



AGENDA OF THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD

July 14-15, 2026

Western Technical College

Lunda Center

333 7th Street North

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Location: Lunda Center

4:30 pm

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Motion to Recess until Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

*Following completion of the Tuesday agenda, Board members and invited guests
will attend dinner at the Radisson Hotel La Crosse.
No official business will be conducted.*

If you require accommodations to observe the meeting, please contact Julie Drake at
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AGENDA OF THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Location: Lunda Center

Breakfast will be available for Board members and invited guests at 8:00 am in the Lunda Center. No official business will be conducted.

8:30 am

Western Technical College Tour

9:30 am

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

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

ITEM A: APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2026, 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 Executive Director Pat Goss

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

ITEM E: WTCS PRESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Association President Kate Ferrel

Kate Ferrel, Nicolet Area Technical College president and current Association president, will provide the Board with an overview of recent Association activities.

ITEM F: BOARD POLICY MANUAL UPDATES

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

Wisconsin's 16 technical colleges operate within a complex framework of federal and state laws. In addition, the WTCS Board has adopted policies and procedures that guide and support the System's governance and operations. The WTCS Board Policy Manual serves as the official repository of all Board policies currently in effect and provides a valuable resource for stakeholders seeking to understand the Board's role and responsibilities.

Over the next six Board meetings, the Board will undertake a comprehensive review of its policies and consider updates as needed to ensure they remain relevant, effective and

aligned with the System's priorities. At this meeting, WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo will outline the review process and proposed timeline for this work.

This initiative supports the Board's Strategic Directions by promoting **innovation and transformation** in the development and stewardship of Board policy.

ITEM G: WTCS 2026 EMPLOYER SATISFACTION REPORT

WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Katy Pettersen

High-quality employer partnerships are essential to the continuous improvement of Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) programs and services.

In addition to working closely with employers in the development and delivery of technical college programs, WTCS also routinely surveys employers to allow them to evaluate programs and graduates' skills. The System's proven, sustained track record of delivering positive graduate outcomes is a testament to the value of these local employer partnerships.

The WTCS Employer Satisfaction report summarizes the results of a 2026 employer survey designed to gauge satisfaction with WTCS programs and graduates' skills. This survey is conducted every four years.

Board members will receive and discuss the most recent report presented by Director of Strategic Advancement Katy Pettersen.

This work reflects the Board's Strategic Directions by **illustrating transformative** data in how employers perceive our programs and graduates' skills.

ITEM H: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

WTCS Executive Vice President Paul Hammer

ITEM I: TEACHING & LEARNING – PROGRAM & COURSE REDESIGN

WTCS Provost and Vice President Dr. Colleen McCabe and Western Technical College Vice President of Learning Dr. Rebecca I. Hopkins and M.S. Dean of Academic Excellence & Human Services Nicole Cooksey, M.S.

This agenda item introduces the WTCS Board to the use of shortened academic terms (seven or eight-week formats) as a strategy to improve student success, completion and workforce alignment. Evidence from national and Wisconsin institutions show these models increase momentum, credit attainment and equity in outcomes. Western will share the foundational components of the instruction design that drove their large-scale shortened terms initiative, the collaborative processes implemented, emerging results and future thinking.

This work reflects the Board's Strategic Directions by advancing **innovation and transformation** in how educational programs are designed and delivered.

ITEM J: FACILITIES APPROVAL PROCESS

WTCS Director of Facilities Development Dan Scanlon

WTCS Director of Facilities Development Dan Scanlon will provide an overview of the facilities approval process.

This work reflects the Board's Strategic Directions by **illustrating** how the **inspirational** building projects come to life at our colleges.

ITEM K: 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 Appointments

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

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

CONCEPT REVIEW

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

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

<u>College</u>	<u>Program Title</u>
Moraine Park Technical College	Human Services Associate Associate of Applied Science Degree
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College	Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate of Applied Science Degree

Concept Review – Requested by: Moraine Park Technical College

Program Title: Human Services Associate

Program Description: The Human Services Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to provide information, resources, support and advocacy in the navigation of social support systems for individuals and families. Graduates are employed as case managers, community outreach workers, human services technicians and substance use counselors.

Demonstration of Program Need: Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data and advisory committee support.

Summary of Collaborative Discussions: MPTC notified the 12 colleges with the same or similar programs. There were no concerns.

Salary: \$24.57/hour

District Board Approval Date: 3/18/2026

Concept Review – Requested by: Southwest Wisconsin Technical College

Program Title: Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Program Description: The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to perform ultrasonic recordings in abdominal, obstetrical, gynecologic and limited vascular procedures. Graduates are employed as diagnostic medical sonographers.

Demonstration of Program Need: Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (SWTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data and ad hoc committee support.

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

Salary: \$36.58/hour

District Board Approval Date: 5/21/2026

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.

<u>College</u>	<u>Program Title</u>
Fox Valley Technical College	Law Enforcement Foundations One-Year Technical Diploma
Lakeshore Technical College	Machine Tool Operation One-Year Technical Diploma
Milwaukee Area Technical College	Fire Medic Associate of Applied Science Degree
Moraine Park Technical College	Nail Technician Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma
Moraine Park Technical College	Building Trades – Carpentry One-Year Technical Diploma
Northcentral Technical College	Artificial Intelligence Developer Associate of Applied Science Degree
Northcentral Technical College	Fire Paramedic Apprentice Apprenticeship
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College	Dental Hygienist Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Approval – Requested by: Fox Valley Technical College

Program Title: Law Enforcement Foundations

Program Description: The Law Enforcement Foundations One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to develop and integrate emergency management response strategies, strengthen community partnership through collaboration and engagement and implement proactive crime prevention initiatives. Graduates are employed as correctional officers, patrol officers and jailers.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. No additional costs will be incurred by the district to launch this specific program. Existing equipment and facilities will be utilized, no additional staff or faculty are required at this time and curriculum development will be grant-funded.

Career pathways opportunities: The Law Enforcement Foundations One-Year Technical Diploma has existing dual enrollment opportunities and is a stackable credential to the 720 Law Enforcement Academy. The program also ladders into the existing Criminal Justice AAS degree.

Program Approval – Requested by: Lakeshore College

Program Title: Machine Tool Operation

Program Description: The Machine Tool Operation One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to set up, operate and troubleshoot CNC and manual milling machines. Graduates are employed as machinists and CNC 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: Milwaukee Area Technical College

Program Title: Fire Medic

Program Description: The Fire Medic Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to transport sick and injured persons. 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, firefighters 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. No additional costs will be incurred by the district to launch this specific program, as the college already offers the required courses through its existing fire and EMS programs.

Program Approval – Requested by: Moraine Park Technical College

Program Title: Nail Technician

Program Description: The Nail Technician Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma prepares students to perform manicures and pedicures including identification of nail and skin disorders. Graduates are qualified to take the state manicurist license exam and are employed as manicurists, pedicurists or nail 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.

Career pathways opportunities: The Nail Technician Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma ladders into the Cosmetology One Year Technical Diploma.

Program Approval – Requested by: Moraine Park Technical College

Program Title: Building Trades - Carpentry

Program Description: The Building Trades - Carpentry One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to enter residential and commercial construction roles, emphasizing framing, finishing and safety. Graduates are employed as carpentry assistants, framing carpenters, finish carpenters, construction laborers, remodeling technicians, maintenance workers or general construction trades workers.

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

Program Approval – Requested by: Northcentral Technical College

Program Title: Artificial Intelligence Developer

Program Description: The Artificial Intelligence Developer Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to design, build and maintain software applications that incorporate artificial intelligence (AI) models. The program emphasizes applied software development skills including programming, application integration, testing and development practices that support AI-driven applications. Graduates are employed as software developers and application developers.

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

New Apprenticeship Program Proposal – Requested by: Northcentral Technical College

Program Title: Fire Paramedic Apprentice

Program Description: The Fire Paramedic Apprenticeship prepares apprentices to suppress fires, provide paramedic patient care, conduct rescue operations and extrication, respond to hazardous materials incidents, conduct fire prevention and inspection activities, operate fire apparatus, operate within the Incident Command System and conduct specialized emergency response operations. Apprentices are employed as firefighter paramedics.

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: 9/1/26

District Board Approval Date: 5/5/2026

Program Approval – Requested by: Southwest Wisconsin 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.

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.

<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>PROGRAM TITLE</u>
Gateway Technical College	Arboriculture/Urban Forestry Technician Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 03/24/2015
Gateway Technical College	Hospitality Management Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low completion rate and changes in industry needs. Program originally approved: 01/22/2016

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

Blackhawk Technical College – Rental and remodeling of facilities in Beloit at an average annual cost of \$116,291.

Madison Area Technical College – Construction of facilities in Fort Atkinson at a cost of \$800,000.

Moraine Park Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in West Bend at a cost of \$1,200,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$1,330,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$255,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$101,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$341,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$182,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$155,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$600,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$84,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$327,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$164,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of \$237,000.

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

Blackhawk Technical College – Rental and Remodeling of Facilities in Beloit

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

The district's students have shown interest in accommodations similar to university dormitories and for two years the district has been connecting those students with Beloit College. Beloit College's Peet Hall is a dormitory that is currently underutilized and currently houses 40 Blackhawk students. The district has proposed leasing the entire dormitory from Beloit College to accommodate the increasing need for its students. The proposed lease will allow the district to offer housing to 73 of its students. The 51,400 square foot, four-story dormitory includes eight double rooms and 57 single rooms for a maximum capacity of 73 students.

Most of the students in the dorm do not have a vehicle and rely on the district's shuttle bus for transportation to campus seven miles away.

The student housing cost per semester is \$3,500 for a single room and \$3,150 for splitting a double room. The district projects that 45 students will occupy the dormitory in the first year, 55 students in year two and near capacity in year three. The students are offered the same meal plans offered to Beloit College students as well as the meal plans that are offered at Blackhawk. The district has seen students often choose the "pay as you go" meal plan option at either campus due to their time on both campuses.

The district will hire a full-time Residential Adviser that will occupy a small apartment in the dorm and will also have three student Residential Assistants, one on each of the upper floors.

The district will spend up to \$1,000,000 to remodel and improve the dormitory. The remodeling consists of replacing flooring and ceiling materials, painting walls and replacing doors. Some of the floors and ceiling finishes have been found to contain asbestos.

The term of the lease is five years and the annual rent increase is 3%. The annual lease cost is shown below. The lease payments include utilities, custodial services, snow removal and landscaping.

Year 1	\$109,520.00
Year 2	\$112,805.60
Year 3	\$116,189.77
Year 4	\$119,675.46
Year 5	\$123,265.72

Prior to the end of the lease there is an option to renew it for an additional five years. If the district does not renew the lease, Beloit College will repay Blackhawk 50% of the leasehold improvements. Renewal of, or any extension of, the lease is required to be submitted to the WTCS Board for consideration.

The District will spend up to \$1,000,000 to improve the leased space and those improvements will be funded by the district's fund balance. The average annual cost of the lease over the five-year term is approximately \$116,291, which is \$2.26 per square foot. The lease will be funded through the district's operating budget. The improvements combined with the lease payments averaged over the initial five-year term is \$6.15 per square foot.

Madison Area Technical College – Construct Facilities in Fort Atkinson

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

The district proposes to construct a 2,400 square foot storage building to replace a fifty-year-old storage building. The new building improves accessibility to the existing parking lot and will be used for maintenance equipment, welding supplies and machine tool supplies. An Environmental Assessment for the addition was made available to the public and government agencies and no comments were received.

The district received approval for this project at the March 2026 WTCS Board meeting and, subsequent to that approval, the lowest bid received was higher than approved. The original approval was \$500,000 with an estimated cost of \$188 per square foot.

The cost of the project is \$800,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$300 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Moraine Park Technical College – Remodel Facilities in West Bend

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 2,050 square feet to expand the Carpentry Apprentice (15 FTEs) Lab. The new space will allow the placement of a large CNC wood working table, a table saw, a shaper station, four workbench stations and other machinery. The lab is an expansion into the underutilized HVAC technician space and will accommodate increased enrollments in the Carpentry Apprentice program. The project entails significant alterations to the building's HVAC distribution systems and adds dust collection systems in the new and existing carpentry labs. The project will also consolidate training equipment for the HVAC & Refrigeration program in their existing labs. The project requires extensive electrical alterations for the new and relocated equipment.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,200,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$523 per square foot. The project will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$204,000 on training equipment to furnish the space.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Green Bay

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 11,200 square feet to relocate the Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) (32 FTEs) program. The project converts six general purpose classrooms into a Physical Therapy education suite. Half of the suite will have a large Physical Therapy lab and classroom with a simulated/mock hospital room, simulated/mock bathroom, ten therapy stations and various storage rooms. The other half consists of a walking track, a classroom and two smaller conference/focus rooms. The district has consistent enrollments and employer demand projections. These facilities provide the PTA program with its own space to set up its training scenarios. When it is not being used the walking track will be made available to others.

This 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 removing and 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 \$1,330,000 and the unit cost calculates to approximately \$119 per square foot. The district will fund the project with \$1,142,562 in fund reserve and \$308,938 through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$126,225 on equipment to furnish the space.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Green Bay

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 2,400 square feet to convert three small general education classrooms into two larger general education classrooms. The three small classrooms have capacity of 24 students each and their finishes have reached the end of their useful lives. The two larger proposed classrooms will have a capacity of 32 students each and will provide the electrical and IT infrastructure needed for existing computer and presentation equipment. The project entails the removal and construction of walls and doors and the replacement of interior finishes, lighting and HVAC distribution. The classrooms will be added to the general inventory of spaces to reduce scheduling conflicts.

The estimated cost of the project is \$255,000 and the unit cost calculates to approximately \$106 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$188,525 on equipment to furnish the classrooms.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Green Bay

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,900 square feet to consolidate the Capital Development Team. The Capital team is responsible for the construction, remodeling and maintenance on campus and this project will create two new offices, an open office for three, two conference rooms and a resources library. The staff will be consolidated into a dedicated space from various locations and provide a formal meeting and presentation space for planning improvements in the district. The project involves converting storage spaces into the open office and improving existing offices.

The estimated cost of the project is \$101,000 and the unit cost calculates to approximately \$53 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$52,500 to furnish the space.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Green Bay

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 2,350 square feet to create a dedicated fitness and training space for students in both the Law Enforcement Academy and Law Enforcement AAS programs (122 FTEs). These programs currently use the campus gymnasium for fitness training and this dedicated space will alleviate scheduling conflicts. The dedicated space provides instructors the space to set up and leave program specific training scenarios for each class and will include a padded floor to improve safety. The law enforcement programs have consistent enrollments and employer demand. This space is being created from underutilized offices and open office space.

The estimated cost of the project is \$341,000 and the unit cost calculates to approximately \$145 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$18,400 on equipment to furnish the space.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Green Bay

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

The district proposes to remodel two bathrooms, approximately 170 square feet. These two bathrooms are not accessible and have also reached the end of their useful lives. Both bathrooms will be converted from double stall bathrooms to single stall bathrooms to accommodate the space requirements of current accessibility requirements. The square foot

cost for this project is high due to the changes to the plumbing and general expenses of bathroom finishes.

The estimated cost of the project is \$182,000 and the unit cost calculates to approximately \$1,066 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Green Bay

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,600 square feet to update an office suite. The existing office suite has a reception room, a small conference room and three offices. The finishes in this suite have reached the end of their useful lives and with updating the finishes, the small conference room and one office will be converted into an open office for four workstations.

The estimated cost of the project is \$155,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$97 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$70,400 to furnish the space.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Green Bay

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 4,900 square feet to update the district office suite. The project reorganizes seven individual offices, an open office for three workstations, a reception desk with a waiting area, a kitchenette and a small conference room. Along with the reconfiguration of the offices, all the existing finishes in the office suite will be updated. The new office space consolidates the administration and their support staff.

The estimated cost of the project is \$600,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$122 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$243,900 on equipment to furnish the space.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Green Bay

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 500 square feet. The project will convert an underutilized student lounge into a collaboration/conference room. The lounge is rarely used and does not have sufficient visibility for use. The project will relocate the door and update the

finishes. The room will be added to the inventory of space for scheduling by students, faculty and the administration.

The estimated cost of the project is \$84,000 and the unit cost calculates to approximately \$167 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$16,600 to furnish the space.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Green Bay

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,470 square feet to create a radiography lab/classroom and improve two existing x-ray labs for the Radiography AAS program (17 FTEs). The project will convert two unused darkrooms into the radiography lab and add lead shielding to the x-ray labs. The district has consistent enrollments in the radiography program and enrollment projections and employer demand remain consistent.

The estimated cost of the project is \$327,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$222 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$17,600 on equipment to furnish the space.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Green Bay

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 650 square feet to create three dental radiography stations. The Dental Hygienist (32 FTEs) and Dental Assistant (11 FTEs) programs are expanding and the additional stations will alleviate scheduling conflicts. The stations will be created from an underutilized classroom. The three stations will be equipped with dental x-ray equipment and involve installing two sinks adjacent to the stations. The district has consistent enrollments in its dental programs and projections of need are increasing.

The estimated cost of the project is \$164,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$252 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$27,200 on equipment to furnish the space.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Green Bay

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,600 square feet to convert the underutilized coffee shop into a meeting room. The new meeting room will accommodate up to 40 people

and provides the district with a needed medium-sized gathering space. The meeting room will be added to the inventory of available meeting rooms on campus.

The estimated cost of the project is \$237,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$149 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$108,300 on equipment and furnishings for the meeting room.

Western Technical College – Acquisition of Facilities in La Crosse

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

The district proposes to acquire a parcel of land contiguous to campus. The 1.66-acre parcel includes a 20,814 square foot office building with 128 parking spaces. The acquisition provides additional space for long-range plans and campus expansion.

The property is being donated by a supporter of the college and is currently leased by eleven tenants and is fully occupied. Current expenses including maintenance, insurance taxes, utilities, etc. are approximately \$150,000 annually. Current revenues from rent are \$215,000 annually. The district will maintain the existing leases.

An Environmental Site Assessment Phase 1 was conducted on the property and no recognized environmental conditions were found.

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

The total cost of the acquisition is \$1.00 and will be funded from the district's fund balance. The property is being donated and the appraised value is \$2,200,000. The district's foundation has paid the fees for the environmental services and legal costs.

INTERIM DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Lakeshore Technical College (Lakeshore College)

<u>Member Category</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Additional	Logan Rooney	7/15/26 – 6/30/29

Mr. Rooney currently serves as the employment services coordinator at Ascend Services Inc., where he works directly with individuals with disabilities to support long-term employment opportunities and workforce success. He earned a post-baccalaureate technical diploma in paralegal studies from Lakeshore College and a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from UW–Eau Claire. He is actively involved in the Manitowoc community through several civic and nonprofit leadership roles, including serving as a trustee and board secretary for the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, chairperson of the USS Cobia Committee, board member for the Manitowoc Public School District Foundation Board and board member for Woodland Dunes Nature Preserve. In recognition of his leadership and community impact, he was named a recipient of the Future 15 Award in 2025 by the Manitowoc County Chamber of Commerce.

Nicolet Area Technical College (Nicolet College)

<u>Member Category</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Additional	Kristin Allen	7/15/26 – 6/30/29

Ms. Allen currently serves as the higher education transition coordinator with the Lac du Flambeau Tribe. Since 2014, she has been an active member of her community, participating on numerous boards, committees and commissions. She believes education is key to improving one's life.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC)

<u>Member Category</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Elected Official	Collin Pomplun	7/15/26 – 6/30/29

Mr. Pomplun graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a bachelor's degree in political science in June 2026 and is currently in his first term as an elected county supervisor for Shawano County. Within his role on the Shawano County Board, he serves on several committees, including the Eastern Central Wisconsin Planning Commission: Economic Development Committee; the Tax Increment Districts Committee; the Shawano County Highway Safety

Commission; and the Broadband Task Force. He also leads the general athletics department at Dunham's Sports in Shawano.

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (SWTC)

<u>Member Category</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Additional	Frank King	7/15/26 – 6/30/29

Dr. Frank C. King, Jr. of Platteville, is an associate professor of ethnic studies at UW-Platteville. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History/Secondary Social Studies Education and a doctorate in American Studies and authored the publication '*From Here to There: An Introduction to Race, Gender and Class in the United States*,' published with Cognella Academic Publishing. He is a member of the American Studies Association and the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE). In addition to his experience in academia, Dr. King has also served in the Platteville Police and Fire Commission, as well as the US Air Force (1995 – 1999). He was honorably discharged and received the 1999 Air Force Achievement Medal for Excellent Service.

ITEM L: STATE AND FEDERAL PERKINS GRANT GUIDELINES

WTCS Grants Manager Tou Ya Khang

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board adopts the funding categories for the State of Wisconsin and Perkins V Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century grant programs for fiscal years 2027-28.

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

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

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

ITEM M: 2027-29 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID REQUEST TO THE HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD (HEAB)

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves the submission of the WTCS request for financial aid to the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB).

HEAB administers the Wisconsin Grant (WG). This financial aid program is funded through appropriations included in HEAB's budget and provides important resources to help students with financial needs who attend WTCS institutions.

As part of its biennial budget development, the System Board has traditionally submitted a request that asks HEAB to include a specific funding request for WTCS WG as part of HEAB's agency budget request. Budget requests must be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Administration by September 15 for consideration by the Governor as they prepare their proposed executive budget. The budget currently being developed is for the 2027-29 biennium that begins on July 1, 2027, and ends on June 30, 2029. The Governor will likely release their proposed biennial budget early in 2027 with action by the Wisconsin

Legislature in spring 2027. Because of the timing of the System Board meeting and HEAB meetings, System Office staff recommends the System Board approve submission of the WTCS request to HEAB at this July WTCS Board meeting.

The WTCS Budget Development Workgroup will review information at Tuesday's Workgroup meeting and provide a handout with recommended funding to the WTCS Board for discussion. Based on the System Board's passage of the resolution, the System Office will submit a letter to HEAB requesting inclusion of the approved funding option as part of their budget submission to the Department of Administration.

ITEM N: 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 O: ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Board President Sara Rogers

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WTCS Board is September 1-2, 2026, at Milwaukee Area Technical College in downtown Milwaukee.