

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2026 | Western Dakota Technical College | Pennington County Room

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The Western Dakota Tech Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, September 9, 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 (virtual), Lynn Kendall, Andrea Powers (virtual), Linda Rabe, Mike Roesler, Andy Scull, and Dr. Steve Willard. Absent: Jeff Rieckman. WDTC leadership staff in attendance included: Kirk Easton, Donna Hanks, Tiffany Howe, Kelly Oehlerking, and Debbie Toms. Other staff present included: Jill Elder, Missy Ginsbach, Andrew Kapelewski, Kathi Maxson, and Stephanie Owens.

Present only for Board Development: Damola Adeyemo (Student Representative) and Christine Stephenson (RCAS)

Board Development 11:30 a.m.

Rapid City Area Schools Bond Overview - Dr. Jami Jo Thompson, Superintendent, and Coy Sasse, Chief Financial and Operations Officer, presented on the upcoming Bond.

Board Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Roesler called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m. with a call to order.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Discussion to adjust agenda by delaying Oath of Office for Andrea Powers until the next meeting that she can attend in person. Motion to approve the amended agenda by Willard, seconded by Rabe. Motion Carried 6-0 via roll call vote.

3. **DRAFT CAMPUS MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION**

Jeremy Altman, Principal Architect, Architecture Incorporated presented updates for the campus master plan and trades facility.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

6. **APPROVAL ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. [Minutes from August 12, 2026 Meeting](#)
- b. [Bills to Pay](#)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Scull, seconded by Kendall. Motion Carried 6-0 via roll call vote.

7. **EX OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES**

- a. [Foundation](#) – Andrew Kapelewski reported on grants, planning for capital campaigning and on the 2026 Gala: Dream, Build, Thrive!

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- b. Faculty Representative – Absent
- c. RCAS Representative – Absent
- d. Student Representative – Absent

8. FINANCE REPORT

Kathi provided an update on the FY27 YTD – Key Inflows and Outflows, FY27 YTD Budget Comparison, cash balances and reviewed the FY25-26 WDTC Year-End Budget Amendment.

- a. APPROVAL ITEM: [Year End Budget Amendment FY25-26](#)
Motion to approve the FY25-26 WDTC Year-End Budget Amendment by Kendall, seconded by Rabe. Motion Carried 6-0 via roll call vote.

9. PRESIDENT REPORT

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

- a. Howe reported two awards with ATEA: Welding & Fabrication ATEA Outstanding Technical Program and Muth Electric ATEA Silver Sat of Excellence Award
- b. Ginsbach provided an update on Fall 2026 Enrollment along with Fall 2026 credit hours.
- c. Easton provided updates on Gunsmithing, HVAC upgrade, Campus Master Plan, BHBB House Event Center and upcoming events.
- d. [Personnel Disclosure per SDCL 6-1-10](#)
The monthly personnel disclosure was shared.

10. AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

No suggestions at this time.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 14, 2026 | 11:30 AM | Pennington County Room

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Willard, seconded by Kendall, to enter Executive Session at 1:29 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.

Executive session concluded at 2:05 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chapman moved, seconded by Rabe to adjourn at 2:06 p.m. Motion Carried 6-0.

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