



AGENDA
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD

May 19, 2026 – 9 am – 12 pm
Hill Farms State Office Building
4822 Madison Yards Way, North Tower, 1st Floor,
Madison, WI 53705

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

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

For meeting access or accommodation requests, please contact Julie Drake at julie.drake@wtcsystem.edu or 608-267-9066.

ITEM A: APPROVAL OF MARCH 17-18, 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 Vice President Kate Ferrel

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

ITEM F: DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo will provide an overview of the District Board Appointment process.

ITEM G: 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
- Annual 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>
Fox Valley Technical College	Law Enforcement Foundations One-Year Technical Diploma
Milwaukee Area Technical College	Fire Medic Associate of Applied Science Degree
Moraine Park Technical College	Building Trades - Carpentry One-Year Technical Diploma
Moraine Park Technical College	Nail Technician Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma

<u>College</u>	<u>Program Title</u>
Northcentral Technical College	Artificial Intelligence Developer Associate of Applied Science Degree
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College	Dental Hygienist Associate of Applied Science Degree

Concept Review – 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 core competencies and skills in police communication, crime prevention, community relations and emergency response. Graduates are employed as correctional officers, jailers and public safety telecommunicators.

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

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

Salary: \$30/hour

District Board Approval Date: 12/16/2025

Concept Review – Requested by: Milwaukee Area Technical College

Program Title: Fire Medic

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

Demonstration of Program Need: Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market information and advisory committee support.

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

Salary: \$26.06/hour

District Board Approval Date: 1/27/2026

Concept Review – 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 the construction industry. Students will gain familiarity with the use of hand tools, portable power tools and other equipment regularly used by carpenters. Graduates are employed as carpenters, construction laborers and carpenters’ helpers.

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

Summary of Collaborative Discussions: MPTC notified the three colleges with the same or similar programs. MPTC has provided written reflection on feedback from peer colleges and considerations for addressing challenges of student retention, securing adjunct faculty and proximity of similar programs in the region.

Salary: \$27.09/hour

District Board Approval Date: 3/18/2026

Concept Review – 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.

Demonstration of Program Need: Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data and existing local certificate enrollment and completion data.

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

Salary: \$17.62/hour

District Board Approval Date: 3/18/2026

Concept Review – 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.

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

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

Salary: \$28.87/hour

District Board Approval Date: 2/10/2026

Concept Review – 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.

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

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

Salary: \$40.42/hour

District Board Approval Date: 3/26/2026

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>
Lakeshore Technical College	Manufacturing & Industrial Principles Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma
Mid-State Technical College	Fire Medic Associate of Applied Science Degree
Nicolet Area Technical College	Baking & Decorative Arts One-Year Technical Diploma
Western Technical College	Education Assistant Apprentice Apprenticeship

Program Approval – Requested by: Lakeshore College

Program Title: Manufacturing & Industrial Principles

Program Description: The Manufacturing & Industrial Principles Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma prepares students to apply foundational skills to troubleshoot, maintain and repair various electrical and mechanical equipment in an industrial setting. Graduates are employed as electro-mechanical technicians, electronic engineering technologists and industrial maintenance mechanics.

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: Mid-State 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. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Program Approval – Requested by: Nicolet Area Technical College

Program Title: Baking and Decorative Arts

Program Description: The Baking and Decorative Arts One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students with foundational and advanced production and presentation skills in breads, pastry and decorative arts. Graduates are employed as bakers, cake decorators and pastry chefs.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree addresses a demonstrated shortage of skilled professionals and supports the growth of local businesses with highly trained professionals in this field. Initial capital investments are mitigated through phased implementation, shared culinary lab utilization, and potential for enterprise revenue through bakery production and retail activities.

Career pathway opportunities: Completers are eligible to stack this diploma into the Culinary Arts associate degree. Nicolet Area Technical College is exploring a pathway certificate for high school students that will align with the Baking and Decorative Arts diploma.

New Apprenticeship Program Proposal – Requested by: Western Technical College

Program Title: Education Assistant Apprenticeship

Program Description: The Education Assistant Apprenticeship prepares apprentices to work in the classroom and provide needed support for the teacher. Students may work with special education students implementing goals of an Individual Education Plan and adapting instruction to meet student needs. Other duties may include setting up displays, grading assignments, providing one-on-one instruction, and playground and lunch

supervision. Apprentices are employed as educational assistants, special education paraprofessionals or health office paraprofessionals.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. There are no startup costs for this program as apprentices will register for existing courses in the Foundations of Teacher Education AAS program.

Preferred Start Date: Fall 2026

District Board Approval Date: 3/17/2026

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>
Northwood Technical College	Pharmacy Technician One-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to transition to a one-term local certificate. Program originally approved: 11/08/2017

The following program was modified to better meet the needs of employers; the original program name and number are being discontinued:

<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>PROGRAM TITLE</u>
Milwaukee Area Technical College	Medical Billing One-Year Technical Diploma Changed to a Less-Than-One-Year Technical Diploma: Medical Billing and Reimbursement Specialist

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

Gateway Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Racine at a cost of \$500,000.

Madison Area Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Madison at a cost of \$926,000.

Madison Area Technical College – Rental of facilities in Madison at an average annual cost of \$416,333 for three years.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$850,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$600,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$175,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Construction of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$75,000.

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

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$60,000.

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

Gateway Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Racine

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,700 square feet to modernize facilities supporting the Barber Cosmetology (78 FTEs) programs. The project will update the reception area and a classroom. The classroom layout will improve the fixture and student station configuration. The finishes in both spaces have reached the end of their useful lives and will be replaced. The district has significant student demand and employment placement rates remain high.

The estimated cost of the project is \$500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$270 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Madison Area Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Madison

The Madison Area Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Truax and Commercial Avenue Campuses in Madison.

The district received approval for components of this project at the January 2026 WTCS Board meeting. Subsequent to that project approval, the lowest bid received was higher

than approved. As a result of the higher costs the district has altered the scope of the project.

The previous project consisted of remodeling three sets of restrooms, one set in each of the B, D and E Wings of the Truax Campus.

This project request entails remodeling bathrooms and replacing the vestibule in the D Wing. The existing D wing bathrooms are not accessible and the finishes have reached the end of their useful lives. The bathrooms and vestibule are nearly 40 years old. The project will create two larger bathrooms and two individual bathrooms which will require significant reconfiguration of the plumbing lines below the concrete slab.

The estimated cost of the projects is \$926,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$515 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Madison Area Technical College – Rental of Facilities in Madison

The Madison Area Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to lease facilities in Madison at the Truax Campus.

The district proposes to continue to lease approximately 28,900 square feet across the street from the Truax Campus. The facility consists of various classrooms, office suites, testing rooms, small conference rooms and various support spaces. The classrooms are currently being used by programs at the main building that are displaced during remodeling and repairs. As the need for displaced classes and training space is reduced, the leased space will allow the district to relocate the School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPCE) from its Commercial Avenue Campus to the Main Campus. The SPCE consists of seven staff members and will occupy an office suite and use the classrooms and conference rooms for its training. The SPCE offers training of approximately 69 FTEs annually. Locating the SPCE adjacent to the main campus reduces travel time and will improve utilization by district staff. The Business and Industry Entrepreneur (BIE) office consists of eight staff members and will occupy an office suite with a reception area, five individual offices, an open office for six workstations and a shared conference room. The BIE office will also utilize the existing classrooms and conference rooms. A small testing suite with two individual testing rooms and space for a faculty member will also occupy some of the space. The extension of this lease does not require the district to modify or remodel the facility.

The term is three years and the annual rent increase is 4% with the annual lease cost shown below. In addition to the lease costs, the district anticipates spending approximately \$111,000 annually on utilities, cleaning, snow removal and landscaping.

Year 1 \$400,000

Year 2 \$416,000

Year 3 \$433,000

The average annual cost of the lease over the three-year term is approximately \$416,333, which is approximately \$14.40 per square foot. The lease will be funded through the district's operating budget.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Wausau

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 4,800 square feet to consolidate the Student Advising and Transfer Services offices. The renovation will create a shared advising office suite with a centralized open advising and transfer area for walk-in student consultation. The suite consists of a lobby/waiting area, various computer stations, additional staff offices, two conference rooms and a kitchenette. There are six individual floating offices for district advisers, advisers from UW Stevens Point and other visiting education institutions. Locating these services together reduces the space needed for these services and provides the convenience of a single advising location.

The estimated cost of the projects is \$850,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$166 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Wausau

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,500 square feet at the Center for Health Sciences building. The project will create a new stair from the third floor to the fourth floor. On the fourth floor the district will be reducing faculty offices and support spaces and will convert those spaces to educational facilities (classrooms). The occupancy load will increase as these spaces are converted to classrooms and this will require an additional means of egress. The additional stair will align with the existing stairwell.

The estimated cost of the projects is \$600,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$360 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Wausau

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

The district proposes adding two restrooms to its Flex Learning Lab, approximately 200 square feet. The Flex Learning Lab supports students in the Plumbing Apprenticeship (7 FTEs), Move to Manufacturing (6 FTEs) and Flooring Certificate (2 FTEs) programs. Currently there are no restroom facilities near the individual labs and shops. The square foot cost of adding these bathrooms is higher than the system average because the project involves extending the water and sewer lines to the location of the restrooms.

The estimated cost of the projects is \$175,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$800 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Northcentral Technical College – Construction of Facilities in Wausau

The Northcentral Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to construct facilities at the Main Campus in Wausau.

The district proposes to construct a motorcycle storage garage, approximately 1,000 square feet, to replace the existing temporary storage garage which has reached the end of its useful life. The new garage will be located adjacent to the motorcycle course and provide secure storage with electrical service for battery charging and security systems. The district has consistent enrollment in its motorcycle training classes (135 unduplicated headcount).

The estimated cost of the projects is \$75,000 and the unit cost calculates to approximately \$75 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Wausau

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 3,800 square feet to reduce the size of the existing bookstore and its storage space to create larger Student Life facilities. The reduced need for a large bookstore and its proximity to the entrance will allow improvement of space for student engagement and connection. The project entails the construction of three new staff offices, an open office for three workstations, a workroom and copy area. A student life den will be created from about two-thirds of the old bookstore, the den will have a reception desk and space for seating and student activities.

The estimated cost of the projects is \$400,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$99 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Wausau

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

The district proposes to remodel approximately 450 square feet to combine two separate office areas. Two smaller offices will be combined into one open office for hoteling staff workstations and the other offices will be combined into a seating area and a copy room. The seating area and copy room will support the staff in the IT and Finance departments. Both projects involve removing intermediate walls, replacing carpeting, ceiling finishes, and providing new lighting and electrical infrastructure.

The estimated cost of the projects is \$60,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$127 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Western Technical College – Construction of Facilities in Sparta

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

The district received approval for this project at the January 2026 WTCS Board meeting and subsequent to that project approval the lowest bid received was higher than approved. As a result of the higher costs, the district has reduced the scope of the project. The January 2026 approval included plans to construct the same simulation city with two mock residential buildings and four mock commercial buildings. This request reduces the number of buildings to be constructed.

The district has stated that it is pursuing gifts, grants and donations for the funding of additional simulation city structures and will request approval to construct those facilities in the future.

The district proposes to construct facilities at the Public Safety Training Center (Criminal Justice 85 FTEs, Fire Protection 39 FTEs, Paramedic 22 FTEs, Law Enforcement Academy 28 FTEs). The project consists of constructing various buildings and civil roadworks for a simulation city. The project will create one mock residential building and one mock commercial building. These structures will provide public safety students with real world scenarios for entering hostile and emergency situations. The roadwork construction will create ten “city-blocks” and two of these blocks will house the new buildings and eight blocks will be for future development. These two buildings will be basic structures and are

approximately 1,000 square feet each. The district's public safety programs have consistent enrollments and projections remain steady.

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

The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000. The earthwork, paving and landscaping is approximately \$800,000, the cost of the two buildings is approximately \$500,000 and the professional fees and contingency are approximately \$200,000. The project will be funded by district borrowing.

ANNUAL 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.

For 15 WTCS colleges, statutes require that board membership include two employers, two employees, three additional members, a school district administrator and an elected official. WTCS Board approval is needed for terms from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 for two Additional members and one Elected Official member.

For Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC), statutes require that board membership include five members representing employers, two additional members, a school district administrator and an elected official. WTCS Board approval is needed for MATC terms from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 for two members representing an Employer with 15+ employees and one School District Administrator member.

Note: Incumbent appointments are designated with an asterisk (*).

Interim appointments are designated with a plus (+).

Blackhawk Technical College (BTC)

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

Crystal Silva

Ms. Silva currently works as a family advocate with the School District of Beloit. She has helped develop Diversity Week which includes the Human Library, providing students with the opportunity to engage in meaningful small-group conversations with individuals. At the district and community level, she has helped establish and sustain the Stateline Area Hispanic Heritage Celebration, now entering its fifth year. She is also actively involved with the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation's oldest Hispanic civil rights organization.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

Steve Townshed

Mr. Townshed holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Akron. He has held senior leadership roles, including chief supply chain officer, chief operating officer and regional director across manufacturing, distribution and consumer project organizations. He has worked closely with boards, executive teams and community stakeholders to guide strategy, oversee capital investments, manage complex operations and develop strong, accountable leadership teams.

Member Category

Elected Official

Appointee

* Barbara Barrington-Tillman

Ms. Barrington-Tillman retired from the Rock County Sheriff's Department after a 35-year career in law enforcement. She holds an associate degree in police science from Blackhawk Technical College and a B.S. in public administration from Upper Iowa University. She is involved in numerous professional organizations and serves as the supervisor on the Rock County Board of Supervisors. She is also the chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors Public Safety & Justice Committee.

Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC)

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

* Erin Greenawald

Ms. Greenawald is a graduate of CVTC in Information Technology from 2013, has worked as an adjunct instructor, served as an advisory committee member and is the recipient of CVTC Alumni Association's 2019 Outstanding Recent Alumni Award. She is an entrepreneur with two businesses in technology consulting and two-way radios. Ms. Greenawald has served on the CVTC District Board since 2020 and has been an active member who serves on the District Boards Association's Board of Directors, attends the annual Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress and advocates for the college at the ACCT National Legislative Summit.

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

Mary Zimmerman

Ms. Zimmerman is a long-standing educational leader with over 30 years of experience in K-12 and higher education. She is employed in the Ellsworth Community School District, currently serving as the elementary principal and director of student services. Her responsibilities encompass both administrative leadership at Ellsworth Elementary School and district-wide oversight of special education and student services, fostering a culture of academic excellence. In her capacity as director, she manages various student support frameworks focused on student welfare and volunteer services that bridge school and local needs. She has been instrumental in securing and managing grant funds for the Ellsworth Community School District that directly fund student activities and essential resources. Ms. Zimmerman supports the Ellsworth Spring Valley communities through her professional leadership and volunteer service. Her work often bridges the gap between the school district, local nonprofits and religious organizations to support both students and seniors.

Member Category
Elected Official

Appointee
Brady Weiss

Mr. Weiss is the mayor of Mondovi, the largest municipality in Buffalo county. He has a solid background in community involvement and has been actively engaged with CVTC's electrical power distribution advisory committee for almost 20 years. This experience provides valuable insights into the needs of the college and the industries they serve. Mr. Weiss is a member of the Mondovi Conservation Club, Mondovi Business Association and Oktoberfest Mondovi. He has served on the CVTC District Board since 2023 and is the current secretary. He also serves as the business manager and financial secretary for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 953 and works on a family farm.

Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC)

Member Category
Additional

Appointee
Jennifer Haydon

Ms. Haydon is the vice president compliance officer at American National Bank - Fox Cities.

Member Category
Additional

Appointee
* John Weyenberg

Mr. Weyenberg is president and CEO of Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity. He graduated from St. Norbert College with a degree in international economics.

Member Category
Elected Official

Appointee
* Justin Krueger

Mr. Krueger is a special education teacher within the Appleton School District. He serves as an Outagamie County Board Supervisor representing the villages of Kimberly and Combined Locks.

Gateway Technical College (Gateway)

Member Category
Additional

Appointee
* Zaida Lange-Irisson

Ms. Lange-Irisson started at Gateway in the ESL program before earning a barber/cosmetology technical diploma and electrical engineering technology associate degree with a biomedical emphasis. She served as district ambassador for the Wisconsin Technical College System and earned a bachelor's degree from the Milwaukee School of Engineering. She is currently a project manager for hybrid engineering at Twin Disc Inc.

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

Melvin D. Hargrove

Mr. Hargrove is a community-based leader who excels in building successful relationships, effectively leading teams and developing strategic partnerships. A veteran who served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve, Mr. Hargrove is currently the Racine County workforce and community engagement manager. He is also the senior pastor and founder of Zoe Outreach Ministries in Racine. He earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the UW-Parkside.

Member Category

Elected Official

Appointee

* Rebecca A. Matoska-Mentink

Ms. Matoska-Mentink is the Kenosha County clerk of circuit court. She joined Kenosha County in 1998 and held various positions in the child support agency before becoming office manager of the district attorney's office. She has held her current elected position since 2007. She earned a B.A. in history from the UW-Parkside, her paralegal certification from Carthage College and her Master of Science in Management from Cardinal Stritch University. She also serves on various local non-profit boards in Kenosha.

Lakeshore Technical College (Lakeshore College)

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

* John Wyatt

Mr. Wyatt retired from Kohler Company after 30 years, during which he served as director of infrastructure and operations and director of cybersecurity. He has over 40 years of experience in managing complex business systems in engineering and information technology. He holds a B.A. in physics from Central Missouri State University, a B.S. in industrial engineering from the University of Arkansas and an MBA from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Mr. Wyatt is an IT Advisory Committee member for Lakeshore College, elder and treasurer of Plymouth Alliance Church, serves on the Plymouth Plan Commission and has a lifelong interest in education. In his spare time, he loves to golf and work in his woodworking shop. He is also currently the chair of the District Boards Association.

Member Category

Elected Official

Appointee

* Don Pohlman

Mr. Pohlman is the mayor of the City of Plymouth. He holds a degree in accounting and business administration from Concordia University. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a medic during the Vietnam Era. He is a life member of the VFW Post 5612 Plymouth and a 46-year member of American Legion Post 243 Plymouth. Mr. Pohlman is also a 47-year member of the Plymouth Rotary Club and a Boy Scout Merit Badge counselor. In his spare time, he drives a school bus in Sheboygan and a tour coach bus across the country part time.

Madison Area Technical College (Madison College)

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

* Chris Canty

Mr. Canty is an enterprise account manager for Gartner. He is a member of 100 Black Men of Madison, a parent equity coordinator for the Monona Grove School District and a youth basketball coach for the YMCA.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

Fabiola Hamden

Ms. Hamdan is a human services manager for community programs at the Dane County Department of Human Resources. She currently serves on the Wisconsin Health Policy Advisory Council, the UW School of Social Work Committee on Diversity and the United Way of Dane County Nominating and Governance Committee. In 2020, she received the United Way Women in Philanthropy Award.

Member Category

Appointee

Elected Official

* Korbey White

Mr. White is the executive director for Improve Your Tomorrow. He serves as the vice-president of the Sherman Phoenix Foundation, is a member of the Dane County Immunization Coalition, serves as the clerk of the Verona Area School District Board of Education and is a member of 100 Black Men of Madison.

Mid-State Technical College (Mid-State)

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

* Betty Bruski Mallek

Ms. Bruski Mallek has served on the Mid-State District Board since July 1990. She is active within the District Boards Association, national committees for the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) and advocates for Mid-State and WTCS at the local, state and national level. She is engaged in college activities and regularly attends college events and currently serves as Board secretary.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

* Richard "Rick" Merdan

Mr. Merdan was appointed to the Mid-State District Board in July 2016. He has served in various officer roles and as committee chair on multiple occasions. Mr. Merdan is active in the college, throughout the state and in his communities. He routinely advocates for the college and WTCS through legislative visits and events. Mr. Merdan currently serves as Board Treasurer.

Member Category

Elected Official

Appointee

* Shawn Becker

Mr. Becker currently serves as the sheriff of Wood County. In this role, he has partnered with the college countless times for trainings, inmate education and officer involved training. He is a graduate of UW-Stevens Point and conducted his Law Enforcement Academy training at Northcentral Technical College. Mr. Becker is involved in the Wood County community as a Lincoln High School varsity football coach, a Special Olympics Polar Plunge participant, a member of the Kellner Knights Snowmobile Club, the Aqua Ski Water Ski Show Team and the Grand Rapids Lions Club, Elks Lodge. He recently served on the South Wood County YMCA Board of Directors.

Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)

Member Category

Employer (15+ Employees)

Appointee

James "Buddy" Robinson IV

Mr. Robinson is the president and managing member of Fabricated Metal Products, LLC, and Finnco Fabricating, LLC, which transforms raw metal materials into finished components or end-use products for various global machinery manufacturers. He is also the founder and managing member of Newel Capital, LLC, which specializes in acquiring and operating established private businesses, where they focus on long-term ownership and hands-on operational involvement. Mr. Robinson holds a Juris Doctorate Law Degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Oklahoma, where he graduated magna cum laude. He is an active member of the New York and Florida bar, is currently the capital campaign corporate division co-chairman for the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, chairman of collections and exhibition committee for the Tampa Bay History Center and a member of United Way.

Member Category

Employer (15+ Employees)

Appointee

* Waleed Najeeb, MD

Dr. Waleed Najeeb has more than 40 years of experience in the medical field, including more than 30 years as a physician in Wisconsin. His medical career includes serving in private practice as a pulmonary and internal medicine practitioner. He was an instructor and attending physician at Sinai Samaritan Medical Center. Dr. Najeeb spent 20 years as a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin Medical School. He served in a series of roles, including director of the pulmonary and critical care department, chief of the department of medicine and chief of staff at Northwest General Hospital. Since 2000, Dr. Najeeb has served as medical director and CEO of Medpoint Family Care Center in Glendale. Dr. Najeeb graduated from Damascus University School of Medicine and completed an internal medicine residency at New York Health and Hospitals. He also completed a Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at John Marshall

University. Dr. Najeeb currently serves as the chairman of the Accountable Care Coalition (ACO) of Southeast Wisconsin.

Member Category

School District Administrator

Appointee

Katrice Cotton, Ed. D.

Dr. Katrice Cotton has over 30 years of experience in education. She currently serves as the Brown Deer School District superintendent. She is a member of North Shore Rotary Club, a former board member of Employ Milwaukee and a former board member of Junior Achievement of Wisconsin. Dr. Cotton has a doctorate in educational leadership from National-Louis University in Evanston, Illinois and a Master of Arts from Marian University.

Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC)

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

* Lisa McArthur

Ms. McArthur earned her master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Marian University, and is currently the vice president of economic development at Envision Greater Fond du Lac. She actively serves in the community and is a member of the Town of Fond du Lac Planning Commission. This will be her second term on the MPTC District Board.

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

* Melissa Kescenovitz

Ms. Kescenovitz is an alumna of Moraine Park, so she knows firsthand the value of a technical college education and the programs offered. She has worked at the Kettle Moraine YMCA for nine years and is currently the child care director. She is a very involved and respected member of her community. This will be her second term on the MPTC District Board, serving in an officer role as secretary for the past two years.

Member Category

Elected Official

Appointee

* Joel Ongert

Mr. Ongert is an active member of the West Bend community, serving on several boards, committees and charitable foundations. He currently serves as the mayor of the city of West Bend, elected April 2023. Previously, he served on the West Bend Public School Board in several officer roles, most recently as the president, and is a strong advocate of public service and education. This will be his second term on the MPTC District Board.

Nicolet Area Technical College (Nicolet College)

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

* Robert “Bob” Martini

Mr. Martini has served on the Nicolet College Board of Trustees for nearly 30 years. His long-standing commitment and depth of institutional knowledge make him an exceptionally valued member of the Board.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

+ Teresa “Teri” Theiler

Ms. Theiler currently serves as the president of Aspirus and is a highly engaged member of her community. She also contributes her expertise as a board member for Howard Young and the Wisconsin Hospital Association.

Member Category

Appointee

Elected Official

* Robert “Bob” Mott

Mr. Mott is a long-standing member of the Nicolet College Board of Trustees. His leadership roles as chair of the Town of Schoepke and secretary of the Pelican Lake Association provide invaluable community insight and strengthen the diverse expertise represented on our Board.

Northcentral Technical College (NTC)

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

* Charlie Paulson

Mr. Paulson is the vice president of Commercial Lending at Nicolet National Bank. He is an advocate for small businesses and rural communities. He has been involved as a Whittlesey Lions member, regional business development board member and Black River Industries board member.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

* Tom Felch

Mr. Felch is the former president and owner of J & D Tube Benders, Inc. He is a founding member of the Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance (CWIMA) and current member of the CWIMA Board. Mr. Felch has been involved in manufacturing his entire life and is a graduate of NTC with an associate degree in mechanical design.

Member Category

Appointee

Elected Official

* Paul Proulx

Mr. Proulx currently serves on the Merrill Area Public School's Board of Education. He previously served as the Lincoln County Coroner for 16-years and worked for the Lincoln

County Sheriff's Office for 31-years, including four-years as elected sheriff. Mr. Proulx holds an associate degree in criminal justice from NTC.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC)

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

Chet Lamers

Mr. Lamers is a resident of Brown County and is filling the role of Additional Member as an Employer. He currently serves as the director of operations at the Mulva Cultural Center, and previously was employed by NWTC as director of facilities for 14 years. He also owns and operates a property management company and serves on the board of directors, of which he was named Volunteer of the Year in 2025 for Green Bay Area Catholic Education.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

Jeff Rickaby

Mr. Rickaby has served on the NWTC District Board for 20 years. He previously served as the Elected Official on the Board as he was elected as the Florence County Coroner. Florence County is transitioning that position out of an elected model, so he has now been appointed to serve as an Additional Member of the NWTC Board representing Florence County.

Northwood Technical College (Northwood Tech)

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

* Joe Simonich

Mr. Simonich currently serves as the chief operating officer for Avanti Health Systems, Inc. in Hurley. He served on the Hurley School Board as president for 27 years and was awarded the Rural School Board Member of the Year recognition. Mr. Simonich earned a Master of Business Administration degree. He has served on the Northwood Tech Board since November 2022.

Member Category

Appointee

Additional

Jenice Meyer

Ms. Meyer serves as the assistant executive director of The Development Association and Superior Business Centers in Superior. She previously spent 14 years at UW–Superior in roles spanning academic planning and accreditation, community engagement, and strategic partnerships and government relations. She holds a Master of Science degree in Education and Community Counseling from UW–Superior.

Member Category

Elected Official

Appointee

* Craig Fowler

Mr. Fowler holds a bachelor’s degree in marketing from Eastern Illinois University and a master’s degree in leadership from National Louis University. Mr. Fowler was the campus administrator at Northwood Tech’s Rice Lake campus for 22 years, retiring in 2020. Mr. Fowler is active in the community serving on several boards including the Rice Lake Rotary Club, City of Rice Lake Parks and Recreation Board, West Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the Barron County Economic Development Board. In 2024, Mr. Fowler was elected to the Barron County Board of Supervisors.

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

+ Lorraine Laberee

Ms. Laberee is retired from the UW-Extension as the 4-H youth development agent. She has served on Northwood Tech’s Board since 1986 in many roles, including chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Education from UW-Stout and a Master of Science degree in School Administration from UW-Superior. She has served on the District Boards Association and at the national level for the Association of Community College Trustees.

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (SWTC)

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

* Chris J. Prange

Mr. Prange, a SWTC trustee since 2011, was appointed for the Additional Member (South) position. He was most recently the president, CEO & director of American Bank & Trust Wisconsin until his retirement in April 2017. Mr. Prange is a CPA and has association involvement in the American Institute of CPAs, Wisconsin Institute of CPAs, Wisconsin Bankers Association, Grant County Economic Development and the Lancaster and Platteville Optimist Clubs. Past board experience includes Brant Regional Health Center Board (vice chair, finance chair), Lancaster Police and Fire Commission (commissioner), Lancaster School District (board member) and Lancaster Housing Authority (board chair).

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

Matthew Pennekamp

Mr. Pennekamp was appointed to his first term as a SWTC trustee as Additional Member (At-Large). A resident of Lancaster, he currently serves as the city council president. He also serves on the Lancaster Joint Fire Committee, Planning Commission, Library Board and Finance Committee. Mr. Pennekamp is a graduate of SWTC's Supply Chain Management program and is employed as materials coordinator at John Deere, Dubuque.

Member Category

Elected Official

Appointee

* Steve Williamson

Returning for his second Elected Official appointment, Mr. Williamson serves on the Richland County Board and works as a purchasing agent and safety advisor for Hartung Brothers, Inc. in Arena. He is a member of the Blue River Fire Department and serves on several of Richland County's committees including the Public Works Standing Committee (chair), Pine Valley and Child Support Standing Committee, Finance and Personnel Standing Committee and the Tri-County Airport Commission. He has been involved with the Riverdale School District as a former wrestling official and is still an active FFA member and is involved in school forest and farm planning, credited for establishing a 25 year stewardship management plan, amongst other initiatives.

Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC)

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

Maria del Pilar Wadina

Ms. Wadina is the chief growth officer at La Casa de Esperanza, Inc. in Waukesha, where she provides executive leadership for organizational growth, fundraising, marketing and charter school operations. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership from Alverno College and brings extensive experience in nonprofit leadership, community engagement and educational advocacy. Her civic service includes serving as secretary of the Board of Directors for La Casa de Esperanza, chair of the Education Committee for La Casa de Esperanza Charter School, a Development Committee member for Marquette University High School and secretary of the Board for the Gerald and Sharon Wadina Family Foundation. Ms. Wadina has been recognized for her leadership and community impact, including multiple Agent of the Month honors earlier in her career as an Allstate Insurance agency owner.

Member Category

Additional

Appointee

Erin Thompson, M.Ed.

Ms. Thompson, M.Ed., is the director of foundation and healthcare philanthropy at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin, where she provides strategic leadership for philanthropic initiatives, donor engagement and board governance supporting one of southeastern Wisconsin's largest health systems. She holds a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration from Tiffin University, a Graduate Certificate in Postsecondary STEM Education and a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science from Michigan Technological University. Ms. Thompson brings extensive experience in higher education, fundraising and governance, including prior service as an adjunct instructor at WCTC and leadership roles in alumni engagement, operations and educational consulting. Her civic and professional contributions include managing nonprofit and foundation boards and advancing cross-sector partnerships focused on

workforce development, education access and community impact. She has received professional recognition for excellence in graduate education and leadership in philanthropy and higher education.

Member Category
Elected Official

Appointee
* Barbara Dittrich

Ms. Dittrich is a State Representative for Wisconsin's 99th Assembly District and currently serves on the WCTC District Board. She brings extensive experience in public service, workforce development and community leadership, including prior service as vice chair of the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development where she championed legislation expanding youth apprenticeships and career pathways. Her professional background includes work as an investment professional, small business owner and nonprofit leader supporting families of children with special needs. Representative Dittrich has been a strong advocate for technical education, emergency services training and workforce readiness, with a demonstrated commitment to strengthening connections between education, employers and Wisconsin communities.

Western Technical College (Western)

Member Category
Additional

Appointee
* Mary Kay Wolf

As of 2026, Ms. Wolf is finishing her first term as a Western Board Member; in 2024, she was appointed for a vacant position. She is the executive director of the United Way of the Greater La Crosse Area. Ms. Wolf is a graduate of UW-Stevens Point. She grew up in La Crosse and has made a positive impact on the La Crosse community through her work in the non-profit sector for almost two decades. In 2018, she was awarded the La Crosse County Health Department's Friend to Public Health award. She has served on the United Way Board of Directors, is a Rotarian, a member of the Executive Committee of the YWCA – Wisconsin Association and a member of the Association of Fundraising and its board.

Member Category
Additional

Appointee
* Chet Doering III

Mr. Doering is currently finishing his first term as a member of Western's District Board. He is the clinical operations director for the Cancer Center at Emplify Health by the Gundersen Region. Mr. Doering has been employed by Emplify Health by the Gundersen Region since 2005, starting as a frontline registered nurse. He holds two degrees from Viterbo University (BSN, MBA) and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Nurse Executive Organizational Leadership from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. He currently serves on the Wisconsin American College of Healthcare Executives Board, the Viterbo MBA/MASL Alumni and SIGMA Pi PHI Nursing Society Boards. Mr. Doering is currently serving as the chair of the Presidential Search Team for Western Technical College (2026).

Member Category

Elected Official

Appointee

* Kevin Hennessey

Mr. Hennessey is completing his second term on Western's board. He is a union representative for the Carpenters' Union in La Crosse and is currently serving his sixth term as a trustee on the Village of West Salem Board. Mr. Hennessey is a proud Western graduate and is excited to help make a positive impact throughout our district through his civic duties and everyday work. He was selected by the Western Technical College board members to be the chairperson in October 2025 and is currently serving as a member of the Presidential Search Team for Western Technical College (2026).

ITEM H: TEACHING AND LEARNING – DUAL CREDIT

WTCS Associate Vice President-Office of Student Success Christina Lorge

WTCS Director – Career Prep/K-12 Ann Westrich

Each year, more than 60,000 high school students earn college credit while in high school. Participation from all 16 colleges contributes to this endeavor. In this presentation, you'll learn about the different dual enrollment types available, the dollars saved, the challenges faced and the success stories that highlight the impact of this work.

ITEM I: INTEGRATED EDUCATION & TRAINING (IET) DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION GRANT APPROVALS

WTCS Grants Manager Tou Ya Khang

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System president, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves funding awards for the Integrated Education & Training Development and Expansion grant programs for fiscal year 2026-27, as presented.

Source: State

Focus: Integrated Education & Training (IET) Development and Expansion

Type: Competitive

Total: \$1,500,000

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board awards funds to support the development and expansion of Integrated Education and Training (IET). IET provides adult education and literacy activities concurrently and contextually with workforce preparation activities and workforce training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster for the purpose of educational and career advancement.

Grant Recipient	Initiative	Amount
Blackhawk	Monroe Nursing Assistant IET	\$122,811
Chippewa Valley	Integrated Education and Training at CVTC	\$116,256
Fox Valley	Advancing Multilingual Talent in Healthcare	\$200,000
Gateway	HVAC-R Integrated Education and Training Program	\$170,354
Lakeshore	FY2026-27 Lakeshore IET Development and Expansion	\$200,000
Madison Area	Expanding Integrated Education and Training Programs to High-Demand Construction and Nursing Careers	\$199,985
Milwaukee Area	FY 26-27 State (124-207) IET Development and Expansion	\$200,000
Mid-State	MSTC IET Development & Expansion	\$200,000
Northeast Wisconsin	Human Resources Compliance & Small Business Bookkeeping Fundamentals Certificates	\$119,039
Southwest Wisconsin	Welding IET	\$54,124
Waukesha County	Expanding Integrated Education and Training Programs	\$200,000
Western	ServSafe IET at Western	\$94,507
Western	CNA IET at Western	\$110,322

ITEM J: OUTCOMES FOR 2025 WTCS GRADUATES

WTCS Provost and Vice President for Educational Services Dr. Colleen McCabe

WTCS Associate Vice President for Instruction Chrystal Seeley-Schreck

Wisconsin's technical colleges surveyed 26,703 individuals who graduated in 2025, with 56% responding. Of those who responded and were in the labor force, 92% indicated they were employed within six months of graduation.

The Board will see a presentation about the report and discuss outcomes for 2025 technical college graduates with WTCS Provost and Vice President for Educational Services Dr. Colleen McCabe and Associate Vice President for Instruction Chrystal Seeley-Schreck.

ITEM K: 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 L: ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Board President Sara Rogers

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WTCS Board is July 14-15, 2026, at Western Technical College in La Crosse.