MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
JUNE 18, 2026

The Southwest Wisconsin Technical College's Public Hearing commenced at 6:01 p.m. on June 18, 2026, in room 430 on the District Campus, 1800 Bronson Boulevard, Fennimore, Grant County, Wisconsin. The regular meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

The following members were present:

David Blume (left at 6:40 p.m.), Chuck Bolstad, Kent Enright, Jeanne Jordie, Chris Prange, Don Tuescher, Steve Williamson, Jane Wonderling. Absent: Theresa Braudt

Others present for all, or a portion of the meeting, included:

Caleb White, Interim President and Vice President for Administrative Services, and College Staff: Katie Glass, Mandy Henkel, Dan Imhoff, Isabelle Manning, Lori Needham, CoraBeth Schmitz, Kris Wubben

Dr. Jeremy Pickard, incoming President of SWTC, effective July 1, 2026

Chairperson Prange called the meeting to order. Proof of notice was given as to the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. The following is the official agenda:

BOARD MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA
Thursday, June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m. – Budget Hearing
Regular Board Meeting - Immediately Following Budget Hearing
Southwest Tech, 1800 Bronson Boulevard, Fennimore, WI 53809
Conference Room 430

AGENDA

OPEN MEETING

The following statement will be read: "The June 18, 2026, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Board regular meeting is called to order. This meeting is open to the public and in compliance with State Statutes. Notice of the meeting has been sent to the press, posted on the College's website at www.swtc.edu/about/board/meetings, posted on campus, at CESA 3, and the Fennimore City Office in an attempt to make the general public aware of the time, place, and agenda of the meeting."

A. Roll Call
B. Reports/Forums/Public Input

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda
B. Minutes of May 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
C. Financial Reports
   1. Purchases Greater than $2,500
   2. Treasurer's Cash Balance
   3. Budget Control

D. Contract Revenue
E. Personnel Items
F. Association of Community College Trustees 2026-27 Membership Renewal

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

A. Approval of 2026-27 Budget
B. Designation of Official Newspaper

BOARD MONITORING OF COLLEGE EFFECTIVENESS

A. Staffing Update

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Enrollment/FTE Comparison Report and Student Success Scoreboard
   1. Enrollment/FTE Comparison Report
   2. Student Success Scoreboard
B. Chairperson's Report
   1. Board Appointment Update
C. Interim College President's Report
   1. Review Board Governance Policy 2.3: Monitoring College Effectiveness
   2. Review Board Governance Policy 2.4: President's Performance Review
   3. College Happenings
D. Other Information Items

ESTABLISH BOARD AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (ANNUAL MEETING)

A. Agenda
   1. Oath of Office
   2. Election of 2026-27 Board Officers
   3. Approval of 2026-27 Signatory Policy
   4. Designation of 2026-27 College Legal Counsel
   5. Approval of the College's Financial Institution
   6. Approval of 3-Year Facilities Plan
   7. Approval of 10-Year Facilities and Financing Plan
   8. Approval of RFP: Student Housing Software
   9. Approval of Program Concept Review: Truck Driving (Program 30-458-1)
   10. District Boards Association (DBA) 2026-27 Membership Renewal
   11. Designation of SWTC Foundation and Real Estate Foundation Representatives
B. Time and Place
   Monday, July 13, 2026, Southwest Tech, Room 430
   5:30 p.m.: Working Dinner - HLC Preparation
   6:00 p.m.: Annual Meeting

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Consideration of adjourning to a closed session for the purpose of
   1. Discussing a <u>potential legal situation under Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(g)</u> {Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.}
   2. Discussing the <u>transition of the incoming college president under Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(c)</u> {Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.}
B. Approval of May 21, 2026, Closed Session Minutes

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A. Action, if necessary, on Closed Session Items

ADJOURNMENT

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Items reviewed under the Consent Agenda included the June 18, 2026, agenda; the May 21, 2026, meeting minutes; financial reports; eighteen contracts totaling $119,645.00 in May 2026; Promotion/Transfer of Joe Carl to Drivers Education Coordinator (Part-time); Resignation of Vicky Rundle, Academic Lead/Nursing Instructor, and the 2026-27 membership to the Association of Community College Trustees. Mr. Tuescher moved, seconded by Mr. Blume, to approve the June 1, 2026, Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion adopted.

Caleb White, Interim President and Vice President for Administrative Services, presented the 2026-27 Budget. The budget had been outlined at the public hearing immediately before the meeting. The FY2027 budget was built projecting significant inflationary pressures, a 2.8% decrease in revenue levels, enrollments of 1,300 FTEs, and expenditures of $29,149,800. Mr. Enright moved, seconded by Ms. Jordie, to approve the 2026-27 Budget as presented. Upon roll call vote, all present members voted affirmatively: Ms. Wonderling, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Tuescher, Ms. Jordie, Mr. Enright, Mr. Bolstad, Mr. Blume, and Mr. Prange. Motion carried.

Mr. White and Lori Needham, Executive Assistant, summarized the bids received for the Designation of the College's Official Newspaper. Five bids were received, and a recommendation was presented based on competitive pricing, circulation, and spreading the business. Mr. Blume moved, seconded by Mr. Tuescher, to designate *The Dodgeville Chronicle* as the College's official newspaper for legal postings for FY 2027 through FY 2029 with the following rates: per column inch (pci) of $5.22 for 1st insertion, $4.02 subsequent, and line rate of $.6525 for 1st insertion, $.5025 subsequent. Motion carried.

Isabelle Manning, Human Resources Manager, presented the College Staffing Report, summarizing current postings and positions in the interview process. There are currently thirteen open positions, of which seven are in the interview process.

Katie Glass, Chief Communications Officer, provided a summary of the FTE Comparison reports. The 2026-2027 report indicates a decrease of 4.5% FTE and a 2.9% increase in headcount compared to last year at this time. Degree-seeking program enrollment remains a primary issue. Growth in non-degree enrollment continues, but those enrollments are slower in generating aidable FTE.

The monthly Student Success Scoreboard report was presented by Cora Beth Schmitz, Student Financial Assistance Manager. Decreases in financial gaps are anticipated as scholarships are awarded. It was further noted that at least one new student registration will be held each week through the August orientation.

Items reviewed under the Chairperson's Report:

- Last evening, Dr. Frank King, Jr., was appointed by the SWTC Board Appointment Committee to fill the additional member-at-large position. He will not take the oath of office until the August meeting because of the timing of the WTCS affirmation/approval of the appointment.

Items reviewed under the Interim College President's Report:

- A review of *Board Governance Policy 2.3: Monitoring College Effectiveness and Policy 2.4: President's Performance Review.* There were no suggestions for edits.
- College Happenings:
  - The April 15, 2026, storm caused approximately $1.5 million in damage across campus, including damage to the Building 600 roof, rooftop HVAC units, exterior ductwork, a storage garage roof, student housing, and several college vehicles. Facilities has been working with the College's insurance company regarding repairs.
  - The WTCS presidents held a visioning session on June 4-5, 2026, in Wausau. SWTC was represented by Dr. Jeremy Pickard, Dr. Cynde Larsen, and Mr. White.
  - After 38 years of dedicated service and countless hugs given with love, Paula Timmerman, of the Childcare Center, will be retiring on June 25.
  - The Southwest Tech community is invited to attend a Community Welcome Event for President Jeremy Pickard on Tuesday, June 30, from 3–5 p.m. at Main Street Scoops in Fennimore.
  - The SWTC Clay Target Team recently won its conference championship in the USA College Clay Target League. Congratulations to our student-athletes and coaches on an outstanding accomplishment.

- Under Other Information items:
  - This is Trustee David Blume's last Board meeting, and he was thanked for his years of dedicated service.
  - The DBA will be holding its virtual summer meeting tomorrow. A recording will be made available for those who cannot attend.

Mr. Tuescher moved, seconded by Ms. Jordie, to adjourn to a closed session to discuss a potential legal situation per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g) {Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved} and the transition of the incoming college president per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) {Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility}. Upon roll call vote, all present members voted in the affirmative to move into a closed session: Mr. Blume, Mr. Bolstad, Mr. Enright, Ms. Jordie, Mr. Tuescher, Mr. Williamson, Ms. Wonderling, and Mr. Prange. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned to a closed session at 6:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:42 p.m. without any action being taken during the closed session.

Without any further business, Ms. Wonderling moved to adjourn the meeting, with Ms. Jordie seconding the motion. The motion was adopted, and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Kent Enright, Secretary