

February 11, 2026 | Western Dakota Technical College | Pennington County Room

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The Western Dakota Tech Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 11:30 AM, 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: Kirk Easton, Lynn Kendall, Curt Pochardt, Andrea Powers, Linda Rabe, Jeff Rieckman, Mike Roesler, Andy Scull (virtual), and Dr. Steve Willard. WDTC leadership staff attending included: Dr. Kendra Ericson, Tiffany Howe, Kathi Maxson, Kelly Oehlerking, and Debbie Toms (virtual). Others present included: Damola Adeyemo (Student Representative), Missy Ginsbach, Matt Greene, Andrew Kapelewski, Matt Kingrey, Jonathan McCoy (Ex Officio), Pam Stillman-Rokusek, and Noelle Simmons.

## Board Development 11:30 AM

[Student Satisfaction Inventory](#) – Kelly Oehlerking, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness & Student Success, presented on the SSI. Information was shared on the Student Satisfaction Inventory including response rate, strengths and challenges, and next steps.

## Board Meeting 12:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman WILLARD called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM with a call to order and roll call.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RIECKMAN moved to approve the agenda, seconded by RABE. MOTION CARRIED 9-0 via roll call vote.

### 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

### 5. APPROVAL ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA

*Board Members are reminded to ask for additional information as part of their preparation for the board meeting and before the meeting starts.*

- a. [Minutes from January 14, 2026 Meeting](#)
- b. [Bills to Pay](#)

Motion by POWERS to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by EASTON. MOTION CARRIED 9-0 via roll call vote.

### 6. ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Missy Ginsbach, Registrar and Interim Director of Admissions, provided a Spring 2026 enrollment update.

### 7. FINANCE REPORT

- a. [Personnel Disclosure per SDCL 6-1-10](#)

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Kathi presented the monthly financial report and reported that the Audit is still in progress. The monthly personnel disclosure was shared.

8. **EX OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES**

- a. Foundation – Foundation Board Chair, Jonathan McCoy, shared the [monthly update](#) from the Foundation.
- b. Faculty Representative – Absent.
- c. RCAS Representative – Absent.
- d. Student Representative – Damola Adeyemo shared that the SALT student group is working on student engagement, events and communication with students.

EASTON left the meeting at 12:30 PM.

9. **PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Ericson provided updates on legislative matters, college positions, campus event highlights, and upcoming items.

10. **AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The preliminary FY27 Budget will be shared in the April meeting.

11. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

March 11, 2026 | 11:30 AM | Pennington County Room

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

POCHARDT moved, seconded by RIECKMAN, to enter Executive Session at 1:03 PM, per SDCL 1-25-2(6) Discussing information pertaining to the protection of public or private property and any person on or within public or private property. MOTION CARRIED 8-0 via roll call vote.


The Executive Session concluded at 1:52 PM.

13. **APPROVAL ITEM: SECURITY PROPOSAL**

Motion by RIECKMAN, seconded by ROESLER, to approve the Verkada proposal and enter into a five-year financing agreement with Verkada for campus security enhancements in the total amount of \$1,673,054.57 at 0% APR, with \$200,000 due at signing and five annual payments thereafter. MOTION CARRIED 8-0 via roll call vote.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

POCHARDT moved, seconded by KENDALL to adjourn at 1:53 PM. MOTION CARRIED 8-0 via roll call vote.

  
Board Chair