

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
NOVEMBER 19, 2025**

The Board of Southwest Wisconsin Technical College met in an open session of a special meeting commencing at 3:33 p.m. on November 19, 2025, in Conference Room 430 on the District Campus located at 1800 Bronson Boulevard in the City of Fennimore, Grant County, Wisconsin.

The following were present:

SWTC District Board Members: David Blume, Charles Bolstad, Kent Enright, Jeanne Jordie, Chris Prange, and Steve Williamson. Absent: Theresa Braudt, Don Tuescher, and Jane Wonderling.

SWTC Foundation Board Members: Jason Knapp, Linda Parrish, Donna Peterson, Kris Schoville, Barb Stockhausen, Natalie Tollefson, and Lisa Mayne.

SWTC Real Estate Foundation Board Members: Ryan Rands, Daniel Glass, and Sheila Ruchti.

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

Caleb White, Interim President and Vice President for Administrative Services, and College Staff: Sara Bahl, Alexa Chiefari, Holly Clendenen, Dennis Cooley, Katie Glass, Mandy Henkel, Dan Imhoff, Cynde Larsen, Lori Needham, Angie Moyer, Adam Phillips, CoraBeth Schmitz, Stacia Stephenson, Krista Weber, and Ryan Weigel.

Karen Bolstad, Public member

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:



DISTRICT BOARD MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA

Joint Meeting between the College Boards:
District, Foundation, & Real Estate Foundation
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, Room 430
1800 Bronson Blvd., Fennimore, WI 53809

AGENDA

OPEN MEETING

The following statement will be read: "The Southwest Wisconsin Technical College District Board's November 19, 2025, special meeting is called to order. This is open to the public and in compliance with State Statutes. Notice has been sent to the press, posted on the

College's website at www.swtc.edu/about/board/meetings, and posted on campus, CESA 3, and at the Fennimore City Office in an attempt to make the general public aware of the time, place, and agenda."

Roll Call

BOARD MONITORING OF COLLEGE EFFECTIVENESS

- 3:30-3:40 Opening Remarks & Introductions
- 3:40-4:10 College Personnel – Update on Strategic Directions & Action Plans
- 4:10-4:15 District Board - Presidential Search Process & Timeline Update
- 4:15-4:30 Foundation Board – FY2526 1st Quarter Report & Fundraising Efforts
- 4:30-4:45 Real Estate Foundation Board - FY2526 1st Quarter Report , Future Housing Plans & Dodgeville Update
- 4:45-4:50 Closing Remarks

ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting opened with roll call, introductions, opening remarks, and a welcome from Board Chairperson Prange and Caleb White, Interim Vice President & Vice President for Administration.

The College's strategic directions and action plans were presented by Cynde Larsen, Chief Academic Officer; Holly Clendenen, Chief Student Services Officer; CoraBeth Schmitz, Student Financial Assistance Manager; Ryan Weigel, Agriculture Instructor; Sara Bahl, Advisor; Alexa Chiefari, Communication Instructor; and Angie Moyer, Physical Therapist Assistant Instructor. The directions and action plan goals within each were described:

College 1.0: Access

- 1A. By September 2026, all program students will have a complete Student Success Plan.
- 1B. By July 2026, all Adult Education and English Language Learner students will have a/completed Student Success Plan.
- 1C. By June 2027, every high school graduate in Southwest Tech's district will have earned college credit(s) that align with their student success plan.
- 1D. 100% of program students will have a reduced financial gap in 2026-2027 due to aligning student success plans with scholarships and other college and financial resources in 2025-2026.

College 2.0 Completion

- 2A. By July of 2027, we will increase the on-time student graduation rate to 50%.
- 2B. By July 2026, all program students will complete an assignment in each of the four work-based learning models: pre-career awareness, career awareness and exploration, career prep, and career application.
- 2C. By May 2026, all program students will have at least one conversation about work-based learning and their Student Success Plan with their instructor.
- 2D. By July 2026, the Student Success Endowment will be \$2,000,000.

College 3.0 Post-College Success:

3A. Add three new high-wage programs by July 2027

1. IT-Software Developer (2026 Start)
2. Automation Systems Technology (2026 Start)
3. Sonography or Fabrication (Exploring)

3B. By May 2026, 100% of University Transfer graduates will have been accepted into a bachelor's degree program at an accredited institution and enrolled within one year.

3C. Starting July 2026, 60% of our graduates in the workforce will earn a high wage within one year of graduation, and 100% will earn a high wage within five years of graduation.

An update on the College's presidential search process was given by the search committee chair, Chuck Bolstad. AGB Search was chosen through the RFP process as the search consulting firm. The search committee includes nine members. The search officially began on October 28, 2025. The goal is to have a president named in March with a start date of July 1, 2026, with the start of the new fiscal year.

Dennis Cooley, Executive Director of Advancement, and Kris Schoville, Foundation President, provided a summary of the SWTC Foundation's 1st quarter FY2526 report. Fundraising efforts have focused on building endowments to provide long-term sustainability to the overall fundraising effort. First-quarter highlights include the student success plan endowment topping \$1.51 million and the addition of 24 new endowments. Currently, the Foundation has approximately 450 1.0 Access scholarships, 50 2.0 Completion scholarships, and is actively working on growth opportunities for 3.0 Post-Graduate Success scholarships.

Mr. Cooley and Ryan Rands, President of the Real Estate Foundation, overviewed the SWTC Real Estate Foundation's 1st quarter FY2526 report. The REF's prior board management has set the REF up for something very special in the present. The Dodgeville Outreach Center project is currently slated to begin in 2026, with Kraemer Brothers selected as the development partner. The REF strives to continue innovative and strategic future investments that will benefit the students and the College.

The closing remarks underscored the value of strong collaboration among the three boards. The District, Foundation, and Real Estate Foundation Boards are deeply interconnected, each contributing to the Southwest Tech collective strategic vision.

Without any further business to come before the Board, Mr. Enright moved to adjourn the meeting, with Mr. Blume seconding the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Kent Enright, Secretary