish the space. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

### **Madison Area Technical College – Rental of Facilities in Portage**

The Madison Area Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to lease facilities in Portage.

The District proposes to continue to lease approximately 8,300 square feet at the Portage Enterprise Center (approximately 30 FTEs) in partnership with the Columbia County Economic Development Corp and the City of Portage Department of Business Development and Planning. The space provides an Advanced Manufacturing lab, an open shop bay, a nursing lab, two general classrooms, restrooms, student lounge and two offices. The Enterprise Center provides Advanced Manufacturing lab space supporting the Gas Metal Arc Welding Technical Diploma, Machine Tool Technical Diploma, Business and Industry training in welding and electrical apprentice courses. The facility also offers Certified Nursing Assistant classes and contract health training and classes. The existing Portage Campus does not have space for manufacturing training and has limited space for health care training.

The term is three years, and the utilities and maintenance costs are included in the lease. The annual lease rate for the first year is \$9.18 per square foot. The annual lease costs are shown below.

|         |           |          |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| Year 1: | 2024-2025 | \$76,162 |
| Year 2: | 2025-2026 | \$78,447 |
| Year 3: | 2026-2027 | \$80,800 |

The lease will be funded from the district’s operating budget.

**Mid-State Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Marshfield**

The Mid-State Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Marshfield Campus.

The District proposes to remodel a general science lab, 1,570 square feet, on the Marshfield Campus (136 FTEs). The existing science lab has reached the end of its useful life, and the new design will improve accessibility, safety and equipment. The prep lab will be expanded as part of the project. The science lab serves the following programs: Agribusiness (6 FTEs), Nursing (50 FTEs), Surgical Tech, (15 FTEs), Associate of Arts, Science (8FTEs).

The estimated cost of the project is \$210,000 and the unit cost of the remodeling, exclusive of professional fees, is calculated at approximately \$78 per square foot. The project 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 at the Agricultural Center of Excellence in Wausau.

The District proposes to create an entrance vestibule, approximately 100 square feet, at the entrance of the Student Engagement Center at the Farm (120 FTEs). The vestibule will improve the energy efficiency of the building and reduce insect infiltration. The vestibule will also improve the air quality of the building by reducing particulates and odors.

The estimated cost of the project is \$75,000 and will be funded by district borrowing.

**Northcentral Technical College – Construction of Facilities in Merrill**

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

The District proposes to construct two additional semi-truck trailer bays, approximately 3,500 square feet, to conduct indoor truck maintenance and pre-trip inspections. The District offers 12 sections of the Class A Truck Driving program and three sections of Class B annually and has an unduplicated headcount of 132 for the year. The additional space will speed vehicle inspections to increase time behind the wheel for student instruction. The CDL program has consistent enrollments and student and employer demand. An Environmental Assessment for the addition was made available to the public and no comments were received on the proposed construction.

The estimated cost of the project is \$500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, is calculated at approximately \$139 per square foot. The District anticipates spending \$13,000 annually on utilities and maintenance to operate the addition. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

**Northcentral Technical College – Rental of Facilities in Medford**

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

The District proposes to continue to lease a 12,500 square foot facility that is the primary campus in Medford (115 FTEs). The facility consists of a meeting room, a computer lab, learning center, two large classrooms, six classrooms, nursing lab, exam room, small medical assistant lab, student lounge, student services and two conference rooms.

The term is ten years and the District estimates utilities and maintenance costs to be \$30,000 annually. The annual lease rate for the first year is \$15.65 per square foot. The annual lease cost is shown below.

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|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Year 1:  | 2024-2025 | \$192,000 |
| Year 2:  | 2025-2026 | \$194,880 |
| Year 3:  | 2026-2027 | \$197,803 |
| Year 4:  | 2027-2028 | \$200,770 |
| Year 5:  | 2028-2029 | \$203,781 |
| Year 6:  | 2029-2030 | \$206,838 |
| Year 7:  | 2030-2031 | \$209,941 |
| Year 8:  | 2031-2032 | \$213,090 |
| Year 9:  | 2032-2033 | \$216,286 |
| Year 10: | 2033-2034 | \$219,530 |

The lease will be funded from the district’s operating budget.

**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 Center for Health Sciences at the main campus in Wausau.

The District proposes to construct approximately 3,000 square feet to expand the Dental Hygienist (56 FTEs) and Dental Assistant (24 FTEs) programs. The project will create an entrance vestibule, a classroom/lab with 12 dental simulators and two clinic pods with six fully functional dental operatories each. The addition will allow the district to expand its class sizes from 12 to 20 students. The current entrance to the dental clinic is in the lobby of the building and the new entrance will give the clinic its own identifiable exterior entrance on the west side of the building. The District has consistent enrollments in its dental programs and has significant employer demand for graduates in the programs.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,300,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, is calculated to be approximately \$390 per square foot. The District anticipates spending \$24,000 annually on utilities and maintenance to operate the addition. The project will be grant funded.

### **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 at the Center for Health Sciences at the main campus in Wausau.

The District proposes to remodel approximately 2,800 square feet of the Dental Clinic. The project will improve the lobby and reception for patient confidentiality and security. The existing locker rooms will be improved and enlarged for additional students. Two offices will be created to relocate the Dentist and Dental Therapist office from another floor. The Dental Hygiene (56 FTEs) program admits 28 students each fall and Dental Assistant (24 FTEs) program admits 12 students each fall and spring. The District has increased employer need for graduates in its Dental programs.

The estimated cost of the project is \$465,000 and the unit cost of the remodeling, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$150 per square foot. The project 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 at the main campus in Wausau.

The District proposes to remodel approximately 2,000 square feet to convert three general education classrooms into two large conference rooms with a moveable partition in between. The two 40-person classroom/conference rooms will provide Workforce Training and Professional Development with larger space for events. The moveable wall provides flexible space for a larger group. These rooms will be equipped with the technology for in-person and remote attendance. It is anticipated that the venue will be scheduled for use 3-4 times a week (150-200 times annually). A smaller storage room for furniture will also be created.

The estimated cost of the project is \$200,000 and the unit cost of the remodeling, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$92 per square foot. 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 Diesel Training Center in Wausau.

The District proposes to construct an additional 1,500 square foot semi-truck vehicle bay for the Diesel Tech (18 FTEs) and Diesel Equipment Mechanic (5 FTEs) programs. The addition of the new bay provides space for work on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Trucks. Currently the students work on CNG vehicles outside due to the specific requirements of HVAC systems for these vehicles. The addition includes a firesafe wall between the existing facility and the addition and its own HVAC system with specialized natural gas detection components. The addition provides year-round space for training students as employers increase their use of CNG-powered vehicles. The District has consistent enrollments and employer demand for graduates in these programs.

The estimated cost of the project is \$400,000 and the unit cost of the remodeling, exclusive of professional fees, is calculated to approximately \$223 per square foot. The district anticipates spending \$12,000 annually on utilities and maintenance to operate the addition. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

#### **Southwest Wisconsin Technical College – Acquisition of Land in Fennimore**

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

The District proposes to acquire an 80-acre parcel of land across Highway 18 from the Campus. The parcel is currently agricultural land which 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 Assessment was made available to the public and no comments were received on the proposed acquisition. An Environmental Impact Statement may be required for future development on the site and future development of the site is subject to WTCS Board review. The District will use the land for its Agribusiness Science & Technology (86 FTEs total) and Farm Operations & Management (11 FTEs total) programs such as: Agronomy (10 FTEs), AgBus Management (16 FTEs) and Ag Mechanics (5 FTEs).

The estimated cost of the acquisition is \$1,272,900. The cost of the land is \$1,265,000, which is the appraised value of the land and \$7,900 in legal and environmental fees. The acquisition will be funded by district borrowing.

#### **Western Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in La Crosse**

The Western Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in La Crosse.

The District proposes to remodel approximately 1,500 square feet to create a dental simulation lab, a denture adjustment simulation lab and an imaging lab for the Dental Assistant (2 FTEs current) program. The remodeling provides space for two cohorts of 12 students simultaneously. The new denture and imaging lab provides additional training for students and responds to local employer needs. The District has consistent enrollments in its dental program and has significant employer demand for graduates in the program.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,460,000. The construction cost for remodeling is approximately \$320,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$197 per square foot. The project includes installation of approximately \$1,140,000 in dental training equipment and cabinetry. The project will be funded by \$300,000 in district borrowing and a \$1,160,000 grant.

#### **Western Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Sparta**

The Western Technical College District, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Sparta.

The District proposes to expand surface parking for EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement students. The expanded parking area will serve the 500-600 annual students (15 FTEs) and those attending contract training. The existing parking lot is often full and overflow parking is on grassy areas. The project will add 20 additional paved parking spaces and 12 gravel parking spaces.

The District received System Board approval for this project at the March 2024 WTCS Board meeting, and subsequently the bidding process revealed a higher cost than originally estimated. The original project approval was \$60,000.

The estimated cost of the project is \$77,800. The average cost per parking space is \$3,150 and is similar to paving/parking costs in the system. The project will be funded through district borrowing.

## 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, 2024, through June 30, 2027, for two Additional members, and one Elected Official 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 Technical College terms from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, for two members representing an Employer with 15+ employees, and one School District Administrator member.

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

### BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE (BTC)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

\*Suzann Holland

Suzann Holland has been the library director for the Monroe Public Library for 13 years. She holds an Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies from Scott Community College, a Bachelor of Arts in History Education from the University of Northern Iowa and a Master of Library and Information from UW-Milwaukee. Suzann is active in the Green County Historical Society, the Green County Literacy Council and the Monroe Theater Guild.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

\*Robert Hendrickson

Robert Hendrickson is a technical director at Frito-Lay (Beloit site), where he has been employed for 24 years and oversees all technical aspects of the manufacturing site, including hiring and retention. Robert created the first youth apprenticeship program within Frito-Lay North America, led the first Craftsman with Character program and co-founded the Stateline Manufacturing Alliance. Professional rewards include Stateline YMCA Distinguished Citizen, Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce Chairperson of the Year and UW-Platteville Outstanding Alumni Award.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

\*Mark Holzman

Mark Holzman is the superintendent of the School District of Janesville. Mark holds a B.A. in Secondary Education, Social Studies and an M.Ed. in Education Leadership, both from Lakeland College. He has a District Administrator (5003) license from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Mark has spent his professional career working in public education and has participated in several specialized trainings, including Equity and Social Justice Leadership and Organizational Development.



CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE (CVTC)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

\*Justin Zoromski

Justin Zoromski, a CVTC Business Management program graduate, brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the CVTC District Board. As the founder of Integrated Wealth Partners, Justin works as a wealth advisor and is highly involved in various organizations, such as the Thorp Area Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce and the Chippewa Valley Boy Scouts Council; he is also a former president of the CVTC Alumni Board. Justin is a committed and engaged board member, providing a valuable perspective on financial intelligence.

Member Category

Appointee

Employee

Michael Mills

Michael Mills is an assistant professor of technology education at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. He has worked in education for 18 years and values the hands-on learning experience relevant to the workforce that the college offers. In the past, Michael has worked with both high schools and technical colleges as the state director of SkillsUSA, a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO). He has a bachelor’s degree in technology education, a master’s degree in educational technology and a doctoral degree with a specialization in higher education.

Member Category

Appointee

School District Administrator

\*Lori Whelan

Since 2019, Lori Whelan has served as the superintendent of Osseo-Fairchild School District; she brings a wealth of experience to this role, having previously worked as an elementary principal and director of special education at Osseo-Fairchild, as well as a cluster A coordinator and director of special education for the School District of Mondovi. Lori earned her Master of Education in Professional Development from UW-Eau Claire and completed the Educational Leadership Program through Viterbo University. She is actively involved in the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators (WASDA) organization, working on educator effectiveness, as well as Professional Book Studies focusing on CORE curriculum, climate, culture and poverty. Lori served a one-year interim position on the Board and has contributed positively during that year.

FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE (FVTC)

Member Category

Appointee

Employer

Philip Sabee

Philip Sabee is the director of Customer Experience at Miller Electric Manufacturing, LLC.

Member Category

Appointee

Employee

\*Margaret Kastner

Since 2013, Margaret Kastner has been a rehabilitation specialist with Community Care, Inc., working with individuals with a variety of abilities to promote and maintain their independence.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

Mike Slowinski

Mike Slowinski is the superintendent of schools for the Kaukauna Area School District. His education experience spans 15 years as a high school English teacher, a library media and technology coordinator, associate principal, high school principal, superintendent, coach and advisor.

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE (GTC)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

\*Preston Gardner

Preston Gardner is the president and co-owner of Respawn, LLC, a gaming furniture manufacturer, and the vice president and co-owner of Palmer Hamilton, LLC, a furniture and décor solutions company that helps K-12 schools. Palmer graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and from the College of DuPage with an associate degree in engineering sciences. He is currently a business member of the Walworth County Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA) and Executive Board Association: Operations Officers group member.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

Nicole Oberlin

Nicole Oberlin has served as a student trustee for the past two years. She is currently an assistant dietary manager for Union Grove High School. Nicole earned her Associate of Arts – Humanities Degree from Gateway Technical College in 2023 and is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Psychology degree from UW Parkside. She is currently serving as the vice chair on the ACCT Student Advisory Committee and is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. She was the WTCS Student Ambassador during the 2022-2023 year.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

\*R. Scott Pierce

Dr. R. Scott Pierce has been on the Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees since 2009. He has served as vice chairman, chairman and is currently an employee member. Scott has a substantial amount of administrative education experience, starting in 1983 as an assistant principal. He held various positions including Superintendent of Schools for the District of Jefferson, Wisconsin as well as Superintendent of Schools for Kenosha Unified School District. Currently Scott is a bailiff for the Kenosha County Court System and an adjunct instructor for Concordia University.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

\*Jason Tadlock

Jason Tadlock has served in public education for over 23 years, serving as a Spanish teacher, a K-12 principal, a 6-12 principal, and most recently, 13 years as a superintendent. Jason holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Utah State University, and a master’s degree in educational leadership from UW-Superior. He serves as the Superintendent of Elkhorn Area School District.

## LAKESHORE TECHNICAL COLLEGE (LTC)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

\*Belinda Esquinas

Belinda Esquinas is the executive director for The Crossing of Manitowoc County. The Crossing is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide educational, material, emotional and spiritual support to parents, empowering them to become strong and resilient families. Esquinas' responsibilities include administration, fundraising, community relations, client service and staff supervision. She holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

\*Curt Brauer

Curt Brauer is a business representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 494. Brauer leads strategic planning efforts to communicate organizational priorities and mobilize stakeholders to advocate for labor-friendly legislation on the local, state and federal levels. Brauer serves as a Sheboygan County board supervisor and is a member of Habitat Lakeside's Board of Directors.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

\*Michael Trimberger

Dr. Michael Trimberger has been the superintendent for the Random Lake School District since July 2017. He has his PhD from UW-Milwaukee. Dr. Trimberger is the president and co-founder of INSPIRE Sheboygan County and a member of Sheboygan Chamber of Commerce Business Education Partnership.

## MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (MADISON COLLEGE)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

\*Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff is the chief diversity officer for UW-Health, and an associate dean for diversity and equity transformation for the Universities of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She is the current vice-chair of the Madison College District Board of Trustees, is an executive committee member of the Dane County Latino Support Network, co-chair of the Dane County Latino Health Council, board president of the Latino Academy for Workforce Development, board member of Share the Health and a member of Governor Evers' Health Equity Council.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

Ann McNeary

Ann McNeary is the AFL-CIO community services liaison at the United Way of Dane County. Additionally, she is an enterprise IT specialist with Dane County Information Management. She is the current secretary of the Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin, is a charter member of the Sun Prairie Area Chorus, chairs the AFL-CIO State Community Service Committee and is the chair of the Communications Workers of American (CWA) Political Council.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

Tonya Olson

Tonya Olson is the district administrator for the Lake Mills Area School District. She is a member of the Bellville Kiwanis, Cottage Grove Friends of the Library, Lake Mills Rotary and the Lake Mills Library Board.

MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (MATC)

Member Category

Employer/100+

Appointee

\*Mark Foley

Mark Foley has more than 40 years' experience meeting the business and legal needs of clients ranging from individual business owners to industry trade associations and Global 500 companies. He is a shareholder with von Briesen & Roper s.c., whose practice encompasses four primary areas: commercial and business litigation; information technology, data privacy and security; financial and bankruptcy; and product liability. Mark holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan School of Law and a bachelor's degree from Yale University.

Member Category

Employer/100+

Appointee

\*Erica Case

Erica Case is an experienced human resources professional who is currently the head of human resources for LiveWire Group, LLC, a publicly traded electric motorcycle manufacturer headquartered in Milwaukee. Erica holds a Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts degrees from Alverno College. She has helped develop a youth apprenticeship program between Harley-Davidson, Lynde and Harry Bradley Technology and Trade High School (Bradley Tech) and MATC.

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

\*Lauren Baker

Lauren Baker began her career as a journeyman printer and worked more than 20 years in that industry as a tradesperson and educator. She was the first woman in the country to serve as a printing apprenticeship director. Lauren spent ten years as the coordinator of career and technical education for Milwaukee Public Schools before serving as executive director of the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association. She holds several educational distinctions, including a Master of Science in Administrative Leadership and Supervision in Education from UW-Milwaukee. Her work and leadership experiences as a journeyman printer and educator provided her foundational understanding of the value of opening doors to non-traditional students and the remarkable advantage education and training can provide.

MORAINES PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE (MPTC)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

\*John Bur Zeratsky

John Bur Zeratsky is the president and fourth generation business owner of National Rivet & Manufacturing Company in Waupun. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Economics from Regis College in Denver, Colorado. He currently serves on the Green Lake School Foundation Board, is president of the Green Lake Conservancy Board and has served on the Moraine Park Technical College District Board since 2015.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

\*Kate Treichel

Kate Treichel is a clinical nurse educator with SSM Health in Fond du Lac. She has worked as a nurse for 34 years and earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Northern Illinois University. She is an active member of the community and serves on a steering committee studying the new consolidated K-12 school system.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

Wayne Weber

Wayne Weber has been employed by the Rosendale-Brandon School District for 19 years and has served as the superintendent for the past eight years. He earned his master’s in educational leadership from Marian University in Fond du Lac. He is very active in the community with the Rosendale Lions Club, Knights of Columbus and is a youth baseball coach.

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

+Lisa McArthur

Lisa McArthur earned her master’s degree in organizational leadership from Marian University and is currently the vice president of economic development at Envision Greater Fond du Lac. She actively serves the community and is a member of the Town of Fond du Lac Planning Commission.

NICOLET AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (NICOLET COLLEGE)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

\*Robert Egan

Bob Egan is the owner of Eagle River Tire in Eagle River and a long-time member of the Nicolet College Board. His awards include the Wisconsin Airport Management Association Lifetime Service Award, the US Air Force Civil Air Patrol-Frank G Brewer Award and the Eagle River Airport Commission Service Award. Bob has also served on numerous other boards.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

\*Stephanie Schmidt

Stephanie Schmidt is a social studies teacher at the School District of Wabeno. She has a master’s in history from UW-Milwaukee and is a member of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society along with National Honors Society and Spanish Honor Society. She’s been on the Nicolet College Board since 2021.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

Eric Burke

Eric Burke is currently the superintendent at Rhinelander School District and has been in this position since 2020. He holds a Master of Science in Educational Administration, a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and a Superintendent Certification from UW Milwaukee. He served on the CESA 9 PAC and Partners in Education Board of Directors. He has been recognized as an AP High School of Distinction and nominated for AWSA Principal of the Year. Eric is recently a finalist in the Rhinelander Chamber of Commerce Spirit of the Hodag Award.

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE (NTC)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

\*Sherry Bunten

Sherry Bunten serves as the president of Aspirus Langlade Hospital. She has a master's in healthcare administration from the University of Cincinnati and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from UW-Madison. She is a past adjunct instructor for NTC in the Certified Nursing Assistant Program.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

Renae Krings

Renae serves as the senior director of the Greater Prosperity Partnership and Chamber of Commerce. She is a graduate of Northwood Technical College's marketing program. Renae has nearly twenty years of experience in working in various economic and workforce development positions.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

Nathan Lehman

Dr. Nathan Lehman serves as the superintendent of the Stratford School District. He is an active member and collaborator of NTC's K-12 Partnership Group. Dr. Lehman's children have also been involved with NTC through dual credit opportunities.

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE (NWTC)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

\*Cathy Dworak

Cathy Dworak is the director of community outreach & player/alumni relations for the Green Bay Packers. She has served on the NWTC Board of Trustees since 2015 and holds positions on the Rawhide Youth Services, Bellin Corporation, and The Angel Fund for Children with Cancer, Inc. Boards and serves on multiple committees within the community: Brown County Golf Classic, Family Services Green & Gold Gala, Flight of Champions, University of Wisconsin Green Bay Steak Fry, Management Women, Inc. and Leadership Green Bay. She has received numerous awards throughout her career.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

\*Kelly Robinson

Kelly Robinson is the superintendent of the School District of Crivitz. Kelly earned her Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Marian University and completed the Superintendent Licensure Program in 2021. She has served on the NWTC Board of Trustees since 2023 and holds a Board position with Crivitz Youth Inc. In addition, she has ten years of experience in the special education field in multiple states and districts.

## NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE (NORTHWOOD TECH)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

Peter Vrieze

Peter Vrieze is a board-certified chiropractor and owner of Vrieze Chiropractic Office in New Richmond. Pete has served in various leadership organizations including the New Richmond Kiwanis Club, New Richmond City Council, New Richmond Economic Development Commission and Wisconsin Chiropractor Association.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

\*Amber Richardson

Amber Richardson is employed with JA Counter as a Benefit Consultant. She is the president of the Board of Trustees for the Family Resource Center, St. Croix Valley and formerly a committee chair for the St. Croix County Economic Development Workforce Development Board. Amber has been on the Northwood Tech Board of Trustees since 2021 and has acted as chair for the past year.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

Timothy Widiker

Timothy Widiker is the current school district administrator at St. Croix Central in Hammond, Wisconsin. Tim has worked in education for 29 years and served as the president of the regional superintendent's group for many years. He has a strong desire to make a positive impact on the lives of students.

## SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE (SWTC)

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

\*Donald Tuescher

Donald Tuescher is a master electrician and is the president of Tuescher Electric & Refrigeration, Inc., in Darlington, WI. Don has been a SWTC Board Trustee since 1994 and has served as secretary, treasurer, vice chair and chair several times. He has served as co-chair of various District Boards Association committees through the years and is the current treasurer of the Board of Directors for Southwest Health Center in Platteville, WI. He also currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for River Valley Mutual Insurance.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

\*Kent Enright

Kent Enright began serving on the SWTC District Board in 2021. He is a salesperson for Carey's Seamless Gutters and Doors in Belmont, WI, and has been in the building materials business for the past 40+ years, working closely with the construction industry. Kent has been part of the Mineral Point Lions Club since 1995, currently serving as the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. He served multiple terms on the Wisconsin Frame Builders Board of Directors, the Wisconsin Retail Lumber Dealers Board, and the Wisconsin Lumber Dealers Education Foundation in various roles and on various committees. Kent is very involved in his church and church youth camp, where he teaches children the thrill of building and how what they build impacts future generations.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

\*Jane Wonderling

Jane Wonderling is the district administrator for Fennimore Community Schools located in Fennimore, WI. Jane has served on the SWTC Board of Trustees since 2018. Prior to her current position, she served in teaching and principal roles for various school districts in southwestern Wisconsin. She serves on the Fennimore Industrial & Economic Development Corporation and has been a proponent of collaborating with SWTC to offer dual enrollment opportunities for Fennimore High School students and all high school students in our district.

**WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE (WCTC)**

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

\*Ryan Clark

Ryan Clark is vice president of operations at Bruno Independent Living Aids, Inc. He has served as a member of the WCTC District Board since July 2021. Not only is Ryan an excellent board member, he is also an influential operations leader in manufacturing and shares his skills, knowledge and passion with the board. He is excited to have the opportunity to continue serving on the board.

Member Category

Employee

Appointee

\*Brian Baumgartner

Brian Baumgartner is the director and business representative for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 7. He has been on the board since 2018 and is currently serving as the secretary/treasurer as well as the WCTC Foundation Representative. Brian is an exemplary Board member and a strong advocate for WCTC. As a leader who is passionate about higher education, he is excited to have the opportunity to continue serving on the board.

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

+Robby Ewing

Robby Ewing is the vice president of operations at Wenthe-Davidson Engineering Company. Having served as a member of the WCTC Welding Advisory Committee, he has firsthand knowledge of the importance of a technical degree and the connection to business and industry. Robby is excited to be chosen as a member of the WCTC District Board.

**WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE (WESTERN)**

Member Category

Employer

Appointee

Megan Skarlupka

Megan Skarlupka is a Western graduate, currently serves as the assistant lab director at Mile Bluff Medical Center in Mauston, WI and serves on the Medical Lab Technician Advisory Committee at Western. Megan holds a bachelor's degree in clinical laboratory science from the University of Cincinnati. She has learned a lot since her promotion to her current position in 2022, learning more about how the hospital works, and now she wants to be more involved in her community and learn how Western contributes as well.



Member Category

Employee

Appointee

Lance Bagstad

Lance Bagstad currently serves on the Western Technical College Board as the School District Administrator member; he plans to retire from his position as the superintendent at Arcadia Schools this June. He is employed at the Fritz Family Entertainment-Hixton/Alma Center KOA Holiday as a staff member and plans to continue his work at the campground during retirement from the school district. Lance holds a Master of Arts and Specialist Degree for Superintendent Licensure from Viterbo University. He is also a member of the board of directors for the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools and co-chairs the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Realignment Task Force and volunteers for various groups in his community.

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

Mary Kay Wolf

Mary Kay Wolf is currently the executive director of Great Rivers United Way and has served in the role since 2013. Mary Kay has worked with Western in various capacities over the last ten years, serving on many partnerships, coalitions and collaborative grant writing. She currently serves on the Human Services Advisory Committee. She holds a bachelor's degree in wellness from UW-Stout. Her memberships include the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the United Way Board of Directors, Rotary-Downtown La Crosse, and Executive Committee of YWCA-WI Association. Serving on the board, she hopes to help Western continue to strengthen its place in our community.

## ITEM G: WESTERN 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 James A. Dillin for the School District Administrator position on the Western Technical College Board.**

As part of its annual appointment process, the Western Technical College Appointment committee submitted James A. Dillin for appointment as the School District Administrator position of the Western Technical College Board. However, Mr. Dillin does not meet the qualifications for the School District Administrator position.

As required by Wis. Stats. § 38.08(1)(a)1.d. and defined in § 115.001(8) a school district administrator means the school district superintendent, supervising principal or other person who acts as the administrative head of a school district. Mr. Dillin is the principal of Mauston High School and iLEAD Charter School. These two schools are part of the Mauston School District which is headed by someone other than Mr. Dillin.

If the System Board disapproves this appointment, Ch. TCS 2, *Wis. Admin. Code* requires that, within 10 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 H: BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE – PROJECT CONCEPT REVIEW – REMODELING OF EXISTING FAICILITIES AT THE MAIN CAMPUS IN JANESVILLE

*WTCS Director of Facilities Development Dan Scanlon*

**Resolution:**

**That, upon the recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System president, a finding is made that the concept for Blackhawk Technical College’s proposed remodeling is reasonable. The final scope and design of the project are subject to review and approval by the Board as required by s. 38.04(10) Stats.**

Consistent with established procedures, projects for additional or new facilities and 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 project. Following this review, the project is subject to approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, pursuant to s.38.04(10), Stats.

**The Proposal**

Remodeling of Existing Facilities

The District proposes to improve facilities to expand its Dental Hygienist (36 FTEs) and Dental Assistant (12 FTEs) programs. The remodeling will add five additional operatories to the existing dental operator suite. The added operatories will provide a more uniform training experience for the Dental Hygienist Program and will allow the program to add 2-4 additional slots in each cohort. The project will also expand the sterile processing lab to increase student capacity and training stations. A classroom will be created in space that is currently vacant. The project will create an entrance vestibule and improve vehicle access and patient parking for the Dental Suite. The remodeled area is about 3,100 square feet and the new parking area will provide an additional 39 parking spaces. The District has significant employer need for graduates of these programs. This project includes improvements to the landscaping and wayfinding elements.

The estimated construction cost is \$1,750,000. The District is planning to use district borrowing and a \$250,000 grant to fund the project.

**Staff Finding**

Staff concludes that there is a need for additional Dental training facilities. Expansion of the number of training stations at the existing dental program location is the most efficient. The District shall have funding for the project in place prior to WTCS Board Project Review consideration.

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**The Proposal:**

Remodeling of Existing Facilities

The District proposes to remodel the Chemistry lab, Physics lab, Anatomy lab, associated lab prep rooms and corridor, approximately 10,000 square feet. These three existing labs are over 20-years old and have reached the end of their useful lives. In order to better design the new labs, the District will relocate the existing corridor that separates these labs and include in the new corridor spaces for students to congregate. These labs support a significant number of programs including Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Nursing, Health, EMT and Surgical Tech. The programs that use these labs have a combined total of 465 FTEs. The labs will be designed to share a single lab prep area and due to configuration, they will be replaced as one project that will exceed the District’s \$1,500,000 borrowing limit. The District plans to use an additional \$350,000 in fund balance for the project.

The preliminary list of the spaces being remodeled is shown below.

| <u>Function</u>             | <u>Area (Square Feet)</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Physics Lab                 | 1,500                     |
| Anatomy Lab                 | 1,750                     |
| Chemistry Lab               | 1,750                     |
| Corridor                    | 2,500                     |
| Student Collaboration Space | 1,000                     |
| Lab Prep Room               | 1,500                     |
| <b>Total:</b>               | <b>10,000</b>             |

The estimated cost is \$1,850,000. The District is planning to use district borrowing and fund balance to fund the project.

## **Staff Finding**

Staff concludes that there is a need to update these labs. The new labs will improve accessibility, safety and the infrastructure needed for modern training scenarios.

## **ITEM J: TEACHING AND LEARNING – PERKINS V UPDATE**

*WTCS Provost and Vice President of Education Services Dr. Colleen McCabe*

*WTCS Education Director Strategy & Improvement Dr. Hilary Barker*

WTCS Provost Dr. Colleen McCabe and Education Director Dr. Hilary Barker will provide an overview of Perkins V, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act, and an update on the Perkins V State of Wisconsin Plan. The Perkins Act is the main piece of legislation addressing career and technical education in the United States and represents one of the largest sources of federal institutional support for community and technical colleges.

ITEM K: INTEGRATED EDUCATION & TRAINING (IET) GRANT APPROVALS

WTCS Grants 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 2024-25, as presented.**

Source: State

Focus: 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 IET, which 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><b>Grant Recipient</b></i> | <i><b>Initiative</b></i>  | <i><b>Amount</b></i> |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Chippewa Valley               | Integrated Education and Training at CVTC   | \$200,000            |
| Gateway                       | Welding Integrated Education and Training Program   | \$190,050            |
| Lakeshore                     | Lakeshore IET Development & Expansion   | \$196,000            |
| Madison College               | Expanding Integrated Education and Training Programs to High-Demand Business and Transportation Careers | \$199,283            |
| Milwaukee Area                | FY 24-25 State (124-205) IET Development and Expansion  | \$200,000            |
| Mid-State                     | Mid-State IET Development and Expansion   | \$200,000            |
| Northeast Wisconsin           | Architecture Fundamentals Certificate – Career Pathway Bridge   | \$186,612            |
| Waukesha County               | Strengthening Integrated Education and Training Programs  | \$200,000            |

#### **ITEM L: OUTCOMES FOR 2023 WTCS GRADUATES**

*WTCS Provost and Vice President of Education Services Dr. Colleen McCabe  
WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Katy Pettersen*

Wisconsin's technical colleges surveyed 23,922 individuals who graduated in 2023, with 58.1% responding. Of those who responded and were in the labor force, 93% 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 receive the report and discuss outcomes for 2023 technical college graduates with WTCS Provost and Vice President of Education Services Dr. Colleen McCabe and Director of Strategic Directions Katy Pettersen.

#### **ITEM M: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Board President Mark Tyler*

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WTCS Board is July 16-17, 2024, at Northwood Technical College in New Richmond.

#### **ITEM N: CLOSED SESSION**

*Board President Mark Tyler*

Pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(c) and (e), Wis. Stats., the WTCS Board will convene in closed session to discuss the interview strategies and questions related to the Wisconsin Technical College System Presidential Search.

#### **ITEM O: RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

#### **ITEM P: OVERCOMING COGNITIVE BIAS TRAINING**

*WTCS Human Resources Director Madeline Erce*

#### **ITEM Q: ADJOURN**

*Board President Mark Tyler*