Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2026 | Western Dakota Technical College | Pennington County Room

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The Western Dakota Tech Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, August 12, 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, Lynn Kendall, Andrea Powers (virtual), Linda Rabe, Jeff Rieckman, Mike Roesler, Andy Scull, and Dr. Steve Willard. WDTC leadership staff attending included: Dr. Kendra Ericson, Kirk Easton, Tiffany Howe, Kelly Oehlerking, and Debbie Toms. Other staff present included: Damola Adeyemo (Student Representative), Jill Elder, Missy Ginsbach, Kathi Maxson, and Noelle Simmons.

Board Development 11:30 a.m.

Build Dakota Scholarships – Deni Martin, Program Manager, Build Dakota Scholarship Fund

Deni Martin, Program Manager for Build Dakota Scholarship, presented on the Build Dakota program.

Board Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Chairman Roesler called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. with a call to order.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   Motion to approve the agenda by Rieckman, seconded by Chapman. Motion Carried 8-0 via roll call vote.

3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
   Chairman Roesler asked if any trustee had potential conflicts. None were disclosed.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
   No public comments were made.

5. **APPROVAL ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA**
   a. Minutes from July 8, 2026 Meeting
   b. Bills to Pay
   c. Surplus List

   Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Willard, seconded by Rabe. Motion Carried 8-0 via roll call vote.

6. **EX OFFICO MEMBER UPDATES**
   a. Foundation –Absent
   b. Faculty Representative – Absent
   c. RCAS Representative – Absent

7. **FINANCE REPORT**
   Kathi provided an update on the status of banking services with US Bank and beverage services with Coca-Cola, and presented the monthly financial report.

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8. PRESIDENT REPORT

President Ericson and Interim Executive Vice President Easton provided updates on recent and upcoming initiatives and events.

a. APPROVAL ITEM: HVAC/Chiller Purchase via Cooperative Purchasing Agency

Motion by Rieckman, seconded by Chapman, to approve HVAC/Chiller Purchase via Cooperative Purchasing Agency. Motion Carried 8-0 via roll call vote.

b. Personnel Disclosure per SDCL 6-1-10

The monthly personnel disclosure was shared.

9. AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

No suggestions at this time.

Congratulations to board member Chapman on her appointment to the Build Dakota Scholarship Board. Interest was expressed in touring the Radiologic Technology and Dental Hygiene areas, with an opportunity to do so following the meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

September 9, 2026 | 11:30 AM | Pennington County Room

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Kendall, seconded by Scull, to enter Executive Session at 1:23 p.m., per SDCL 1-25-2(1) Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, and SDCL 1-25-2(4) Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives.

Powers left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.. Executive session ended at 3:30 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Willard moved, seconded by Rabe to adjourn at 3:31 p.m. Motion Carried 7-0.

Board Chair