



## AGENDA

### WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD

January 20, 2026 – 9 am – 12 pm

Hill Farms State Office Building

4822 Madison Yards Way, North Tower, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Madison, WI 53705

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

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*Lunch will be available for Board members and invited guests.*

*No official business will be conducted.*

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## **ITEM A: APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 4-5, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

*Board President Sara Rogers*

## **ITEM B: REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

*Board President Sara Rogers*

- Board of Regents Report

## **ITEM C: REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT**

*System President Layla Merrifield*

- System Updates

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

*Wisconsin Technical College DBA Association President John Wyatt*

*Wisconsin Technical College DBA Interim Executive Director Bryan Albrecht*

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

## ITEM E: CONSENT AGENDA

*WTCS Associate Vice President-Instructional Services Chrystal Seeley-Schreck*

*WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon*

*WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo*

- Program Development
- Facilities Development
- Interim District Board Appointment

### **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.

<b><u>College</u></b>	<b><u>Program Title</u></b>
Chippewa Valley Technical College	Automated Systems Integration Advanced Technical Certificate
Fox Valley Technical College	Bio-Medical Electronics Associate of Applied Science Degree
Lakeshore Technical College	Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist Associate of Applied Science Degree
Lakeshore Technical College	Truck Driving Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma

<b><u>College</u></b>	<b><u>Program Title</u></b>
Mid-State Technical College	Fire Medic Associate of Applied Science Degree
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College	Clinical Medical Assistant Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma
Western Technical College	Nature Based Early Childhood Education Advanced Technical Certificate

### **Concept Review – Requested by: Chippewa Valley Technical College**

**Program Title:** Automated Systems Integration

**Program Description:** The Automated Systems Integration Advanced Technical Certificate prepares students to design, integrate and troubleshoot complex automated systems in an industrial environment. Graduates are employed as automation technicians, systems control technicians and industrial engineering technologists.

**Demonstration of Program Need:** Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including district labor market data and an employer survey.

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

**Salary:** \$29.51/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 10/27/2025

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

**Program Title:** Bio-Medical Electronics

**Program Description:** The Bio-Medical Electronics Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to install, test, calibrate and repair a variety of medical equipment. Graduates are employed as biomedical electronics technicians.

**Demonstration of Program Need:** Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including district labor market data and an employer survey.

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

**Salary:** \$27/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 11/18/2025

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

**Program Title:** Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist

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

**Demonstration of Program Need:** Lakeshore College demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market information, a survey and a new program viability study.

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

**Salary:** \$34.08/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 11/19/2025

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

**Program Title:** Truck Driving

**Program Description:** The Truck Driving Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma prepares students to operate locally or over-the-road any combination of vehicles with a combined weight of 26,001 pounds or more, where the towed unit weighs over 10,000 pounds, such as large tractor-trailers (semi-trucks) hauling freight, livestock and other large loads. Graduates obtain their Class A Commercial Driver License (CDL) and are employed as truck drivers and commercial vehicle drivers.

**Demonstration of Program Need:** Lakeshore College demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market information and advisory committee input.

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

**Salary:** \$20.81/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 10/15/2025

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

**Program Title:** Fire Medic

**Program Description:** The Fire Medic Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to perform firefighting techniques such as protection and suppression while being cross trained in emergency medical services (EMS). The EMS component prepares students to respond to medical and traumatic emergencies at the advanced life support/paramedic level. Graduates are employed as fire fighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

**Demonstration of Program Need:** Mid-State demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market information and advisory committee support.

**Summary of Collaborative Discussions:** Mid-State notified the three colleges with the same or similar programs and received no responses.

**Salary:** \$22.97/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 11/17/2025

### **Concept Review – Requested by: Southwest Wisconsin 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, guide patients through a clinic's facilities and procedures and prepare stock examination and procedure rooms. Graduates are employed as clinical medical assistants.

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

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

**Salary:** \$20.82/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 9/25/2025

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

**Program Title:** Nature Based Early Childhood Education

**Program Description:** The Nature Based Early Childhood Education Advanced Technical Certificate prepares students to learn about and incorporate nature-based teaching and learning classroom techniques. Graduates are employed as early childhood teachers and nature-based early childhood teachers.

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

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

**Salary:** \$14.98/hour

**District Board Approval Date:** 12/16/2025



## **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, analyses 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.

<b><u>College</u></b>	<b><u>Program Title</u></b>
Moraine Park Technical College	Anesthesia Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree
Moraine Park Technical College	Construction Management Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree
Moraine Park Technical College	Fire Medic Associate of Applied Science Degree
Moraine Park Technical College	Foundations of Teacher Education Associate of Applied Science Degree
Moraine Park Technical College	HVAC Installation Technician One-Year Technical Diploma
Mid-State Technical College	Auto Collision Repair & Refinish Technician One-Year Technical Diploma
Western Technical College	Laboratory Food Science Technician Associate of Applied Science Degree
Madison Area Technical College	Biomedical Equipment Technician (BMET) Apprenticeship

### **Program Approval – Requested by: Moraine Park Technical College**

**Program Title:** Anesthesia Technology

**Program Description:** The Anesthesia Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to function as an integral member of the anesthesia team in a surgical setting, focusing on assistance with intubations, assembling monitoring lines, patient transport, interpreting physiological information, patient preparation and patient positioning. Graduates are employed as anesthesia 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 Approval – Requested by: Moraine Park Technical College**

**Program Title:** Construction Management Technology

**Program Description:** The Construction Management Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to enter supervisory and management roles in construction. Graduates are employed as project coordinators, estimators or site supervisors.

**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. The program will leverage Moraine Park's existing architecture associate degree program infrastructure, minimizing duplication and maximizing resource efficiency.

**Career pathway opportunities:** Students may ladder into the program after completing a carpenter or electrical apprenticeship or the one-year HVAC technical diploma at Moraine Park. Graduates of the associate degree program have multiple advancement options. They may enter the workforce directly or can continue their education through established transfer agreements, including the construction management bachelor's degree at Marian University in Fond du Lac.

### **Program Approval – Requested by: Moraine Park Technical College**

**Program Title:** Fire Medic

**Program Description:** The Fire Medic Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to perform comprehensive patient assessments and provide advanced-level emergent treatment and transport of sick and injured persons. In addition, it prepares students to possess entry-level knowledge and skills to pursue a career in fire service. Students learn fire fighter safety, fire prevention, hazardous materials incident

management, building construction related to fire safety and communication skills needed to be successful in the field. Program graduates are eligible to take the national certification examination required to apply for state paramedic licensure. Graduates are employed as paramedics, fire fighters with fire departments and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies as well as paramedic technicians in nontraditional settings such as hospitals and clinics.

**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: Moraine Park Technical College**

**Program Title:** Foundations of Teacher Education

**Program Description:** The Foundations of Teacher Education Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to work directly with children in a classroom under the supervision of a licensed teacher. Graduates are employed as instructional assistants, paraeducators and substitute teachers.

**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:** System-wide program articulation agreements are established in teacher education with four-year partners. Graduates are also eligible to apply for the short-term, three-year substitute teacher license.

#### **Program Approval – Requested by: Moraine Park Technical College**

**Program Title:** HVAC Installation Technician

**Program Description:** The HVAC Installation Technician One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to install residential and commercial heating, ventilation, refrigeration and air conditioning systems. Training in refrigeration applications, hot water and steam heating, and electric motors and controls will build a strong technical foundation that will support immediate employability and future advancement in the field. Graduates are employed as HVAC Installation Technicians.

**Cost/benefit to district stakeholders:** This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. The curriculum will be derived and adapted from the college's existing Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Technology coursework, resulting in negligible development costs. The program will be

delivered using current faculty expertise and established HVAC lab facilities, resulting in no additional staffing or capital expenses.

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

**Program Title:** Auto Collision Repair & Refinish Technician

**Program Description:** The Auto Collision Repair & Refinish Technician One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to perform vehicle repair and refinishing: automotive sheet metal repair, straightening, forming, alignment, welding and finishing; automotive body work, panel replacement, plastic repair, glass installation and painting. Graduates are employed as autobody technicians, automotive painters and refinishers and combination autobody/refinish 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 Approval – Requested by: Western Technical College**

**Program Title:** Laboratory Food Science Technician\*

**Program Description:** The Laboratory Food Science Technician Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to work in food/beverage, dairy, industrial and environmental laboratories by providing students with classroom and laboratory-based training in biological and chemical sciences, math, business and general education. Graduates are employed as 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.

\*The Concept Review was approved at the November 2025 Board meeting with the title of Food, Industrial, and Environmental Laboratory Technician.

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

**Program Title:** Biomedical Equipment Technician (BMET)

**Program Description:** The BMET Apprenticeship prepares apprentices to install, troubleshoot, repair, and perform preventive maintenance on biomedical equipment. Apprentices will also maintain records, ensure regulatory compliance, manage parts and supplies and support end users. Apprentices are employed as biomedical equipment 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. An Economic Development Administration Regional Technology and Innovation Hub grant will provide for hiring an additional faculty member to develop and teach the new curriculum.

**Preferred Start Date:** August 31, 2026

**District Board Approval Date:** 10/1/2025

## 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 helps 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>
Blackhawk Technical College	Manufacturing Information Technology Specialist Two-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 11/13/2013
Chippewa Valley Technical College	Sheet Metal - Industrial Apprenticeship Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 01/01/1987
Fox Valley Technical College	Medical Administrative Professional Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 05/13/2008
Gateway Technical College	Carpentry Apprentice Apprenticeship Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 01/01/1987
Gateway Technical College	Industrial Electrician Apprentice Apprenticeship Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 01/01/1987
Gateway Technical College	Industrial Electrical Apprentice (BAT) Apprenticeship Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 03/12/2003

<b><u>College</u></b>	<b><u>Program Title</u></b>
Gateway Technical College	Painting & Decorating Apprentice Apprenticeship Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 01/01/1987
Gateway Technical College	Pipefitting Apprentice Apprenticeship Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 01/01/1987
Gateway Technical College	Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Apprenticeship Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 11/10/2014
Lakeshore Technical College	Medication Assistant Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 05/17/2022
Mid-State Technical College	Criminal Justice - Corrections Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to more relevant programs being offered. Program originally approved: 05/01/1977
Nicolet Area Technical College	Pipefitting Apprentice Apprenticeship Program discontinued due to decline in labor market projections. Program originally approved: 01/04/2014
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College	Farm Operations & Management - Crops Two-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 03/23/2016

<b><u>College</u></b>	<b><u>Program Title</u></b>
Waukesha County Technical College	Health Unit Coordinator Less-Than-One-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to decline in labor market projections. Program originally approved: 09/01/1969
Western Technical College	Central Service Technician Less-Than-One-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 07/01/1987
Western Technical College	Financial Services Representative One-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 01/13/2016
Western Technical College	Food Production Specialist One-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to decline in labor market projections. Program originally approved: 05/22/2020
Western Technical College	Marketing Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to more relevant programs being offered. Program originally approved: 01/01/1968
Western Technical College	Manufacturing Systems Maintenance Technician Two-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 01/28/2014
Western Technical College	Robotic Welding & Fabrication Specialist One-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to more relevant programs being offered. Program originally approved: 01/22/2019



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>
Chippewa Valley Technical College	Surgical Technologist One-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to a title and number change to 10-512-1 Surgical Technology. Program originally approved: 06/07/2000
Mid-State Technical College	Machine Tool Technician Two-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to a title and number change to 31-420-10 Precision Machining Technician. Program originally approved: 01/01/1968
Mid-State Technical College	Surgical Technologist One-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to a title and number change to 10-512-1 Surgical Technology. Program originally approved: 05/01/1972
Milwaukee Area Technical College	Dental Technician Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to a number change to 31-507-1. Program originally approved: 05/23/2001
Moraine Park Technical College	Graphic Communications Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to a title and number change to 10-201-1 Graphic Design. Program originally approved: 03/22/2017

## **FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT**

Chippewa Valley Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Eau Claire at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Fox Valley Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Appleton at a cost of \$480,000.

Lakeshore Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Cleveland at a cost of \$125,000.

Lakeshore Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Cleveland at a cost of \$450,000.

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

Madison Area Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Madison at a cost of \$100,000.

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

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

Milwaukee Area Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Milwaukee at a cost of \$763,000.

Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Ashland at a cost of \$650,000.

Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in New Richmond at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Rice Lake at a cost of \$660,000.

Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Superior at a cost of \$660,000.

Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Superior at a cost of \$580,000.

Western Technical College – Construction of facilities in Sparta at a cost of \$1,500,000.

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

### **Chippewa Valley Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Eau Claire**

The Chippewa Valley Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Business Education Center in Eau Claire.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 4,600 square feet to improve space for the Student Advising and Student Success staff. The project will consolidate the staff for these

services, from multiple locations on campus, into two separate office suites to improve customer service, student experience and operational efficiency. Each suite will have a reception/waiting area with individual offices for confidential conversations with students. The project entails creating 19 individual offices, two conference rooms and various support and storage spaces. The project will also reconfigure approximately 800 square feet of storage for events and catering.

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 primarily 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 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$242 per square foot and will be funded through 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 in Appleton.

The district proposes to lightly remodel approximately 3,400 square feet for the Interior Design (52 FTEs) program. The project will update finishes, doorways, lighting and various fixtures. The addition of windows to various studio walls will create more cohesive studio/classroom environments. The Interior Design facilities have been minimally updated over the last 30 years. The Interior Design program has consistent enrollments.

The estimated cost of the project is \$480,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$117 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

#### **Lakeshore Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Cleveland**

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 170 square feet to upgrade the existing radiography lab. The project involves installing lead lining to the walls, doors and glass areas that enclose the existing x-ray equipment. Additional electrical service will be installed to power existing equipment. Minor improvements to the HVAC system and lighting will also occur. The district has consistent enrollments in its Radiography (44 FTEs) program and has consistent employer demand for graduates. Recent accreditation

requirements have prompted the need for students to work with functioning radiography equipment.

The estimated cost of the project is \$125,000 and will be funded with operational funds.

### **Lakeshore Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Cleveland**

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 950 square feet to create classrooms for Competency Based Education resources, staff support and collaboration rooms. The project entails creating six small general collaboration classrooms and a flexible discussion/corridor alcove space. The district is expanding the number of programs that reflect flexible, skills-focused education and these rooms will offer space for instruction and testing of competencies.

The estimated cost of the project is \$450,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$484 per square foot and will be funded with operational funds.

### **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 and Commercial Avenue Campuses in Madison.

The district proposes to remodel three sets of restrooms, approximately 1,600 square feet, one set in each of the B, D and E Wings of the Truax Campus. These bathrooms are 40 years old and have received minor improvements over the years and have now reached the end of their useful lives. The original bathrooms provided larger plumbing fixture counts for men, and now accessibility requirements and enrollments have changed. The new restroom facilities are being designed as groups of six single restrooms. In the D Wing an additional pair of single restrooms with showers and adjacent lockers will be constructed.

The district proposes to remodel a small area of the Commercial Avenue B building. A doorway will be added to the upholstery studio to provide access to the interior corridor and bathrooms. Currently, the occupants of the studio must exit the building and enter another part of the building to access the bathrooms.

The estimated cost of the projects is \$1,000,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$563 per square foot and will be funded through 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 in Madison.

The district proposes to remodel two general education classrooms, approximately 1,400 square feet. The project entails replacing the existing moveable partition between two rooms with a permanent wall designed to provide adequate sound insulation. The finishes in the rooms will also be updated. The movable partition is original to the building and does not provide sufficient sound isolation needed for instruction.

The estimated cost of the project is \$100,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$66 per square foot and will be funded through 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 in Madison.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 3,900 square feet to improve the facilities for the Veterinary Technician (63 FTEs) program. The existing facilities are approximately 40 years old and original to the building and have reached the end of their useful lives. The project entails creating new: expanded housing capacity for cats and dogs, with updated enclosures, lockers and adjacent restrooms, updated sanitization equipment, improved layout of the surgery prep, surgery and surgery recovery room, two offices, and various support and storage spaces. The project supports USDA compliance and the layout is designed to improve instructor, student, staff and animal safety.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$347 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$98,700 on equipment to furnish the space.

### **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 700 square feet to create a café/convenience store in the Technical Building. The district has operated a temporary café on the skywalk between the Technical Building and the Health Building and will convert an underutilized general education classroom adjacent to the skywalk for the permanent location. The project includes a small food service kitchen, shelving for food items, a checkout counter and storage for items brought over from the main kitchen. The

project is being proposed because the time and distance to reach the main cafeteria from this side of campus exceeds the time between classes.

The estimated cost of the project is \$400,000 and the unit cost calculates to approximately \$571 per square foot and will be funded through 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 3,400 square feet to create a new student services STEM Pathways office suite. The office suite contains three individual staff offices, four advisor offices designed for confidential conversations, an open office for four student computer stations, a reception/waiting area and a copy room/kitchenette. The new suite is located adjacent to the existing tutoring center and will consolidate the STEM advisory staff from various locations.

The estimated cost of the project is \$763,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$227 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

#### **Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Ashland**

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 6,600 square feet to improve the Welcome Center, Student Services Center and Administration Office area. The project primarily updates the student service area to provide a single location for all services. The student services office suite contains 10 individual offices for student services staff and are designed for confidential conversations, an open office for three, a copy room, a testing room and various storage areas. The administrative office suite consists of five individual offices, a kitchenette and a conference room.

The project is being designed and specified to meet the System requirement of LEED Silver.

The estimated cost of the project is \$650,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$82 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

#### **Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in New Richmond**

The Northwood Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in New Richmond.

The district proposes to remodel the exterior of the building and the parking lot of the 8,000 square foot Medical Laboratory Education Center. The project will replace the exterior siding and the existing windows which have reached the end of their useful lives. The new materials will improve energy efficiency by adding insulation and thermally efficient windows. The site improvements include an improved site layout on the 1.7 acre site that will reduce asphalt pavement by 16,000 square feet and be replaced by both native and manicured landscaping. The pavement reduction will reduce parking from 80 existing stalls to 46 parking stalls. Other site improvements are energy efficient site lighting and asphalt replacement and resurfacing.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and will be funded through district borrowing.

#### **Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Rice Lake**

The Northwood Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Rice Lake.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 7,000 square feet to update the conference rooms, lobby, bathrooms and conference support spaces at the Main Entrance on the East side of the building. The district will primarily update the finishes in the conference rooms, lobby, restrooms and corridor. The existing food service kitchen will be downsized and the additional space will be converted into a mail room, storage room and a small meeting room. The remodeling will include new interior finishes and LED lighting, replacement of outdoor air handling equipment and updating the HVAC control systems. The existing wall finishes, flooring, ceilings and lighting of these spaces have reached the end of their useful lives. The conference rooms are scheduled approximately 200 times annually.

The remodeling is being designed and specified to meet the System requirement of LEED Silver.

The estimated cost of the project is \$660,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$83 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

#### **Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Superior**

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 5,800 square feet to relocate and consolidate the Student Services staff into one suite. The project will create a welcome center/reception area to assess and direct students to the services needed. A new Student Life area will be incorporated for student engagement events, event planning and student

group meeting space. Individual instruction/consultation rooms will be added to provide students specialized remote services from elsewhere in the district. A testing lab, ten offices, an open office area, various storage spaces and a nurse's/health office with two recovery rooms will be created. The new offices are being designed for confidential and sensitive conversations.

The project is being designed and specified to meet the System requirement of LEED Silver.

The estimated cost of the project is \$660,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$101 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

### **Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Superior**

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 6,400 square feet to create an Innovation Technology Learning Center (ITLC), which is being designed as a central service location for individual testing and instruction. The project entails creating a reception/waiting area, 12 individual testing rooms, six small group study/tutoring rooms, two larger classroom/conference rooms and various storage and IT closets. The ITLC is designed to respond to individual student needs and will assist in competency based education and assessments.

The project is being designed and specified to meet the System requirement of LEED Silver.

The estimated cost of the project is \$580,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$79 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

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

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

The district proposes to construct facilities at the Public Safety Training Center (Criminal Justice 85 FTEs, Fire Protection 39 FTEs, Paramedic 22 FTEs, Law Enforcement Academy 28 FTEs). The project consists of constructing various buildings and civil roadworks for a simulation city. The project will create two mock residential buildings and four mock commercial buildings. These structures will provide public safety students real world scenarios for entering hostile and emergency situations. The roadwork construction will create ten “city-blocks,” three of these blocks will house the new buildings and seven blocks will be for future development. These six buildings will be basic structures without HVAC systems and are approximately 1,000 square feet each. The district's public safety programs have consistent enrollments and projections remain steady.



An Environmental Assessment for the addition was made available to the public and government agencies and no comments were received.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000. The paving and landscaping is approximately \$800,000 and the estimated cost of the building envelope improvements are \$700,000. The project 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 5,150 square feet to convert the vacated bookstore into student counseling, support and study areas. The project is located adjacent to the Student Life offices and student union and consists of creating six counseling offices, a wellness office, two storage rooms, a workroom and a large seating/event/congregation space. These facilities will be used by various campus clubs and groups for events and support.

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 \$1,000,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$173 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

## **INTERIM DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT**

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.

### **Western Technical College**

<u>Member Category</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Employee	Jim Dillin	December 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

Jim is currently the director of teaching and learning at the Mauston School District; he has a Master of Arts in Education from Viterbo University and is currently pursuing additional educational certification through Concordia University. Jim was previously the principal of Mauston High School. He coaches multiple youth sports (football, track, basketball and baseball) and has received recognition as the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association (WFCA) District Assistant Coach of the Year for football. He has had multiple nominations, was a finalist, and earned the Kohl Principal Fellowship Award. Jim also volunteers at other Mauston community events and is an active member of several school, state and national educational associations and alliances.

## **ITEM F: FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE – PROJECT CONCEPT REVIEW – REMODELING OF FACILITIES AT THE MAIN CAMPUS IN APPLETON**

*WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon*

### **Resolution:**

**That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, a finding is made that the concept for Fox Valley Technical College’s proposed remodeling at the main campus in Appleton is reasonable. The final scope and design of the project is 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 projects. Following this review, the projects are subject to approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats.

Funding for this project will be by district borrowing and donations.

### **The Proposal**

#### Remodeling of the Culinary Arts Quantities Kitchen

Quantities Kitchen (QK) definition: A kitchen for preparing food in large batches for events or catering, focusing on efficiency of standardized recipes using specialized equipment (tilting skillets, big mixers), and managing large-scale logistics.

The project will remodel the existing QK and expand it into an under-utilized vending nook, approximately 2,550 square feet. The existing QK is approximately 30 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. The Culinary Arts (80 FTEs) program has consistent enrollments and employer demand and enrollment projections remain consistent. Class size is 14 students and the new kitchen will provide a cooking station for each student. The exhaust systems (range hoods) will be updated and modern video and IT will be incorporated. Ample room will be provided for the cooking equipment needed. A window for sales of bulk food produced by the students will also be included. The project involves significant alterations to the plumbing systems.

The preliminary budget for the project is \$1,910,000. The project will be funded with \$1,500,000 in district borrowing and approximately \$410,000 in donations.

**Staff Finding**

Staff concludes that there is a need to remodel and expand the QK; class size and modernization are the main drivers. Prior to final approval of the project the district shall provide schematic plans, estimated cost of the replacement equipment and proof of the receipt of the donations to be applied to the project.

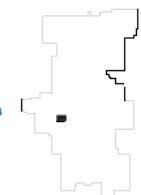


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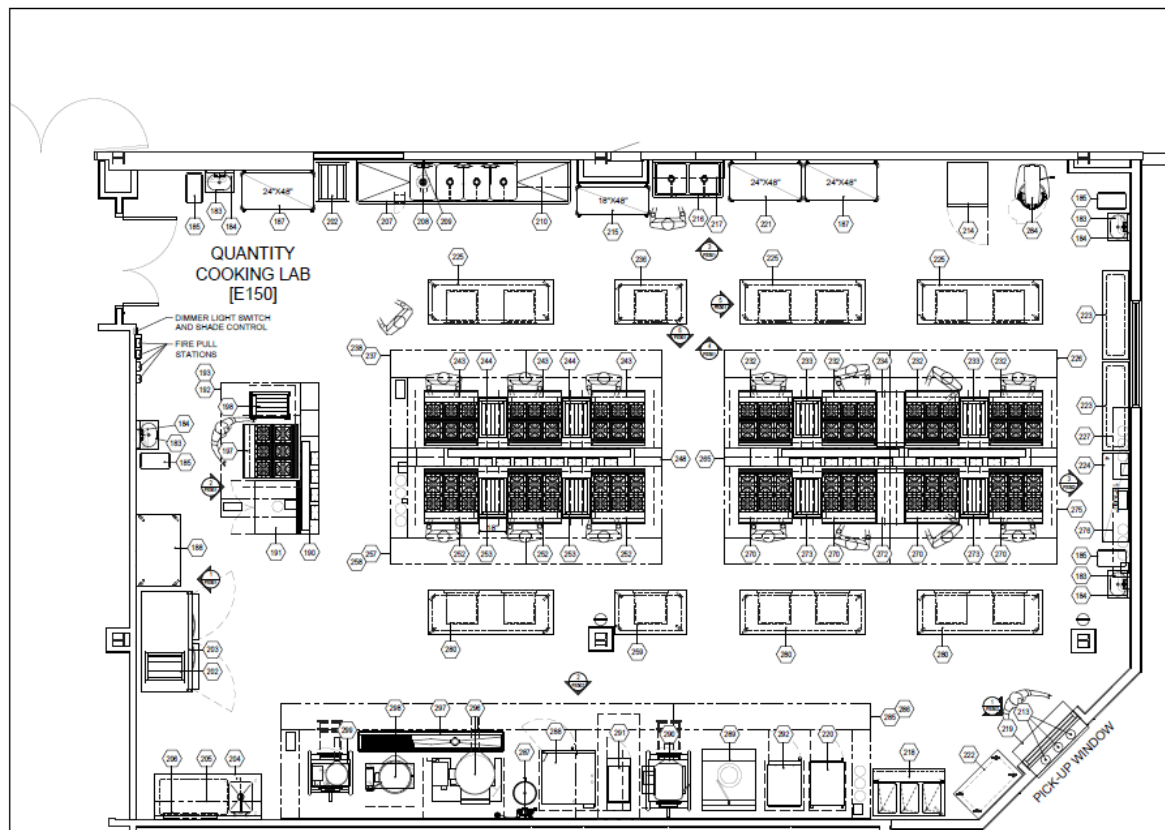
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FOOD SERVICE  
EQUIPMENT PLAN  
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FOODSERVICE EQUIPMENT PLAN - QUANTITIES KITCHEN

## **ITEM G: WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE – PROJECT CONCEPT REVIEW – CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES AT THE MAIN CAMPUS IN PEWAUKEE**

*WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon*

*WCTC Associate Dean-Business IT Alli Jerger*

*WCTC Director-District Facilities Richard Haen*

### **Resolution:**

**That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, a finding is made that the concept for Waukesha County Technical College’s proposed construction at the main campus in Pewaukee is reasonable. The final scope and design of the project is 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 projects. Following this review, the projects are subject to approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats.

Funding for this project will be by district borrowing and donations.

### **The Proposal**

Construction of a second floor to the ‘Q’ Building for Information Technology (IT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) programs.

The project consists of a second floor addition to the “Q” building, 13,000 square feet, and remodeling approximately 2,300 square feet on the first floor. The addition is proposed to respond to the growing need for IT and AI training space.

The new space will create five dual-format computer/network classrooms, a state-of-the-art “Pitch Room,” student collaboration and social spaces, faculty and administrative offices, quiet work areas, Zoom rooms, restrooms, storage and mechanical spaces, and an outdoor terrace. This facility will support programs in AI Data Specialist (46 FTEs), IT Computer Support (52 FTEs), IT Cybersecurity (266 FTEs), IT Data & Analytics Specialist (67 FTEs), IT Network Specialist (145 FTEs), and Web & Software Development (171 FTEs), while being strategically positioned near the Applied AI Lab to foster innovation and interdisciplinary learning.

The district reports that local employers such as Generac, Husco, InPro, Hydrite and SSR have consistently reported high demand for graduates with skills in computer support.

The district proposes the expansion to support hands-on, technology-rich learning environments. These new classrooms and labs will have the modern infrastructure needed for the students to develop the skills that align with employer's needs.

The preliminary budget for the project is \$5,500,000. The project will be funded with \$1,500,000 in district borrowing and approximately \$4,000,000 in donations.

### **Staff Finding**

Staff concludes there is a need for additional space for the IT and AI programs. Prior to final approval of the project the district shall provide schematic plans, a breakdown of the estimated costs of the construction project and proof of the receipt of the donations to be applied to the project.

## **ITEM H: MORaine PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE – PROJECT CONCEPT REVIEW – ACQUISITION OF LAND, CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES IN HORICON**

*WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon*

### **Resolution:**

**That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS), a finding is made that the concepts for Moraine Park Technical College’s proposed acquisition of land and construction of additional facilities in Horicon are reasonable. The final scope and design of the projects 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 projects. Following this review, the projects are subject to approval by the WTCS Board, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats.

Funding for these projects will be by district borrowing, grants and borrowing as approved in the successful November 8, 2022, referendum.

### **The Proposals**

#### Acquisition of Property

The district proposes to acquire approximately 12.1 acres of land contiguous to the existing Horicon campus. This land was initially considered during the original acquisition of the Horicon Campus and the district’s decision to pursue acquisition was deferred. With the success of the 18,000 square feet Fire Fighting (12 FTEs) and Emergency Medical Technicians (7 FTEs) Training Center, the district seeks to acquire this property for future expansion. The district anticipates the cost of the acquisition to be \$700,000.

### **Staff Finding**

Staff concludes there is a need to acquire contiguous land. The north side of the property is bound by a railroad right of way and the south side is bound by State Highway 33. The additional land will allow the district to expand in the future.



### Construction of an Addition and a Truck Driving Roadway Course at the Horicon Fire/EMS Training Center Campus.

The district proposes these improvements to support the Commercial Driver's License (CDL 3 FTEs) program. The district currently offers contract CDL training but lacks a dedicated facility for this training. The development of dedicated facilities will allow the district to offer training to students and employers in the district. The district's employers have expressed the need for local, dedicated facilities.

The addition will be approximately 5,000 square feet and schematically will add various classrooms, offices and a tractor and trailer inspection bay. The vehicle course involves creating a significant roadway with intersections, a parking/maneuvering lot, a roundabout, a stormwater retention pond and various smaller storage and support buildings. The district anticipates the cost of the construction and roadways to be approximately \$6,000,000 and will be funded by district borrowing as approved in the successful November 8, 2022, referendum.

#### **Staff Finding**

Staff agrees there is a need to provide a CDL Training facility within the district. Prior to Project Review the district shall provide a summary of current CDL contract training, projected CDL FTEs and complete the statutory environmental requirements.

### Construction of an Addition at the Horicon Fire/EMS Training Center Campus.

The district proposes to construct approximately 4,000 square feet for general education classrooms and labs. These additional rooms will allow expansion of the campus Fire, EMS and CDL classes as well as providing space for K-12 classes and community engagement. The district anticipates the cost of the construction to be approximately \$4,000,000 and will be funded with \$2,000,000 in district borrowing as approved in the successful November 8, 2022, referendum and a matching \$2,000,000 State of Wisconsin Land Use Restriction Agreement grant.

#### **Staff Finding**

Prior to project review, the district must provide programmatic justification, any agreement with the local K-12 school district and relevant room utilization of the existing facilities at the Horicon Campus.



## **ITEM I: APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION REPORT**

*WTCS Director-Apprenticeship and Construction Mandy Mayek*

WTCS partners with employers and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to deliver related instruction for 75+ registered apprenticeship programs. The apprenticeship training model combines paid, on-the-job training with related classroom instruction at technical colleges, leading to nationally recognized credentials, career skills and, in some cases, associate degrees for apprentices in high-demand trades. While registered apprenticeship has been a mainstay in the construction and industrial sectors for over 100 years, apprenticeship has expanded considerably in recent years, with WTCS colleges now offering related instruction in-service, health care, transportation, education, agriculture and information technology sectors.

Board members will discuss the most recent Apprenticeship Completion report, as presented by WTCS Director-Apprenticeship and Construction Mandy Mayek.

## **ITEM J: TEACHING AND LEARNING – PROGRAM APPROVAL PROCESS**

*WTCS Provost and Vice President Dr. Colleen McCabe*

*WTCS Associate Vice President-Office of Instructional Services Chrystal Seeley-Schreck*

At each Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board meeting, Board members approve new programs, including associate degree, technical diploma, advanced technical certificate, pathway certificate and apprenticeship programs. Authority for the initiation and development of programs is vested with the WTCS Board, as provided under s. 38.001(1m), Wis. Stats. Board members will discuss 2025 program approval activity and receive an overview of the program development and maintenance processes, including:

- program concept review and program approval;
- program assessment and curricula modifications; and
- program discontinuation.

## **ITEM K: 2025 PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS STUDY RESULTS**

*WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Katy Pettersen*

Wisconsin's technical colleges continue to earn strong public trust and favorability, as confirmed by the latest statewide research. Since 2007, marketing leaders have collaborated to understand perceptions and guide outreach strategies, expanding in recent years to include adults across Wisconsin. WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Katy Pettersen will present the details of the 2025 survey showing growing confidence in technical colleges as affordable, high-value pathways to education and careers, with two-thirds of residents viewing WTCS favorably and 76% recognizing its benefit to the state. These insights underscore the System's vital role in workforce development and reaffirm

that technical colleges remain a trusted, recommended choice for students and communities alike.

## **ITEM L: MINORITY STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND RETENTION [PLAN](#) – 2025 REPORTING YEAR**

*WTCS Provost and Vice President Dr. Colleen McCabe*

*WTCS Open Educational Resources (OER) Network Coordinator and Wisconsin State Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Dr. Hilary Barker*

In accordance with **Wis. Stat. s. 38.04(8)(b)**, the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has developed a Minority Student Participation and Retention (MSPR) plan to increase participation and retention of underrepresented populations. This report provides:

- **System-level and district-level data** on participation and retention, including trends over the past five years.
- **Strategies and activities** implemented across WTCS to enhance access, persistence and completion for all populations.
- A **progress review** of initiatives.

## **ITEM M: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

*WTCS Executive Vice President Paul Hammer*

*WTCS Policy Advisor Megan Stritchko*

*WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo*

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

## **ITEM N: ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN**

*Board President Sara Rogers*

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WTCS Board is March 17-18, 2026, at Blackhawk Technical College in Beloit-Janesville.