



JUNE 16, 2026 REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING Minutes

Nicolet College

6/16/2026 4:45 PM CDT

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

I. CALL TO ORDER - 5:09 p.m.

*Meeting is a continuation of the Budget Informational Session

II. ROLL CALL - Continued from Budget Session

X - Stephanie Byers (Virtual)
X - Dianne Lazear
X - Bob Martini
X - Bob Mott
X - Jim Mulleady
X - Scott Sievert

Excused – Eric Burke, Abbey Dall

GUESTS: President Kate Ferrel, Jenna Allen, Heather Schallock, Megan Gerber, Bobbi Fields, Ray Lemke, Amber Laffin, Mark Karp (virtual), Jeremy VanCamp, Ryan Huseby, Ellen Mathein, Jennifer Hendryx, Patrick Burns, Liberty Heidmann (community member)

RECORDER: Kris Peeters

III. PUBLIC INPUT

No public input.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION: Sievert moved to approve the agenda as presented.

SECOND: Lazear

RESULT: Motion carried by a voice vote.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: That the Nicolet College Board of Trustees approve the Consent Agenda Items A-F

MOTION: Mott moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-F

SECOND: Lazear

RESULT: Motion carried by a voice vote.

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular District Board Meeting May 19, 2026

B. Ratification of High School Equivalency Diploma Contracts and Credit-Based High School Program BP 2.11

NO CONTRACTS TO REPORT.

C. Ratification of Business, Industry, and Government Contracts BP 2.14

- D. Financials: Recap of Expenses, Status of College Accounts, Operational Cost, and Approval of Bills Payable
- E. Employee Hires and Exits, May 2026
- F. Program Special Circumstances TCS 10.07(5m)
NO PROGRAM SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO REPORT.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Action on the 2026-27 Budget - BP 3.01

Board discussion on this item occurred during the Public Hearing.

ACTION: That the Nicolet College Board of Trustees approve the 2026-27 budget as presented in the total amount of **\$37,352,242 and that \$3,825,232** be placed on the tax rolls of the Nicolet Area Technical College District.

MOTION: Mott moved to approve the 2026-27 budget.

SECOND: Sievert

Roll call vote:

Yes - Burke (Vote by Proxy)

Yes - Byers

Yes - Lazear

Yes - Mott

Yes - Martini

Yes - Mulleady

Yes - Sievert

RESULT: Motion approved on a roll call vote. Roll call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

B. Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing

Megan Gerber, Vice President of Finance and College Operations briefed the board.

ACTION: That the Nicolet College Board of Trustees approves the College's intent to utilize borrowing to finance eligible budgeted expenditures; and allow Nicolet College to reimburse itself from future borrowing proceeds for eligible expenditures incurred prior to the issuance of debt.

MOTION: Sievert moved to approve of the College's intent to utilize borrowing.

SECOND: Lazear

Roll call vote:

Yes - Burke (Vote by Proxy)

Yes - Byers

Yes - Lazear

Yes - Mott

Yes - Martini

Yes - Mulleady

Yes - Sievert

RESULT: Motion approved on a roll call vote. Roll call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

C. Out of State Tuition Remission/Waivers

NO ACTION - NO OUT REMISSION/WAIVERS TO REPORT

D. Contracts at Less than Full Cost Recovery - BP 2.17 (April, May, June)

NO ACTION - NO CONTRACTS TO REPORT

E. New Program Development: Pathway Proposals BP 2.10

Ellen Mathein, Dean of the School of Business & Entrepreneurship and Jennifer Hendryx, Ed.D., Director of Academic & Instructional Services briefed the board on new programs and requested Board approval.

- Quickbooks Accounting Specialist career pathway program
- Business Customer Service Support embedded technical diploma program
- Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Foundations embedded technical diploma program
- Digital Marketing and Branding career pathway certificate diploma program

ACTION: To approve the program pathways and authorize the proposal submission to the Wisconsin Technical College System for approval, and support program implementation effective for the 2026-2027 academic year.

MOTION: Mott moved to approve the program pathways.

SECOND: Sievert

RESULT: Motion carried by a voice vote.

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Nicolet College Events:

- Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce, Business After Five. 5-7 p.m. Nicolet College (Northwoods Center Art Gallery) – **Wednesday, July 15**
- Board Appointment - Kristin Allen was appointed to the Nicolet College Board of Trustees during the May 21, 2026 Board Appointment Hearing.

DBA (District Boards Association) - 2026 May Monthly Update

- **2026 DBA Virtual Summer Meeting** - Friday, June 19, 2026
- **Trustee Tuesdays:** May 26, July 28, September 22, October 27, November 24
- **All 2026 BOD Meeting dates, links, and materials can also be found on the website here:** <https://dba.wildapricot.org/current-board-materials>
- **2026 Fall Hybrid Meeting, October 8, 2026** through Saturday, October 10, 2026, Moraine Park, West Bend Campus

ACCT (Association of Community College Trustees) Events

- **ACCT Trustee Quarterly Magazine Spring 2026**
- **Spring 2026 Newsletter**
- **2026 ACCT Leadership Congress - Oct. 21 thru 24**
- **2026 New Trustee Governance Leadership Institute - August 5 thru 7** ([Click here](#) for the Agenda)

Next Meeting: MONDAY, July 13, 2026

VIII. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

IX. Convene to Closed Session

ACTION: That the Nicolet College Board of Trustees adjourn into closed session under Wisconsin Statute §19.85 (1) (c) to conduct the president performance review with President Ferrel and identify any added actions for the President to undertake if needed

MOTION: Lazear moved to adjourn into closed session under Wisconsin Statute §19.85 (1) (c)

SECOND: Sievert

Roll call vote:

Yes - Burke (Vote by Proxy)

Yes - Byers

Yes - Lazear

Yes - Mott

Yes - Martini

Yes - Mulleady

Yes - Sievert

RESULT: Motion approved on a roll call vote. Roll call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

X. ADJOURN INTO OPEN SESSION

ACTION: To convene into open session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of the President.

MOTION: Lazear moved to convene into open session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c)

SECOND: Sievert

RESULT: Motion carried by a voice vote.

No action taken in closed session.

XI. ADJOURNMENT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - 6:50 p.m.