

## DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

### MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** MARCH 4, 2025  
**TIME:** 1:00 P.M. MEETING CALL TO ORDER  
**LOCATION:** NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE – TIMBERWOLF CONFERENCE CENTER/D100,  
1000 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI 54401 AND VIA ZOOM

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#### CALL TO ORDER

The Northcentral Technical College District Board of Trustees met on March 4, 2025, at the Wausau Campus as well as via Zoom. Chairperson Paul Proulx called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

- A. Board Members Present: Troy Brown, Sherry Bunten (via Zoom), Tom Felch, Renae Krings, Nate Lehman, Charlie Paulson, Paul Proulx, Heather Renzelmann
- 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 – Grace Koehler
  - a. Grace highlighted several student events that have occurred since February.

#### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED

- A. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
Troy Brown moved and Tom Felch seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the meeting minutes from the February 11, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of 2025-2026 Capital Budget – Chet Strebe  
Troy Brown moved and Nate Lehman seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the 2025-2026 Capital Budget not to exceed the \$13,864,807 capital expenditures budget, funded through capital borrowings of \$13,000,000, anticipated grant funding of \$196,000 and anticipated fund balance usage of \$668,807, including identified items exceeding \$50,000.  
**Roll Call Vote Ayes:** Troy Brown, Sherry Bunten, Tom Felch, Renae Krings, Nate Lehman, Charlie Paulson, Heather Renzelmann, Paul Proulx. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Wausau – Accommodations, Testing + Security Renovation – Chet Strebe

Charlie Paulson moved and Renae Krings seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau – Accommodations, Testing + Security Renovation at a cost not to exceed \$700,000 and requests the WTCS State Board to do the same. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Wausau – Ag Center Utilities Building Renovation – Chet Strebe

Renae Krings moved and Charlie Paulson seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau – Ag Center Utilities Building Renovation at a cost not to exceed \$800,000 and requests the WTCS State Board to do the same. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Wausau – Ag Center Heifer Barn Addition – Chet Strebe

Troy Brown moved and Charlie Paulson seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau – Ag Center Heifer Barn Addition at a cost not to exceed \$225,000 and requests the WTCS State Board to do the same. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Wausau – Workforce Learning Center Leased Offices + A Building Entrance Renovation – Chet Strebe

Charlie Paulson moved and Troy Brown seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Wausau – Workforce Leadership Center Leased Offices + A Building Entrance Renovation at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000 and requests the WTCS State Board to do the same. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Troy Brown moved and Renae Krings seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval of the Consent Voting Agenda Including:

- a. Receipts + Expenditures
- b. Personnel Changes

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

**THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS + REPORTS WERE HEARD**

A. Artificial Intelligence (AI) in NTC Programs – Darren Ackley, Emily Stuckenbruck + Reggie Smith

- a. The PowerPoint presentation is included with the official meeting minutes.

B. President’s Report

- a. Comments from Informational Update

C. Chairperson’s Report

- a. Nomination of Paul Proulx as President of the District Boards Association
  - i. The board is supportive of Paul’s nomination as DBA President.
- b. Spring 2025 Board Appointment Update:
  - ii. Troy Brown, Heather Renzelmann + Rainer Shooter have applied for the three open positions on the NTC Board of Trustees. They will appear at a Board Appointment Hearing on Monday, March 10.
- c. Reminder to Complete Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) by 4/30/2025

d. Next Regular NTC Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, Antigo Campus at 1:00 p.m.

D. Information

- a. Capital Projects Monitoring Report
- b. Spring Graduation Ceremony: Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Wausau East High School
- c. Upcoming Meetings + Events
- d. Good News

**CLOSED SESSION (1:55 P.M.)**

- A. Tom Felch moved and Troy Brown seconded Northcentral Technical College District Board approval to adjourn the Board into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel.

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

**OPEN SESSION**

- A. Troy Brown moved and Tom Felch 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:** Troy Brown, Sherry Bunten, Tom Felch, Renae Krings, Nate Lehman, Charlie Paulson, Heather Renzelmann, Paul Proulx. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recorded by:

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Charlie Paulson, Secretary/Treasurer

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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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