

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2026 | Western Dakota Technical College | Pennington County Room

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The Western Dakota Tech Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 11:30 a.m., at the Western Dakota Tech campus in the Pennington County Room. The meeting was also available virtually via Teams. The board trustees in attendance included: Tenise Chapman, Andrea Powers, Jeff Rieckman, Mike Roesler, and Dr. Steve Willard. Absent with Notice: Lynn Kendall, Linda Rabe, Andy Scull. WDTC leadership staff in attendance included: Kirk Easton, Dr. Ericson, Donna Hanks, Tiffany Howe, Kelly Oehlerking. Other staff present included: Todd Andereson, Abbie Barber, Jill Elder, Missy Ginsbach, Andrew Kapelewski, Brie Keller, Kathi Maxson, Stephanie Owens, Noelle Simmons, and Alex Rosburg.

Board Development 11:30 a.m.

Introduction & Elevate Rapid City Update

Jack Valentine, CEO of Elevate Rapid City, provided an update on business recruitment efforts, new companies entering the region, job creation, and community partnerships.

Board Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Roesler called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with a call to order.

2. **OATH OF OFFICE**

President Ericson swore in board member Andrea Powers as a reappointed trustee.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda by Chapman, seconded by Rieckman. Motion Carried 5-0.

4. **FINAL CAMPUS MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION**

Jeremy Altman, Principal Architect, Architecture Incorporated presented the final version for the campus master plan.

5. **APPROVAL ITEM: CAMPUS MASTER PLAN**

Motion to approve the Campus Master Plan as presented by Powers, seconded by Chapman. Motion Carried 5-0.

6. **APPROVAL ITEM: HVAC LEASE PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION**

Kirk Easton explained the purpose of the resolution. Toby Morris was in attendance to answer questions. Motion to approve by Rieckman, seconded by Willard. Motion Carried 5-0.

7. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Chairman Roesler asked if any trustee had potential conflicts. None were disclosed.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

9. **APPROVAL ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA**

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- a. [Minutes from September 9, 2026 Meeting](#)
- b. [Bills to Pay](#)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Chapman, seconded by Powers. Motion Carried 5-0.

10. EX OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES

- a. [Foundation Board Chair](#) – Andrew Kapelewski reported on the upcoming Gala, community recognition and professional peer leadership.
- b. Faculty Representative – Todd Anderson reported on solar installation progress, Skills USA, and the home build.
- c. RCAS Representative – Absent
- d. Student Representative – Absent

11. FINANCE REPORT

Kathi presented the monthly finance report.

12. PRESIDENT REPORT

President Ericson shared updates, phases for the upcoming Capital Campaign, and date reminders.

- a. APPROVAL ITEM: [Program Change Application – Controlled Environment Agriculture](#)
Motion to approve by Willard, seconded by Rieckman. Motion Carried 5-0.
- b. [Personnel Disclosure per SDCL 6-1-10](#)

13. AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

No suggestions at this time.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

Reminder - No November meeting scheduled due to the holiday.
December 9, 2026 | 11:30 AM | Pennington County Room

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not enter Executive Session.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Willard moved, seconded by Powers to adjourn at 1:29 p.m. Motion Carried 5-0.

Board Chair