



April 21, 2026 REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING Minutes

4/21/2026 4:30 PM CDT

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

Attendance

I. CALL TO ORDER - 4:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

X - Eric Burke

Excused - Stephanie Byers

X - Abbey Dall

Excused - Dianne Lazear

Virtual - Bob Martini (Exit 5:05 pm)

X - Bob Mott (Exit 5:15 p.m.)

Virtual - Jim Mulleady

X - Scott Sievert

Guests: President Kate Ferrel, Bobbi Fields, Megan Gerber, Jeremy VanCamp, Katelyn Abbott, Patrick Burns, Joel DeNamur, Sarah Gruber, Molly Gruett, Ryan Huseby, Lee Lierman, Brandon Luedtke, Ellen Mathein, Jamie Ruppert, Kim Schey-Scuglik, Sherry Schmidt (Virtual), Gayle Shanks (Virtual), Jenna Allen, Heather Schallock

Recorder: Kris Peeters

III. PUBLIC INPUT - No public input

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion:

To approve the agenda and move Items C and D Regular Agenda Items before Item A Regular Agenda.

Motion: Mott, Second: Sievert, Approved on a voice vote.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda Items A through F.

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

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular District Board Meeting March 17, 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, and Operational Cost
1. Check Register over \$2,500

- E. Employee Hires and Exits, March 2026
- F. Program Special Circumstances TCS 10.07(5m)

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. *Regular Agenda Item C: 2026-27 Contract Service Rates:

Ryan Huseby, Dean of Pathways & Workforce Development briefed the board on [Nicolet College Policy BP 2.14](#) (Contracts to Provide Educational Services) and per referenced document attached to the Board Packet, and requested board approval.

Motion for a Roll Call Vote to approve the 2026-27 Contract Service Rates (attached in the Board Packet) for contract training and technical assistance in accordance with s.38.04(14)(a)4.

Motion: Burke, Second: Sievert. Burke - Aye; Dall - Aye; Martini - Aye; Mott - Aye; Mulleady - Aye; Sievert - Aye. Motion passed on 6 Aye votes and 0 Nye Votes. 2 - Absent

B. *Regular Agenda Item D: Aid Code 60 Community Services Tuition Recommendation

Heather Schallock, Vice President of Community Engagement and Executive Director of the Nicolet College Foundation provided a recommendation for the Aid Code 60 Community Services tuition rate and requested Board approval.

Motion for a Roll Call Vote to Increase the tuition rate from \$160 to \$200 per credit for Aid Code 60 community services courses.

Motion: Burke, Second: Mott. Burke - Aye; Dall - Aye; Martini - Aye; Mott - Aye; Mulleady - Aye; Sievert - Aye. Motion passed on 6 Aye votes and 0 Nye Votes. 2 – Absent

Motion to adjust the Regular agenda and move Regular Agenda Item E after Regular Item A.

Motion: Burke, Second: Sievert, Approved on a voice vote.

C. Regular Agenda Item A: School of Business & Entrepreneurship - Dean Mathein, and team, briefed the board on competency-based business programs

- Kim Schey-Scuglik, Office Management Instructor
- Joel DeNamur, Accounting Instructor
- Jamie Ruppert, Accounting Student
- Sherry Schmidt, Office Management Student (Virtual)

D. *Regular Agenda Item E: Approval of Auditing Services

Megan Gerber, Vice President of Finance and College Operations briefed the board on Nicolet College's auditing services and requested Board approval for one additional year.

Motion for a Roll Call Vote that the Nicolet College Board of Trustees authorize the administration to contract for auditing services with the firm of Wipfli, LLP, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$45,500.

Motion: Sievert, Second: Mott. Burke - Aye; Dall - Aye; Martini - Aye; Mott - Aye; Mulleady - Aye; Sievert - Aye. Motion passed on 6 Aye votes and 0 Nye Votes. 2 – Absent

E. Regular Agenda Item B: Advocacy and Impact through WSG (Wisconsin Student Government)

Brandon Luedtke, Nicolet College History Instructor and Katelyn Abbott, WI Student Government, shared a brief overview of the structure of WSG and their lived experience.

F. President's Briefing - President Ferrel briefed the board on the President's Annual Report and Director VanCamp outlined next steps on the PECC process.

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Nicolet Events:

- [Fahrenheit 451 Spring Play](#) (Lakeside Theatre) - [Tickets Sold Online](#)
- [Food Truck Rally](#) (Lakeside Center) – Wednesday, April 22 from 1-6pm
- [Sustainability Fair](#) (Lakeside Center) – Wednesday, April 22 from 3-7pm
- [Student Art Show Opening](#) (Northwoods Center Art Gallery) – Thursday, April 23 from 4-6pm
- Budget Information Session (Red Oak Center 102) - Tuesday, April 28 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
- Student Awards Ceremony (Lakeside Center) – Tuesday, April 28 @ 5pm (**RSVP to Kris**)
- [Vietnam Memorial Wall Panel Dedication](#) (Lakeside Center Patio) – Thursday, April 30 from 1-2pm
- [Commencement](#) (Lakeside Center Theatre and 2nd Floor) - Saturday, May 2. Three ceremonies - 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Nursing Pinning (Lakeside Center Theatre) – Tuesday, May 5 from 4-6pm
- [The Prince & the Peach Live Music](#) (Lakeside Patio) – Thursday, May 21 @ 6:30pm
- [Law Enforcement Recruit Academy Completion Celebration](#) (Lakeside Center) – Friday, June 12 @ 5pm (requires registration)
- Discovery Day Breakfast and Tours (Lakeside Center) – Monday, June 15 @ 7:45 am ([RSVP appreciated](#))
- Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce, Business After Five. 5-7 p.m. Nicolet College (Northwoods Center Art Gallery) – Wednesday, July 15
- [Chef Week April 20 thru 22](#)

Board Appointment - Pursuant to our [Plan of Representation](#), we need to fill an Additional Position from Vilas County or a portion of Iron County that is within the Nicolet District. Minorities are encouraged to apply. The appointment hearing to interview candidates is scheduled for May 21, with May 22 reserved if necessary.

- [DBA \(District Boards Association\) - 2026 April Monthly Update](#)
- [2026 DBA Virtual Summer Meeting](#)
- **Trustee Tuesdays:** April 28, May 26, July 28, September 22, October 27, November 24 - [Link to Register](#)
- [2026 Fall Hybrid Meeting, October 8, 2026](#)
- [WTCS \(WI Technical College System\) Events](#)
- **2026 WTCS Ambassador Event** - [Click here to get the livestream event link.](#) [Maddie Barnes, Nicolet College](#)
- [ACCT \(Association of Community College Trustees\) Events](#)
- [Spring 2026 Newsletter](#)
- [2026 ACCT Leadership Congress - Oct. 21 thru 24](#)
- [2026 New Trustee Governance Leadership Institute - August 5 thru 7](#)

Next Meeting: May 19, 2026

VIII. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

1. Jeremy VanCamp will send out the PECC survey.
2. Approval of moving Contract Service Rates to a yearly approval - BP 2.14 and 38-04(14)(a)4

IX. ADJOURNMENT - 5:52 p.m.