

NICOLET COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER/OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

Board Chair Dall called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Board members present: Eric Burke, Stephanie Byers, Abbey Dall, Dianne Lazear, Bob Martini, Bob Mott, Melinda Young, Jacob Wojcik, Student Representative

Also present: President Ferrel, Al Javoroski, Bobbi Fields, Heather Schallock, Courtney Zempel, Kelly Stebbeds, Jolene Wayland, Jeremy VanCamp, Jenna Allen, Megan Gerber, Laura Wind-Norton, Gary Zarda, Allie Johnson, Claire Buss, Brandon Luedtke, Emily Messing, Cindy Domaika, Gayle Shanks, Ellen Mathein

Recorder: Kris Peeters

Notice of the meeting was provided to the media and posted.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Peeters reported there were no requests for public input.

MOTION: LAZEAR MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY YOUNG, THAT THE NICOLET COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A VOICE VOTE.

4. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 18, 2025

*6. Ratification of HSED Contracts and Credit-Based High School Program Contracts #2025-0081 and 2025-0083

*7. Ratification of Business, Industry, and Government Contracts

*8. Recap of Expenses, Status of College Accounts, Operational Cost Recap of Expenses, and Approval of Bills Payable

*9. Employee Hires and Exits, February 2025

MOTION: LAZEAR MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY BURKE THAT THE NICOLET COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A VOICE VOTE.

10. **Introduction of Student Body Representative:** President Ferrel introduced Jacob Wojcik, the new Student Body Representative.

*11. **School of University Transfer – Liberal Arts:** Gary Zarda, Dean, School of UTLA, Allie Johnson & Brandon Luedtke faculty members, and Claire Buss and Emily Messing, current students, briefing on growing UTLA programming through serving district needs.

12. **Federal Update:** President Ferrel provided an update on the Federal higher education landscape.

13. **Budget Update:** Megan Gerber, Vice President of Finance & College Operations, briefed the Board on the FY26 budget process.

MOTION: BURKE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY LAZEAR THAT THE NICOLET COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MOVE AGENDA ITEM 15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY, PRIOR TO ITEM #14. CLOSED SESSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A VOICE VOTE.

15. **Items for Information Only – Not for Board Action**

- 2025 Board Appointment Process Update
 - March 25, Board Appointment Meeting #1 @ 3 pm
 - March 27, Board Appointment Meeting #2 @ 3 pm (backup meeting)
- Budget Informational Session – TBD April
- WTCS Ambassador Banquet – April 10, 2025
- HLC Visit – April 14-15
- **Commencement: Saturday, May 3 at the Hodag Dome – RSVP to Kris**

District Boards Association

- Upcoming Events: <https://districtboards.org/upcoming-events>
- ~~Sponsorship: 2025 Meeting – March 26, 2025~~

ACCT

- Annual Leadership Congress – New Orleans 10/22-10/25 – Let Kris/Kate know

2025 Board Meeting Schedule

- April 15
- May 20
- June 17
- July 14 – Organizational Meeting

14. **Closed Session**

MOTION: BURKE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY LAZEAR THAT THE NICOLET COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS, 19.85(1)(C) CONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OF PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY. ROLL CALL VOTE: BURKE: YES, BYERS: YES, DALL: YES, LAZEAR: YES, MARTINI: YES, YOUNG: YES.

MOTION: BURKE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY LAZEAR RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A VOICE VOTE.

No action taken in closed session. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.