Agenda

Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board

November 10-11, 2026
Fox Valley Technical College
1825 N. Bluemound Drive
Appleton, WI 54914

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Location: Fox Valley Technical College Board Room (Room A137)

4:30 pm

A.	APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2026, MEETING MINUTES	ACTION
B.	REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT • Board of Regents Report	REPORT
C.	REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT • System Updates	REPORT
D.	TEACHING & LEARNING – FACULTY TRAINING AND AI INTEGRATION	DISCUSSION

Motion to Recess until Wednesday, November 11, 2026

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

If you require accommodations to observe the meeting, please contact Rachel Colla at rachel.colla@wtcsystem.edu or at 608-266-8604.

Agenda
Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Location: Fox Valley Technical College Board Room (Room A137)

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

8:30 am

Fox Valley Technical College Tour – Dental and Cosmetology program areas

9:30 am

E.	WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS ASSOCIATION	REPORT
F.	WTCS PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	REPORT
G.	CONSENT AGENDA • Program Development • Facilities Development	ACTION
H.	2027-29 WTCS FACILITIES PLAN	ACTION
I.	WTCS COLLABORATIVE ECOSYSTEM	DISCUSSION
J.	2025 FACT BOOK	ACTION
K.	BOARD POLICY UPDATES	ACTION
L.	LEGISLATIVE UPDATE	DISCUSSION
M.	ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN	ACTION

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 Rachel Colla at rachel.colla@wtcsystem.edu or at 608-266-8604 to obtain instructions on how to join the call.

ITEM A: APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

Interim Board President Lindsay Blumer

ITEM B: REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

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- Board of Regents Report

ITEM C: REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT

System President Layla Merrifield

- System Updates

ITEM D: TEACHING & LEARNING – FACULTY TRAINING AND AI INTEGRATION

WTCS Provost and Vice President Dr. Colleen McCabe
Fox Valley Technical College Communication Skills Instructor Jennifer Heinritz

WTCS has long invested in faculty quality. The Faculty Quality Assurance System (FQAS) anchors our approach in providing a common, System-wide framework that supports effective teaching while encouraging continuous learning. Dr. Colleen McCabe, WTCS provost and vice president, will share an overview of how FQAS integrates with Artificial Intelligence through grant-funded projects at the colleges. Jennifer Heinritz, communication skills instructor at Fox Valley Technical College, will describe how her processes help faculty identify learning goals, anticipate common student challenges, establish clear boundaries for AI, and ensure that each conversation is tailored to a specific task rather than functioning as a general tutoring tool.

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

ITEM E: WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS ASSOCIATION (DBA)

Wisconsin Technical College DBA President John Wyatt

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

ITEM F: 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 G: CONSENT AGENDA

WTCS Associate Vice President-Instructional Services Chrystal Seeley-Schreck
WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon

- Program Development
- Facilities Development

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.

College	Program Title
Madison Area Technical College	Applied Artificial Intelligence Associate of Applied Science Degree
Moraine Park Technical College	Office Management Associate of Applied Science Degree
Nicolet Area Technical College	Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist Associate of Applied Science Degree
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist Associate of Applied Science Degree
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	Dental Therapy Associate of Applied Science Degree
Western Technical College	Advanced Finance for Accounting Advanced Technical Certificate

Concept Review – Requested by: Madison Area Technical College

Program Title: Applied Artificial Intelligence

Program Description: The Applied Artificial Intelligence Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to apply artificial intelligence (AI) tools in professional settings. Students develop skills in prompting, AI assisted content creation, no-code applications, automation, data analysis, AI agents, application programming interfaces (APIs) and AI assisted coding. Graduates are employed as AI application specialists, AI workflow automation specialists, business process analysts, AI implementation specialists, data analysts and technology solutions specialists.

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

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

Salary: $38.86/hour

District Board Approval Date: 8/6/2026

Concept Review – Requested by: Moraine Park Technical College

Program Title: Office Management

Program Description: The Office Management Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to hire and supervise office workers, prepare payroll and other office accounting duties and act as the lead liaison between the business and vendors. Graduates are employed as office and administrative managers, executive assistants and administrative professionals.

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

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

Salary: $32.89/hour

District Board Approval Date: 8/19/2026

Concept Review – Requested by: Nicolet Area 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: Nicolet Area Technical College demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data and employer support.

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

Salary: $39.00/hour

District Board Approval Date: 8/18/2026

Concept Review – Requested by: Northeast Wisconsin 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: Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data and employer support.

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

Salary: $36.00/hour

District Board Approval Date: 8/19/2026

Concept Review – Requested by: Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

Program Title: Dental Therapy

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

Demonstration of Program Need: Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market information, employer support and ad hoc committee support.

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

Salary: $55.00/hour

District Board Approval Date: 8/19/2026

Concept Review – Requested by: Western Technical College

Program Title: Advanced Finance for Accounting

Program Description: The Advanced Finance for Accounting Advanced Technical Certificate prepares students to assess financial performance, manage financial resources, evaluate investment opportunities and utilize emerging financial technologies to drive effective and ethical business decisions. Graduates are employed as financial and investment analysts, financial examiners and financial managers.

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

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

Salary: $43.11/hour

District Board Approval Date: 6/16/2026

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

College	**Program Title**
Blackhawk Technical College	Building Trades – Carpentry One-Year Technical Diploma
Blackhawk Technical College	Patient Service Specialist Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma
Fox Valley Technical College	Respiratory Therapy Associate of Applied Science Degree
Western Technical College	Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate of Applied Science Degree
Western Technical College	Landscape Horticulture Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Approval – Requested by: Blackhawk Technical College

Program Title: Building Trades - Carpentry

Program Description: The Building Trades – Carpentry One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students for entry-level carpentry careers. Graduates are employed as carpenters and construction laborers.

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 faculty, equipment and lab investments.

Career pathways opportunities: The program will support employment, apprenticeship and career advancement opportunities. A planned embedded technical diploma will be submitted for approval upon approval of this program.

Program Approval – Requested by: Blackhawk Technical College

Program Title: Patient Service Specialist

Program Description: The Patient Service Specialist Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma prepares students to perform customer service duties, including patient intake and discharge services, in a clinic setting. Graduates are employed as patient care representatives and medical receptionists.

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 Patient Service Specialist ladders into the Medical Assistant Technical Diploma.

Program Approval – Requested by: Fox Valley Technical College

Program Title: Respiratory Therapy

Program Description: The Respiratory Therapy Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to treat and manage patients of all ages with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders in a wide variety of clinical settings. The scope of practice for respiratory therapists includes, but is not limited to, assessing the cardiopulmonary status of patients, drawing blood samples, performing blood gas analysis and pulmonary function testing, initiating ordered respiratory care and evaluating and monitoring patients' response to such care. Graduates are employed as respiratory therapists.

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

Program Approval – Requested by: Western Technical College

Program Title: Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Program Description: The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to perform various ultrasound procedures of the abdomen, obstetrics, gynecologic and limited vascular procedures. Graduates are employed as diagnostic medical sonographers.

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: Landscape Horticulture

Program Description: The Landscape Horticulture Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to landscape, design and utilize business strategy to pursue business ownership related to the landscape industry. Graduates are employed as landscape and grounds keeping supervisors, managers and small business owners.

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, a program experiences low enrollment over a long period of time, or the cost for the college to continue the program becomes burdensome. 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.

College	Program Title
Fox Valley Technical College	**Aeronautics – Professional Pilot** **One-year Technical Diploma** Program discontinued due to low enrollment and change in industry needs. Program originally approved: 4/20/2012
Lakeshore Technical College	**Auto Collision Repair & Refinish Technician** **One-year Technical Diploma** Program discontinued due to low enrollment and high program cost. Program originally approved: 4/13/2015
Northwood Technical College	**Hospitality Specialist** One-year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to change in industry needs. Program originally approved: 1/23/2018

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

College	Program Title
Blackhawk Technical College	**Substance Use Disorder Counseling** Changed to: Substance Use Disorder Counselor

Facilities Development Requests

Blackhawk Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Monroe at a cost of $1,250,000.

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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 $464,000.

Fox Valley Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Appleton at a cost of $193,000.

Gateway Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Kenosha at a cost of $470,000.

Lakeshore Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Cleveland at a cost of $330,474.

Mid-State Technical College – Acquisition and remodeling of facilities in Stevens Point at a cost of $596,767.

Mid-State Technical College – Rental of facilities in Stevens Point at no cost for fifty years.

Nicolet Area Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Rhinelander at a cost of $238,000.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Green Bay at a cost of $359,200.

Western Technical College – Remodeling of facilities at the Main Campus in La Crosse at a cost of $450,000.

Several projects in this section are supported by Rural Health Transformation grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Under the Stevens Amendment, recipients of certain federal grants must include funding disclosures in public communications about grant-funded projects. Accordingly, four of the following Facilities Development Requests contain the required disclosure statement.

Blackhawk Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Monroe

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

The district proposes to remodel space to create a science laboratory, approximately 3,980 square feet. The project updates the existing nursing lab and converts the existing food service lab into a science lab. The new science lab will be used by the nursing (19 headcount), health, general science and food science related programs. The nursing lab remodeling creates a new storage room, an assessment room and adds an additional hospital bed (for a total of six beds) with additional IT and electrical infrastructure. The district has consistent enrollments in its nursing and health programs as well as its Liberal Arts science related classes.

The estimated cost of the remodeling project is $1,250,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $295 per square foot and will be funded with $1,130,000 in district borrowing and $120,000 by a health grant.

This project is supported by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as part of a financial assistance award totaling $603,380 with 9.7% of the remodeling funded by CMS/HHS. The program and contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

Blackhawk Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Monroe

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 3,950 square feet to create a new electronics lab, new industrial lab, remodel the student registration office and convert the small resource library into a multi-purpose conference and computer lab. Two distance learning classrooms and a small industrial maintenance lab will be converted into a large industrial lab and the smaller electronics lab. The enlarged industrial lab will support the

Industrial Maintenance Mechanic (11 headcount) program which launched this fall with funding from a WTCS Core Industry Grant. The new registration desk will provide an additional workstation to assist students. The multi-purpose room can be used by all campus programs.

The estimated cost of the projects is $1,250,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $297 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Chippewa Valley Technical College – Remodel 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 3,900 square feet to improve new student assessment and testing service areas. The district seeks to expand its assessment facilities as non-traditional student enrollments increase and the number of existing facilities is insufficient and have reached the end of their useful lives. The project also creates an open office for 18 faculty members, five small conference rooms and two smaller rooms for veterans' services staff. The district serves approximately 7,200 students annually in Eau Claire and a significant number of those students visit the career assessment and testing offices.

The estimated cost of the project is $1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $344 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Fox Valley Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Appleton

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 4,400 square feet of the leased facility where the Veterinary Technician (56 FTEs) program is offered. The project will create a new treatment room and two classrooms/labs. Additional lighting will be added along with updates to the finishes throughout the space. The cost of the remodeling adds approximately $2 per square foot to the cost of the lease over the life of the lease. The district has significant employer need and has increased enrollments since occupying the leased facility.

The estimated cost of the project is $464,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $92 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Fox Valley Technical College – Remodel 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 remodel approximately 2,600 square feet for the Nursing Assistant (48 FTEs) program. The project will create a nursing skills lab and a multipurpose classroom from underutilized offices and small meeting rooms. The district has seen an increase in enrollments in the nursing assistant program and employer demand is high.

The estimated cost of the project is $193,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $65 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Gateway Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Kenosha

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

The district proposes to remodel the restrooms in the Administration building. The existing restrooms have reached the end of their useful lives and are not fully accessible. The remodeling repositions the plumbing fixtures in the men's and women's restrooms to meet current accessibility requirements. A single bathroom and a kitchenette will also be created.

The estimated cost of the project is $470,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $678 per square foot. The project will be funded through district borrowing.

Lakeshore Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Cleveland

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,300 square feet. The project will update a vacated ophthalmic lab to create a lab for the Nursing Assistant (40 FTEs, 56 headcount) program. The new lab will have six hospital beds and a small classroom seating area. The additional lab increases the number of students the district can train in response to local employers' need.

The estimated cost of the remodeling project is $330,474 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $233 per square foot. Funding for the project is through $58,401 in district borrowing, $126,177 in donations and $145,896 from a health grant.

This project is supported by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as part of a financial assistance award totaling $729,480 with 44.2% of the remodeling funded by CMS/HHS. The program and contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

Mid-State Technical College – Acquisition and Remodeling of Facilities in Stevens Point

The Mid-State Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to acquire and remodel facilities in Downtown Stevens Point.

The district proposes to acquire a parcel of land that is contiguous to the downtown Stevens Point Campus. The 1.008-acre parcel includes a 22,627 square foot building with parking for approximately 40 vehicles. The facility provides room for expansion and long-term plans. Initially, the district will use the building in its current form. The building has recently been used as an office building and consists of a large open office area, five small offices, two conference rooms, a breakroom/kitchen, a small classroom and various storage and mechanical spaces. Historically, the building was a retail venue. The district initially plans to use the facility for conferences and contract training.

An Environmental Site Assessment Phase 1 and Phase 2 were conducted on the property, and no recognized environmental conditions were found.

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

The acquisition cost of the property including fees is $281,767. The purchase price is $256,567 and the property has an appraised value of $1,539,000. The property is being purchased from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Stevens Point.

Upon acquisition of the property the district proposes spending $315,000 to remodel the exterior of the building and to make repairs to the roof. The remodeling will add architectural elements designed to match the existing campus building.

The district anticipates spending approximately $35,000 annually on utilities and maintenance to operate the facility.

The total cost of acquisition and remodeling is $596,767 and will be funded by district borrowing.

Mid-State Technical College – Rental of Facilities in Stevens Point

The Mid-State Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to lease facilities in Stevens Point.

The district proposes leasing land from the City of Stevens Point to secure a location for the planned development of a Nexus Public Safety Education and Training Center. The lease is for approximately 40 acres of undeveloped land on which the City of Stevens Point and the district will develop separate and shared facilities.

The district has the need to expand its public safety programs and lacks sufficient space at its existing campuses. The site will allow the district to develop its own facilities on the site along with a small, shared facility with the City of Stevens Point. The City of Stevens Point will develop its own fire station and associated structures. The district has begun a capital campaign to raise funds to construct the public safety center. The City of Stevens Point has also begun the process of developing a new fire station on the site.

Below are the enrollments of the programs offered at Mid-State. The Concept Review of the planned Nexus Center was approved at the September WTCS Board meeting.

Program	2024-25 Headcount	2024-25 FTE	Projected Headcount	Projected FTE
Emergency Services Management	15	5	20	7
Criminal Justice Studies	74	43	95	55
Corrections & Comm Advocacy	40	23	50	29
Paramedic Technician	29	12	48	19
Fire Service Certification	20	5	40	9
Law Enforcement Academy	49	35	52	37
Jail Academy	8	2	20	4
Emergency Medical Technician	101	14	130	18
Paramedic	48	21	65	28

Prior to development on the site the district is required to complete the Environmental Impact Statement process and WTCS Board approval of that process.

The term of the lease is 50 years. Renewal or extension of the lease is required to be submitted to the WTCS Board for consideration. All future development by the district on the site and any modification to the lease requires WTCS Board approval.

There is no cost for the lease.

Nicolet Area Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Rhinelander

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

The district proposes to remodel a standard classroom, approximately 1,300 square feet. The project will create three small classrooms for the Medical Assistant program, providing modern, flexible learning spaces that more closely replicate current clinical settings. The existing facilities have not been updated in 20 years and require electrical, lighting and IT upgrades to meet the needs of modern training, computer and IT equipment.

The estimated cost of the project is $238,000 and the unit cost calculates to approximately $186 per square foot and will be funded by a health grant.

This project is supported by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as part of a financial assistance award totaling $1,900,025 with 100% of the remodeling funded by CMS/HHS. The program and contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

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 1,700 square feet for the Dental Therapy (11 FTEs) program. The project will add six clinic chairs, a locker room and a faculty office. The project will allow the district to support an additional 12 dental therapy students annually and provide community dental services. The district has significant employer demand for graduates in the program.

The estimated cost of the project is $359,200 and the unit cost calculates to approximately $212 per square foot and will be funded by a health grant.

This project is supported by CMS of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling $1,796,276 with 100% of the remodeling funded by CMS/HHS. The program and contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

Western Technical College – Remodel Facilities in La Crosse

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,800 square feet to reorganize and update the general studies administration suite. The project remodels four individual offices, a waiting/reception desk area, a workroom and a small meeting room. The update will modernize the infrastructure in the offices, and the new configuration will improve the visibility and accessibility of the staff for the students.

The estimated cost of the project is $450,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $223 per square foot. The project will be funded through district borrowing.

ITEM H: 2026-29 WTCS FACILITIES PLAN

WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon

The 2026-29 Facilities Plan for the Wisconsin Technical College System is a summary of information and data included in the Three-Year Facilities Plans prepared by the respective technical colleges.

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System president, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board accept the 2026-2029 WTCS Facilities Plan. Individual projects included in the Plan are subject to the Board's review and approval, pursuant to s. 38.04(10) Stats.

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

THREE-YEAR FACILITIES PLAN

2026-2029

The 2026-29 Facilities Plan for the Wisconsin Technical College System is a summary of information and data included in the Three-Year Facilities Plans prepared by the respective technical colleges. Those detailed plans are on file in the System Office.

Summary

Currently, the 16 technical colleges in the System own buildings that total 14.9 million square feet (see Table 1) with a replacement value of $3.37 billion.

Since 1980, 20 referenda proposed by technical colleges have been approved by voters with over $727,700,000 allocated for building expansion, property acquisition and remodeling. Other facility projects have been funded through gifts, grants and local borrowing.

Major initiatives reflected in the 2026-29 plans include:

- Blackhawk Technical College: Construction for Manufacturing, Apprenticeship and Transportation programs at the Monroe Campus.
- Lakeshore Technical College: Construct an addition for student services, amenities and accessibility.
- Lakeshore Technical College: Remodeling at the Main Campus to create an Advanced Manufacturing Lab.
- Madison Area Technical College: Remodeling for the Veterinary Science Program in Madison.
- Mid-State Technical College: Acquisition and remodeling of contiguous property in Downtown Stevens Point.
- Northcentral Technical College: Construction of an addition for Public Safety programs in Merrill.
- Western Technical College: Remodeling at the Automotive Technology facility in La Crosse.

The System has long advocated that technical colleges develop a capital renewal and replacement program for major existing building systems and components. The specific amount for each technical college is dependent on a number of factors including building age, mix, construction type and level of maintenance received. The annual capital improvement budgets are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 1

TECHNICAL COLLEGE FACILITY SUMMARY

System Totals:

Owned: 14,880,181 square feet

Leased: 323,095 square feet

Buildings Owned Appraised Value Total: $3,372,889,715

Blackhawk Technical College – Total Owned: 464,257 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Central	436,122	$95,427,198	129.00
Monroe	28,135	$6,860,113	3.00
TOTAL OWNED	**464,257**	**$102,287,311**	**132.00**

No Leased Facilities for Blackhawk Technical College.

Chippewa Valley Technical College – Total Owned: 874,732 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Eau Claire-Clairemont	313,405	$74,759,019	20.87
Eau Claire-Health Ed Ctr	90,819	$23,565,100	26.77
Energy Education Center	48,542	$14,128,900	39.20
Eau Claire-Gateway	110,896	$27,023,900	25.83
Emergency Services Ed Ctr	56,785	$16,803,329	29.40
Transportation Ed Ctr	130,213	$33,665,800	89.70
Fire Safety Center	7,872	$2,057,000	Emerg. Serv. Ctr
Chippewa Falls	36,141	$9,116,800	11.60
Menomonie	20,824	$5,214,600	3.20
River Falls	55,515	$14,292,950	13.80
Neillsville	3,720	$830,750	5.00
TOTAL OWNED	**874,732**	**$221,458,148**	**265.37**

No Leased Facilities for Chippewa Valley Technical College.

Fox Valley Technical College – Total Owned/Leased: 1,267,441 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Appleton	609,979	$202,290,016	144.00
Protective Services	113,118	$52,164,208	77.50

Transportation Center	122,498	$23,583,560	Appleton
Agriculture Center	40,966	$14,242,885	Appleton
D.J. Bordini Center	78,813	$25,741,560	Appleton
Oshkosh-Riverside	75,079	$28,927,835	12.63
Oshkosh-Aviation-Construct	81,036	$20,274,930	77.00
Wautoma	12,512	$4,697,850	2.42
Hortonville	1,944	de minimis	160.1
Chilton	21,689	$7,906,060	5.37
TOTAL OWNED	**1,157,634**	**$379,828,904**	**479.02**

Leased Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)
Oshkosh-Adv. Manuf. Tech	27,000
Apple Valley Veterinary Clinic	5,000
Clintonville	16,500
Waupaca	15,200
Oshkosh Hanger	11,030
Appleton-Career Exploration Finance	11,500
Oshkosh	14,557
Outagamie Airport AARF	9,020
TOTAL LEASED	**109,807**

Gateway Technical College – Total Owned/Leased: 936,519 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Elkhorn	116,226	$29,382,899	64.00
Kenosha	366,348	$90,664,933	61.00
Horizon Center	40,555	$11,011,784	Leased Site
Sturtevant	89,149	$26,711,335	7.04
Burlington	23,416	$7,156,881	Leased Site
Racine	273,225	$74,489,401	19.00
TOTAL OWNED	**908,919**	**$239,417,233**	**151.04**

Leased Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)
Pleasant Prairie	14,753
Burlington	4,700
Kenosha	8,147
TOTAL LEASED	**27,600**

Lakeshore Technical College – Total Owned/Leased: 465,097 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Cleveland	439,747	$104,677,681	154.00
School of Agriculture	6,200	$725,000	Leased Site
TOTAL OWNED	**445,947**	**$104,402,681**	**154.00**

Leased Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)
Sheboygan	8,910
Manitowoc	10,240
TOTAL LEASED	**19,150**

Madison Area Technical College – Total Owned/Leased: 1,954,308 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Madison Truax (Main)	1,289,582	$343,426,400	161.92
Madison Truax (Health)	176,933	$51,619,700	Truax
Madison Truax (Protect)	81,410	$22,839,600	Truax
Madison Commercial Ave	110,078	$27,213,100	9.33
Madison South	103,385	$31,123,100	5.13
Evoc Columbus	13,752	$1,921,325	40.00
Fort Atkinson	45,871	$11,202,128	10.98
Reedsburg	34,250	$7,828,971	12.48
Portage	20,047	$4,777,942	11.54
Watertown	41,733	$10,976,081	15.22
TOTAL OWNED	**1,917,041**	**$512,928,347**	**266.60**

Leased Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)
Portage	8,332
Madison	28,935
TOTAL LEASED	**37,267**

Mid-State Technical College – Total Owned/Leased: 448,027 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Wisconsin Rapids	273,934	$74,512,000	157.00
Marshfield	49,772	$13,490,523	18.70
Adams	8,922	$2,299,514	1.03

Stevens Point	103,919	$27,228,519	12.22
TOTAL OWNED	**436,547**	**$117,530,556**	**188.95**

Leased Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)
Aspirus Hospital Wis Rapids	11,480
TOTAL LEASED	**11,480**

Milwaukee Area Technical College – Total Owned/Leased: 2,883,896 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Milwaukee (Downtown)	1,854,144	$147,725,000	9.87
Milwaukee (Blue Hole)	25,355	$5,580,636	32.80
Milwaukee (MEC South)	126,932	$13,850,820	2.94
Oak Creek	358,303	$40,036,777	104.33
Mequon	208,918	$25,807,641	172.86
West Allis	223,815	$25,127,710	8.78
TOTAL OWNED	**2,797,467**	**$258,128,584**	**331.58**

Leased Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)
Milwaukee Funeral Serv	6,929
Airport	79,500
TOTAL LEASED	**86,429**

Moraine Park Technical College – Total Owned 670,009 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Fond du Lac	357,311	$102,595,808	80.00
West Bend	208,428	$68,629,796	48.00
Beaver Dam	82,570	$26,346,177	16.50
Horicon	21,700	$10,005,960	28.00
TOTAL OWNED	**670,009**	**$207,577,741**	**172.50**

No Leased Facilities for Moraine Park Technical College.

Nicolet Area Technical College – Total Owned/Leased: 214,399 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Rhinelander	207,866	$45,531,541	277.00
TOTAL OWNED	**207,866**	**$45,531,541**	**277.00**

Leased Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)
Woodruff	843
Tomahawk	700
Crandon	4,990
TOTAL LEASED	**6,533**

Northcentral Technical College – Total Owned/Leased: 734,223 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Wausau Dairy Farm	41,209	$5,575,000	115.15
Wausau	505,966	$78,069,000	89.12
Antigo	84,515	$10,000,000	50.00
Merrill	48,172	$7,585,000	43.27
Phillips	29,600	$4,200,000	4.07
Spencer	9,600	$600,000	1.47
Wittenberg	2,691	$430,000	1.52
TOTAL OWNED	**721,753**	**$106,459,000**	**304.60**

Leased Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)
Medford	12,470
TOTAL LEASED	**12,470**

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Total Owned: 1,367,155 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Green Bay	1,102,782	$266,402,640	252.25
Marinette	129,984	$28,292,700	41.00
Sturgeon Bay	62,701	$15,730,600	10.00
Shawano	17,037	$4,345,100	2.30
Crivitz	7,500	$1,633,200	4.15
Sister Bay	5,536	$385,700	2.98
Aurora	26,182	$5,465,400	3.01
Oconto Falls	9,134	$1,781,700	1.30
Luxemburg	6,299	$680,050	0.90
TOTAL OWNED	**1,367,155**	**$324,717,090**	**317.89**

No Leased Facilities for Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

Northwood Technical College – Total Owned/Leased: 569,591 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Ashland	74,912	$18,617,317	30.60
New Richmond	169,060	$34,602,419	45.42
Rice Lake	172,005	$31,965,755	34.50
Superior	124,934	$32,646,587	11.60
Shell Lake	23,847	$4,908,213	3.00
TOTAL OWNED	**564,758**	**$122,740,291**	**125.12**

Leased Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)
Balsam Lake	2,750
Ladysmith	640
St. Croix Falls	940
Hurley	230
Hayward	273
TOTAL LEASED	**4,833**

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College – Total Owned/Leased: 424,869 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Fennimore	417,343	$72,576,791	215.00
TOTAL OWNED	**417,343**	**$72,576,791**	**215.00**

Leased Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)
Richland Center	3,586
Darlington	840
Dodgeville	600
Platteville	2,500
TOTAL LEASED	**7,526**

Waukesha County Technical College – Total Owned: 830,016 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
Pewaukee	785,006	$226,234,152	140.00
Waukesha	45,010	$13,520,500	3.00
TOTAL OWNED	**830,016**	**$239,754,652**	**143.00**

No Leased Facilities for Waukesha County Technical College.

Western Technical College – Total Owned: 1,098,737 Area (sq ft)

Owned Facilities

Location	Area (sq ft)	Appraisal	Acre
La Crosse	772,281	$235,862,634	26.00
La Crosse Res. Hall	73,429	$26,964,990	La Crosse
La Crosse Parking Ramp	95,390	$6,059,500	La Crosse
Mauston	24,309	$6,361,290	8.00
Independence	12,277	$3,282,371	5.00
Tomah	22,765	$7,894,120	0.66
Sparta	47,490	$13,674,440	168.00
Viroqua	30,110	$9,436,180	1.40
Black River Falls	20,686	$7,015,320	3.00
TOTAL OWNED	**1,098,737**	**$316,550,845**	**212.06**

No Leased Facilities for Western Technical College.

TABLE 2
CAPITAL MAINTENANCE BUDGETS

Below are the estimated amounts the districts are planning for capital renewal and replacement programs. This budget includes items subject to replacement due to wear or life expectancy such as replacing boilers, carpet, paint, roofing, etc. The specific amount for each technical college district is dependent on a number of factors including building age, mix, construction type and level of maintenance required.

Technical College District	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Blackhawk	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Chippewa Valley	$3,000,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Fox Valley	$4,158,000	$4,384,000	$4,155,000
Gateway	$4,100,000	$4,500,000	$4,250,000
Lakeshore	$1,718,000	$894,000	$873,000
Madison Area	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Mid-State	$1,625,000	$805,000	$756,000
Milwaukee Area	$6,000,000	$7,700,000	$8,200,000
Moraine Park	$350,000	$600,000	$600,000
Nicolet Area	$1,156,000	$275,000	$925,000
Northcentral	$2,875,000	$2,960,000	$4,873,000
Northeast Wisconsin	$3,713,000	TBD	TBD
Northwood	$327,000	$984,000	$169,000
Southwest Wisconsin	$1,100,000	$400,000	$400,000
Waukesha County	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Western	$3,240,000	$1,000,000	$1,100,000

PLANNED FACILITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Blackhawk Technical College

2026-27

- Remodeling for Health Sciences, Manufacturing and general education programs at the Monroe Campus.

2027-28

- Construction for Manufacturing, Apprenticeship, and Transportation programs at the Monroe Campus.

2028-29

- Remodeling for the Culinary programs at the Beloit Janesville Main Campus.

Chippewa Valley Technical College

2026-27

- Remodeling of Student Services facilities at the Eau Claire Campus.
- Remodeling for Student Services, Recruitment and Veterans Services at the Eau Claire Campus.

2027-28

- Remodeling offices for faculty, management and administrative staff at the Eau Claire Campus.
- Remodeling to relocate the Residential Construction program at the Eau Claire Campus.

2028-29

- Remodeling for Public Safety programs in Eau Claire.
- Remodeling for Health Education programs in Eau Claire.

Fox Valley Technical College

2026-27

- Remodeling of facilities at the Agriculture Center at the Appleton Campus.
- Remodeling at the Appleton Campus Bordini Center for the Electrical programs.

2027-28

- Various remodeling projects to modernize general classrooms and program areas in Appleton.

2028-29

- Projects to be determined.

Gateway Technical College

2026-27

- Remodeling and general improvements to the bathrooms at the technical building in Racine.

2027-28

- General remodeling at the Racine, Elkhorn and Kenosha campuses.

2028-29

- Remodeling for the Cosmetology program at the Elkhorn Campus.
- Remodeling for the Dental program at the Kenosha campus.

Lakeshore Technical College

2026-27

- Construct an addition for student services, amenities and accessibility.
- Remodeling for the Nursing Assistant and Health related programming.

2027-28

- Remodeling at the Main Campus to create an Advanced Manufacturing Lab.
- Remodeling to create additional Student Success service spaces.

2028-29

- General remodeling at the Main Campus and continued projects.

Madison Area Technical College

2026-27

- Construction of facilities for the Protective Services programs in Madison.
- Remodeling for the Veterinary Science program in Madison.

2027-28

- Remodeling to improve lab spaces at the Commercial Avenue Campus in Madison.
- Remodeling to improve science labs at the Truax Campus in Madison.

2028-29

- Remodeling to expand Welding lab space in Madison.

Mid-State Technical College

2026-27

- Acquisition and remodeling of contiguous property in Downtown Stevens Point.
- Lease property in Stevens Point for Public Safety programs.

2027-28

- Construction of a storage facility in Adams.
- Remodeling of restrooms in Wisconsin Rapids.

2028-29

- Remodeling of Student Support spaces in Marshfield.

Milwaukee Area Technical College

2026-27

- Remodeling of Pathways and Testing facilities in Oak Creek.
- Various remodeling projects to update aging classrooms at the Downtown, West Allis, Mequon and Oak Creek Campuses.

2027-28

- Remodeling for Health programming at the Downtown Campus.

2028-29

- Remodeling for various health related programming at the Downtown Campus.
- Remodeling of the bookstore and cafeteria at the Oak Creek Campus.

Moraine Park Technical College

2026-27

- Remodeling of the Science Labs in Fond du Lac.
- Remodeling for Construction related programming in West Bend.

2027-28

- Construction of an addition for the Electrical Power Distribution program at the Beaver Dam Campus.
- Remodeling for health related programs at the West Bend Campus.

2028-29

- Remodeling of the Library in Fond du Lac.
- Remodeling for the Aesthetician program in West Bend.

Nicolet Area Technical College

2026-27

- Remodeling for the Cosmetology program.

2027-28

- Various smaller remodeling projects and replacements.

2028-29

- Various smaller remodeling projects and replacements.

Northcentral Technical College

2026-27

- Construction of an addition for motorcycle storage in Wausau.

2027-28

- Construction of an addition for Public Safety programs in Merrill.
- Construction of an addition in Wausau for general programming.

2028-29

- Construction of an Agriculture Event Center at the farm in Wausau.
- Remodeling offices for facility staff.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

2026-27

- Expansion of facilities at the Universal Driving Facility in Green Bay.

2027-28

- Acquire or lease facilities for Childcare/Daycare programming in Green Bay.

2028-29

- Various classroom remodeling projects and replacements in Green Bay.
- Acquisition of contiguous property at all campus locations as they become available.

Northwood Technical College

2026-27

- Remodeling of classrooms for the Early Childhood and Human Service programs at the Superior Campus.
- Remodeling of the entrance and student services in New Richmond.

2027-28

- Remodeling of the Conference facilities and food service spaces at the Ashland and Rice Lake Campuses.

2028-29

- Remodeling of Student Services support spaces at the Rice Lake Campus.

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College

2026-27

- Various capital improvements and replacements at the Main Campus.
- Remodeling to make accessible various bathrooms at the Main Campus.

2027-28

- Various capital improvements and replacements such as electrical service upgrades at the Main Campus.
- Remodeling at the Agricultural site on Highway 18.

2028-29

- Various capital improvements and replacements.

Waukesha County Technical College

2026-27

- Remodeling for Nursing programs and replacement of bathrooms at the Main Campus in Pewaukee.

- Remodeling of EMS classrooms and facilities at the Main Campus in Pewaukee.

2027-28

- Remodeling of classrooms and various bathrooms at the Main Campus in Pewaukee.

2028-29

- Remodeling of classrooms, various bathrooms and locker rooms at the Main Campus in Pewaukee.

Western Technical College

2026-27

- Remodeling at the Automotive Technology facility in La Crosse.
- Remodeling at the Residence Hall at the Main Campus in La Crosse.

2027-28

- Construction of facilities at the Public Safety facility in Sparta.
- Remodeling at various locations in the district.

2028-29

- Remodeling of various bathrooms and locker rooms at various locations in the district.

ITEM I: STRENGTHENING A STATEWIDE ECOSYSTEM: ADVANCING WISCONSIN'S LEARNER-WORKFORCE FRAMEWORK

Dr. Colleen McCabe, WTCS Provost and Vice President

WTCS Provost and Vice President Dr. Colleen McCabe will provide an update on collaborative efforts among WTCS, higher education, workforce and state agency partners to strengthen learner mobility, connect education and workforce pathways, and support Wisconsin's talent development goals. The presentation will introduce the concept of a federated Wisconsin Learner Mobility Compact that builds on existing partnerships and successful initiatives while preserving institutional autonomy.

This work reflects the Board's Strategic Direction of **collaboration** and its commitment to **transforming** how higher education in Wisconsin supports student success.

ITEM J: WTCS 2025-26 FACT BOOK

Director of Strategic Advancement Katy Pettersen

WTCS compiles student data from the colleges and reports information annually on student demographics, headcount, full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment, program and apprenticeship outcomes information. WTCS Director of Strategic Advancement Katy Pettersen will report the latest information from the 2025-26 Student Data Fact Book.

This work reflects the Board's Strategic Directions by leveraging data to drive **transformation** and improve outcomes for students.

ITEM K: BOARD POLICY MANUAL UPDATES – BOARD OPERATIONS AND STUDENT SERVICES

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo will provide an update of the Board's Policy Manual on Board Operations and Student Services.

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves the Board Policy Manual updates for board operations and student services.

ITEM L: 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 M: ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Interim Board President Lindsay Blumer

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WTCS Board is January 19, 2027, at Hill Farms State Office Building in Madison.