

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Northcentral Technical College District Board of Trustees met on March 10, 2026, at the Wausau Campus as well as via Zoom. Chairperson Troy Brown called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

- A. Board Members Present: Troy Brown, Sherry Bunten (Zoom), Tom Felch, Renae Krings, Nate Lehman, Charlie Paulson, Paul Proulx, Heather Renzelmann, Rainer Shooter (Zoom)
- 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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

- A. Student Representative Update – Caitlin Johnson
 - a. Due to an academic commitment, Caitlin was unable to join the Board today.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED

- A. Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2026, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Paul Proulx moved and Nate Lehman seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the meeting minutes from the February 10, 2026, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of Single Audit Report – Chet Strebe
Charlie Paulson moved and Renae Krings seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Single Audit Report. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approval of 2026-2027 Capital Budget – Chet Strebe
Charlie Paulson moved and Renae Krings seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the 2026-2027 Capital Budget not to exceed the \$13,055,500 capital expenditures budget, funded through capital borrowings of \$13,000,000, anticipated donations of \$35,000, and anticipated grant funding of \$20,500, including identified items exceeding \$50,000.
Roll Call Vote Ayes: Sherry Bunten, Tom Felch, Renae Krings, Nate Lehman, Charlie Paulson, Paul Proulx, Heather Renzelmann, Rainer Shooter, Troy Brown. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Wausau D Building Bookstore + Student Life Remodel – Cher Vink
Paul Proulx moved and Nate Lehman seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau D Building Bookstore + Student Life Remodel at a cost not to exceed \$400,000 and requests that the WTCS State Board approves the project at its May Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Wausau D Building Student Advising + Transfer Center Remodel – Cher Vink
Heather Renzelmann moved and Paul Proulx seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau D Building Student Advising + Transfer Center Remodel at a cost not to exceed \$850,000 and requests that the WTCS State Board approves the project at its May Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Wausau CHS Fourth Floor Stairwell Remodel – Cher Vink

Tom Felch moved and Charlie Paulson seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau CHS Fourth Floor Stairwell Remodel at a cost not to exceed \$600,000 and requests that the WTCS State Board approves the project at its May Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Wausau C Building IT + Student Services Remodel – Cher Vink

Renaë Krings moved and Charlie Paulson seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau C Building IT + Student Services Remodel at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 and requests that the WTCS State Board approves the project at its May Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Wausau Flexible Learning Lab (FLL) Restroom Remodel – Cher Vink

Charlie Paulson moved and Nate Lehman seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau Flexible Learning Lab Restroom Remodel at a cost not to exceed \$175,000 and requests that the WTCS State Board approves the project at its May Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Wausau Motorcycle Safety Garage Addition – Cher Vink

Renaë Krings moved and Nate Lehman seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau Motorcycle Safety Garage Addition at a cost not to exceed \$75,000 and requests that the WTCS State Board approves the project at its May Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Paul Proulx moved and Tom Felch 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, Renaë Krings, Nate Lehman, Charlie Paulson, Paul Proulx, Heather Renzelmann, Rainer Shooter, Troy Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS + REPORTS WERE HEARD

A. Artificial Intelligence (AI): Continuing Our Work – Darren Ackley + Reggie Smith

- a. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included with the official meeting minutes.

B. Outcomes Based Funding Report – Emily Stuckenbruck + Kaolee Yang

- a. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included with the official meeting minutes.

C. President's Report

- a. Semi-Annual Board Dashboard (Handout) – Darren Ackley + Andy Nelson
 - i. A copy of the Semi-Annual Board Dashboard is included with the official meeting minutes.
- b. Comments from Informational Update

D. Chairperson's Report

- a. Spring 2026 Board Appointment Cycle
- b. Reminder to Complete Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) by 4/30/2026

- c. Next Regular NTC Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at Wausau Campus
 - d. WTCS Ambassador Banquet: Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells
 - e. WTC DBA Hybrid Spring Meeting: Friday, April 17, 2026, 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells + via Zoom.
- E. Information
- a. Capital Projects Monitoring Report
 - b. Spring Graduation Ceremony: Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Wausau West High School
 - c. Upcoming Meetings + Events
 - d. Good News

CLOSED SESSION AT 2:18 PM

- A. Nate Lehman moved and Tom Felch seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval to adjourn the Board into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of:
- a. Deliberating or negotiating the sale of public properties.

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

OPEN SESSION

- A. Paul Proulx moved and Charlie Paulson seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval to reconvene the Board into Open Session to confirm any action deemed necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

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

- B. Paul Proulx moved and Tom Felch seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval to list the Wittenberg Campus for sale following completion of an appraisal to establish fair market value and a sale price.

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

MEETING ADJOURN

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

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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