



COLLEGE MISSION

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College provides education and training opportunities responsive to students, employers, and communities.

SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS



DESIRED QUALITIES OF TRUSTEES

Trustees are passionate about serving the district through community college education, workforce training, and community development. They commit the time to engage and inform themselves, desire to learn and address constituent needs, and have a vision for Southwest Tech's future. Trustees ask thoughtful questions and listen well; work as a team with respect, preparedness, and clear communication; and are committed to ethical action. They are advocates of Southwest Tech and the mission of the Wisconsin Technical College System.

THE TRUSTEE'S ROLE

The Southwest Tech District Board of Trustees ensures that the College is:

- Well-managed and supports an environment in which the College will accomplish its mission.
- Guides the College to meet the needs of district students, residents, and employers.
- Ensures the vitality, relevance, success, and stability of the College now and into the future.

The success of the board depends on each individual trustee exercising responsibility through positive actions while performing his or her duties.

THE NATURE OF THE WORK

The Board of Trustees collectively guides the College by creating board-level policies and setting college-wide goals and outcomes. It upholds College values and models ethical leadership. The board monitors the College's performance and responsibly manages the resources of a taxpayer-funded public educational institution. To achieve the College's goals, the board delegates the operation and administration of the College to the president, who the board hires and supervises. Individual trustees contribute to board decisions; then the board speaks with one voice.

FINANCIAL COMPENSATION

The College does not compensate trustees for work but reimburses certain expenses.

TIME COMMITMENT

Trustees dedicate three to six hours per month to complete their responsibilities.

Trustees commit to

- One monthly meeting plus meeting preparation.
- Checking Southwest Tech email twice each week.
- 2 to 3 added meetings per year for duties such as presidential hiring or evaluation.
- Ad hoc and District Boards Association committee service.

New trustees complete new board member orientation soon after being elected.

The board meets in person though trustees can attend virtually when necessary. The board provides additional virtual and in-person training throughout the District Boards Association's meetings.

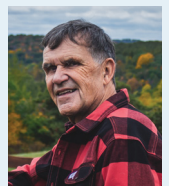
**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TO APPLY, VISIT
www.swtc.edu/swtcboard**

Each year, the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association recognizes individuals and business leaders in the state who exemplify the very best of Wisconsin's technical education system and colleges.

The Association also recognizes partners in our communities who promote the value of a technical college education. For the last two years in a row, Southwest Tech District Board Chairs Donald Tuescher and Charles Bolstad were honored as the Wisconsin Technical College System Board Member of the Year.



Don Tuescher



Charles Bolstad

APPLICATION PROCESS

The College announces board openings early in the new year or when a vacancy arises through the local paper and on the Southwest Tech website. The 30 K-12 school board presidents from Southwest Tech's district appoint trustees. State law requires that boards have a specific blend of representation. Applicants must reside within the Southwest Tech district, submit a completed application and at least two letters of reference, and attend an interview at a public hearing.

Southwest Tech does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Officer has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies. Call 800-362-3322, Ext. 2315 (TDD: 608-822-2072) or write Southwest Tech, 1800 Bronson Blvd., Fennimore, WI 53809.



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