

NTC DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE: MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

TIME: 1:00 PM

LOCATION: NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE – TIMBERWOLF CONFERENCE CENTER/D100,
1000 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI 54401 AND VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

The Northcentral Technical College District Board of Trustees met on July 13, 2026, at the Wausau Campus as well as via Zoom. Chairperson Troy Brown called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

- A. Board Members Present: Troy Brown, Sherry Bunten, Tom Felch, Nate Lehman, Charlie Paulson, Paul Proulx, Heather Renzelmann, Rainer Shooter (arrived at 1:14 pm)
- B. Compliance with Open Meetings Law (Wis. Stat. 19.81-19.88)
 - a. Nikki Kopp reported the meeting was being held in compliance with Open Meetings Law (Wis. Stat. 19.81-19.88)
- C. Public Comment
 - a. There were no public comments.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Oath of Office for Appointed District Board Members – Nikki Kopp
 - a. Tom Felch, Charlie Paulson, and Paul Proulx were appointed to the NTC District Board of Trustees. Ms. Kopp administered the Oath of Office to Trustees Felch, Paulson and Proulx for their three-year terms ending June 30, 2029.
- B. Election of Board Chairperson

Troy Brown, who is eligible to serve another term (per State Statute) as Chairperson turned the meeting over to Vice Chairperson, Paul Proulx. Nate Lehman nominated Troy Brown for the position of Board Chairperson. No further nominations were received, nominations were closed, and Troy Brown was elected as Board Chairperson by unanimous consent.
- C. Election of Vice Chairperson

Nate Lehman nominated Paul Proulx for the position of Vice Chairperson. No further nominations were received, nominations were closed, and Paul Proulx was elected Vice Chairperson by unanimous consent.
- D. Election of Secretary-Treasurer

Nate Lehman nominated Charlie Paulson for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. No further nominations were received, nominations were closed, and Charlie Paulson was elected Secretary-Treasurer by unanimous consent.
- E. Establish WTC District Boards Association Representatives

The Board agreed to keep representatives the same for this next year.
- F. Establish 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates
 - a. August 11, October 13, December 1, February 9, March 9, April 6, May 4, and June 8

G. Annual Board Conduct and Ethics Acknowledgement

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED

- A. Approval of Minutes from June 2, 2026, Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Charlie Paulson moved and Tom Felch seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the meeting minutes from the June 2, 2026, Board of Trustees Public Hearing + Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of President's 2026-2027 Goals – Jeannie Worden
Paul Proulx moved and Charlie Paulson seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the President's 2026-2027 goals. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Wausau CHS Fourth Floor Stairwell Remodel (*Revised*) – Cher Vink
Charlie Paulson moved and Nate Lehman seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau CHS Fourth Floor Stairwell Remodel at a cost not to exceed \$760,000 and requests that the WTCS State Board approve the project at its September Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Wausau C Building IT and Student Services Remodel (*Revised*) – Cher Vink
Sherry Bunten moved and Tom Felch seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau C Building IT and Student Services Remodel at a cost not to exceed \$160,000 and requests that the WTCS State Board approve the project at its September Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Sherry Bunten moved and Paul Proulx seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Consent Voting Agenda including:
 - a. Receipts + Expenditures
 - b. Personnel Changes

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Sherry Bunten, Tom Felch, Nate Lehman, Charlie Paulson, Paul Proulx, Heather Renzelmann, Rainer Shooter, Troy Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS + PRESENTATIONS WERE HEARD

- A. President's Report
 - a. Purple and Blue Advantage – Darren Ackley + Sarah Dillon
 - i. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included with the official meeting minutes.
 - b. Program Portfolio Review – Darren Ackley + Emily Stuckenbruck
 - c. 2026-2027 Board Development Topics
 - d. Comments from Informational Update
- B. Chairperson's Report
 - a. Next Regular NTC Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 1:00 pm at Merrill Public Safety Center of Excellence.
 - b. WTC DBA Fall Meeting: October 8-10, 2026 at Moraine Park Technical College (West Bend Campus) and via Zoom.

C. Information

- a. Out of State Tuition Remission
- b. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- c. Upcoming Meetings + Events
- d. Good News

MEETING ADJOURN

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Charlie Paulson, Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by:

Nikki Kopp, Executive Assistant to the President + Board

Note: Meetings of the Northcentral Technical College District Board are held in compliance with Wisconsin's "Open Meetings Law".

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