



FEBRUARY 17, 2026 REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes

2/17/2026 4:30 PM CST

Nicolet College (or Virtual) Red Oak Bldg, Room 102, Rhinelander, WI

Attendance

Present:

Members: Eric Burke, Abbey Dall, Dianne Lazear, Bob Martini, Bob Mott, Jim Mulleady, Scott Sievert

Excused : Stephanie Byers

Guests: President Ferrel, Kris Peeters, Bobbi Fields, Megan Gerber, Tara Badgely-Westphal, Jenny Bonardelli, Heather Schallock, Patrick Burns, Michael Dassler, Cindy Domaika, Jennifer Hendryx, Ryan Huseby (remote), Jeff Labs, Kevin Terry, Jeremy VanCamp, Christin VanKauwenberg, Gary Zarda

I. CALL TO ORDER - Time 4:32

Peeters: On Tuesday, February 17, 2026, the Regular meeting of the Nicolet College Board of Trustees is open to the public and in compliance with WI State Statutes. Notice of the meeting was sent to the media and campus distribution list(s) to notify the general public of the time, place and agenda.

II. ROLL CALL

X - Eric Burke

Excused - Stephanie Byers

X - Abbey Dall

X - Dianne Lazear

X - Bob Martini

X - Bob Mott

X - Jim Mulleady

X - Scott Sievert

III. PUBLIC INPUT

Peeters reported no public input.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Lazear, Second: Burke, Approved on a voice vote

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda Items A through F

Motion: Martini, Second: Lazear, Approved on a voice vote with 1 abstention (Burke)

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular District Board Meeting January 20, 2026

B. Ratification of High School Equivalency Diploma Contracts and Credit-Based High School Program

C. Ratification of Business, Industry, and Government Contracts

D. Financials: Recap of Expenses, Status of College Accounts, Operational Cost, and Approval of Bills Payable

E. Employee Hires and Exits January 2025

F. Program Special Circumstances TCS 10.07(5m)

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Academic Policy Update
Bobbi Fields, EdD, Vice President of Academic Affairs gave an overview of the Academic Policy work.
- B. Program Review Update
Jennifer Hendryx, Director of Academic and Instructional Services and Christin Van Kauwenberg, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and ALO briefed the board on program review.
- C. Open Educational Resources (OER)
Cindy Domaika, Academic Engagement Partner, briefed the Board on Open Educational Resources (OER) Expanding Access, Affordability and Engagement
- D. Arts & Enrichment and Internal Events Management/Resources
Jennifer (Jenny) Bonardelli, Arts & Enrichment Manager and Tara Badgley-Westphal, Events & Hospitality Coordinator gave an update on current events and coordination behind the scenes for these events.
- E. President's Briefing
President Ferrel gave congratulations to Chair Dall and Trustee Burke for their nominations at the Chamber Gala.
- F. Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g)
Motion: Burke, Second: Martini, Approved on a voice vote
Roll Call: Abbey Dall, Eric Burke, Dianne Lazear, Bob Martini, Bob Mott, Jim Mulleady, Scott Sievert, President Ferrel, Kevin Terry
- G. Reconvene Open Session
No action taken in closed session. Motion to adjourn and reconvene into open session.
Motion: Lazear, Second: Mulleady, Approved on a voice vote

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- [Act 10 for Boards of Trustees](#)
- [Ecological Assessment & Restoration Plan LiveBinder](#)
- [Global Education Outcomes Overview: Guatemala 2026 | London 2026](#)
- [PECC Committee \(Update\)](#): Committee Members: Jeremy VanCamp, Abbey Dall, Scott Sievert, Bob Mott
- **Board Appointment Hearings:** Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 1 p.m. - Fireside. (If needed, Thursday, March 5, 2025 at 9 a.m.)
 - **Applicant Names:**
 - Kristin Allen, Lac du Flambeau, Vilas, Additional
 - Shelby Daniels, Crandon, Forest, Additional
 - Bill Freudenberg, Rhinelander, Oneida, Additional
 - Robert Martini, Rhinelander, Oneida, Additional
 - Robert Mott, Pelican Lake, Oneida, Elected Official
 - Karyl Rosenberg, Rhinelander, Oneida, Additional
 - Collette Sorgel, Three Lakes, Oneida, Elected Official
 - Teresa Theiler, Tomahawk, Lincoln, Additional
- [Ambassador Celebration](#) - Thursday, April 16, 5:00 pm ***Please contact Kris if interested in attending**
- **Student Awards Ceremony** - Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – 4:30 p.m., Nicolet College, 1st Floor, Lakeside Commons
- **Save the Date:** Commencement May 2
- **2026 ACCT Leadership Congress** - October 21 -24, 2026, Hyatt Regency Chicago
- [DBA:](#)
 - [2026 Spring Meeting](#), Friday, April 17, 2026, Glacier Canyon Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells
Hybrid Meeting

- [2026 Virtual Summer Meeting](#), *Friday, June 19, 2026, Zoom Virtual Meeting Hosted by Chippewa Valley*
- [2026 Fall Meeting](#), *Starts Thursday, October 08, 2026 Ends Saturday, October 10, 2026, Hybrid Meeting Moraine Park - West Bend Campus*
- Next Meeting: March 17, 2026

VIII. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Lazear made a motion to adjourn at 6:08 p.m., Second: Mulleady, Approved