

# AUGUST 18, 2026 REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

## Minutes

Nicolet College

8/18/2026 4:30 PMCDT

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

### I. CALL TO ORDER - Time 4:31 pm

### II. ROLL CALL

X - Eric Burke

X - Stephanie Byers (Virtual)

X - Abbey Dall (Virtual)

X - Bob Martini

X - Jim Mulleady (Virtual)

X - Scott Sievert (Virtual)

X - Teri Theiler

Absent - Bob Mott

GUESTS: President Ferrel, Kristin Allen, Heather Schallock, Megan Gerber, Jeremy Van Camp (virtual), Bobbi Fields, Bojan Ljubenko, Jeff Labs, Patrick Burns, Amber Laffin, Ellen Mathein (virtual), Jen Bates (virtual), Liberty Heidmann (virtual), Jennifer Hendryx

RECORDER: Kris Peeters

### III. PUBLIC INPUT - No Public Input

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Theiler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

SECOND: Byers

Motion carried on a voice vote

### V. INTRODUCTION, WELCOME AND OATH OF OFFICE - Kristin Allen, Additional Member (8/1/2026 - 6/30/29)

### VI. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Allen made a motion to approve the consent agenda Items A-F.

SECOND: Byers

Motion carried on a voice vote

#### A. Approval of Minutes of the Organizational Meeting July 13, 2026

MOTION: Theiler motion to approve the agenda as presented.

SECOND: Byers

Motion carried on a voice vote

- B. Ratification of High School Equivalency Diploma Contracts and Credit-Based High School Program BP 2.11 - No Contracts to Report
- C. CONSENT AGENDA - 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, July 2026
- F. Program Special Circumstances TCS 10.07(5m) - No program special circumstances to report.

## VII. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. ACTION: New Program Development - 30-316-X Culinary Foundations, 30-502-X Cosmetology and Customer Experience, and 10-156-4 Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist

Bobbi J Fields, EdD, Vice President of Academic Affairs presented the new programs for development and requested Board Approval.

**MOTION:** Martini made a motion that the Nicolet College Board of Trustees approve the programs: 30-316-X Culinary Foundations, 30-502-X Cosmetology and Customer Experience, and 10-156-4 Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist and authorize the submission to the Wisconsin Technical College System for approval, and support program implementation effective for the 2026-2027 academic year.

**SECOND:** Theiler

Motion carried on a voice vote.

- B. President and Board Chair Updates

**Board Governance Framework Discussion.** Chair Burke presented a summary of the proposed plan to move forward with developing a new Board Governance framework and outline. Chair Burke requested input and feedback from Board members regarding the proposed approach, structure, and key governance considerations. Discussion followed, and Board members provided comments and recommendations for consideration as the framework is further developed.

**Strategic Areas of Focus / Goals 2026-27.** President Ferrel briefed the Board on the strategic framework and outlined proposed areas of focus for 2026-27. The presentation included an overview of future work priorities, organizational goals, and key initiatives intended to guide planning and decision-making.

## VIII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

### IX. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Jeremy Van Camp will meet with Trustees Theiler, Burke, and Sievert to review their evaluation process and discuss future evaluation procedures. Findings will be shared with the Board at a future meeting.

President Ferrel will work with Chair Burke on redesigning September (and future) agendas reflecting alignment with college strategy.

- X. ADJOURNMENT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Time 5:37 pm