

NTC DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

- A. Compliance with Open Meetings Law (Wis. Stat. 19.81-19.88)
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- C. Public Comment

Public Comment periods are not considered to be public hearings or a forum for public debate. No person may speak more than once to an issue or for a period longer than three (3) minutes. Individuals wishing to speak during this period must complete the sign-in form at the meeting location no less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The total amount of time devoted to public comment at any given meeting will not exceed thirty (30) minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Board.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Oath of Office for Appointed District Board Members – Nikki Kopp
 - a. Tom Felch, Charlie Paulson, Paul Proulx
- B. Election of Board Chairperson
- C. Election of Vice Chairperson
- D. Election of Secretary-Treasurer
- E. Establish WTC District Boards Association Representatives
- F. Establish 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates
- G. Annual Board Conduct and Ethics Acknowledgement

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes from June 2, 2026, Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of President's 2026-2027 Goals – Jeannie Worden
- B. Wausau CHS Fourth Floor Stairwell Remodel (*Revised*) – Cher Vink
- C. Wausau C Building IT and Student Services Remodel (*Revised*) – Cher Vink

CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

- A. Approval of Consent Voting Agenda Including:
 - a. Receipts + Expenditures

- b. Personnel Changes

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. President's Report

- a. Purple and Blue Advantage – Darren Ackley + Sarah Dillon
- 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

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

Mission: Northcentral Technical College enriches our communities by providing high quality learner and employer focused educational pathways that transform lives.

2026-2027 President Goals

Goals are based on the College's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan

1. Build on collaborative partnerships with local communities, businesses, K12, government and workforce development to adapt to ever changing needs, strengthen the community and capitalize on shared opportunities for economic growth and prosperity.
2. Strengthen a data-informed culture that effectively aligns resources with service and program needs and ensures a fiscally responsible, balanced and sustainable budget.
3. Lead and empower the development and enhancement of leading-edge learning environments and support student success.
4. Participate in professional development opportunities that will support growth in my role as President.

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

Date: July 13, 2026

Topic: Remodeling: Wausau – CHS Fourth Floor Stairwell Remodel (**Revised**)

Revised: *The estimated budget for the project is revised to an amount not to exceed \$760,000. The increase reflects higher-than-anticipated construction costs resulting from limited contractor participation during the bidding process and the complexity of constructing improvements more than 60 feet above ground level. In addition, the project scope has been expanded to include modifications to the UW Madison classroom to better integrate the renovated stairwell with the adjacent instructional space.*

Policy: Wisconsin Statute 38 – Technical College System, 38.14 District Board Powers – (2) Buildings and Equipment. (a) For the use of the district schools the district board may: (3) Construct, enlarge, or improve buildings. TCS 5.04 (4) (a) A resolution of the district board approving the remodeling of existing facilities, (b) A resolution of the district board requesting board (WTCS) approval of the remodeling.

Interpretation: Remodeling existing facilities requires Board approval.

Data/Results: This project consists of approximately 1,500 square feet of renovations within the CHS Building to create a continuously enclosed stairwell from the first floor through the fourth floor. The original CHS building design did not include a direct stair connection to the fourth floor, which has become increasingly problematic following the conversion of the fourth floor into student computer labs.

A recent chiller replacement created the opportunity to extend the existing atrium stair enclosure upward to the fourth floor. This renovation will enclose the stair corridor, extend the stairwell to the fourth floor, and include modifications to classroom CHS4003 and the elimination of conference room CHS4004 to accommodate the new configuration.

The improvement will provide a clear, direct vertical pathway for students and staff, significantly enhancing wayfinding, safety, and overall building accessibility. By improving internal circulation, the project supports the increased utilization of the fourth-floor instructional spaces and ensures the facility better aligns with current academic needs. This continuous stairwell will also improve the overall building safety during emergency evacuations.

The estimated budget for the project is not to exceed \$760,000. The College will be requesting WTCS State Board approval at its September Board meeting.

Proposed Motion: That the Northcentral Technical College District Board approves 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.

I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of July 13, 2026.



NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

Date: July 13, 2026

Topic: Remodeling: Wausau – C Building IT & Student Services Remodel (**Revised**)

Revised: *The estimated budget for the project is revised to an amount not to exceed \$160,000. The increase reflects additional project scope identified during planning, including the demolition of several small offices to accommodate new cubicle workspaces, as well as higher-than-anticipated construction costs resulting from limited contractor participation during the bidding process.*

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Data/Results: This project entails the renovation of approximately 450 square feet within the C Building at the Wausau Campus. The scope includes opening an existing wall between the IT and Student Services departments in the area formerly occupied by academic advisors who will be relocated to the new Advising and Transfer Center.

The reconfiguration will create a more functional and collaborative workspace to accommodate departmental growth, including the recent addition of the NTC Property Foundation, Grants, and Web Design functions within the IT and Finance departments. The newly opened space will support staff hoteling workstations, expanded copy and work areas, additional storage, and a centrally located interior soft seating area to encourage collaboration and informal meetings.

The project will also include lighting upgrades and cosmetic enhancements such as painting and new carpeting to modernize the space and ensure a cohesive, professional environment consistent with campus standards. These improvements will enhance operational efficiency, optimize existing square footage, and support cross-departmental collaboration.

The estimated budget for the project is not to exceed \$160,000. Construction is anticipated to begin in September, contingent upon approval by the WTCS State Board at its September Board meeting.

Proposed Motion: the Northcentral Technical College District Board approves the Wausau C Building IT & Student Services Remodel at a cost not to exceed \$160,000 and requests that the WTCS State Board approves the project at its September Board meeting.

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NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

Date: July 13, 2026

Topic: Receipts & Expenditures

Policy: Presidential Expectations 1.1 - The President, in execution of his/her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either irresponsible or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics, or that results in failure to be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Interpretation: To avoid violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics NTC will follow Wisconsin statute 38.12 District Board Duties (2) "...All expenditures exceeding \$2500 shall be approved by the district board." Also, in compliance with Wisconsin statute 38.12(4) District board duties, "The publication proceedings shall include a statement of receipts and expenditures in the aggregate."

Data/Results: The following Status of Funds listing receipts and expenditures including operating transfers in the aggregate is included for informational purposes as of **May 31, 2026** (preliminary).

F1-F7 Revenue: \$93,498,114.13

F1-F7 Expense: \$100,522,534.52

Proposed Motion: Motion is included with Consent Agenda.

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Dr. Jeanie Worden

NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET

Date: July 13, 2026

Topic: Personnel Changes

Policy: Presidential Expectations 1.1 - The President, in execution of his/her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either irresponsible or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics, or that results in failure to be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Interpretation: NTC will follow Wisconsin Statute 38.12 (3) "The district board shall employ and fix the compensation..." and Wisconsin Statute 118.22 (2) "...No teacher may be employed... except by a majority vote of the full membership of the board. Nothing in this section prevents the modification or termination of a contract by mutual agreement of the teacher and the board."

Data/Results: A request is made to approve the following personnel changes:

New Hires:

- Ethan Cattanach – Career Coach
- Alyssa Drake – Academic Advisor
- Olivia Hintze – Specialist, Youth Apprenticeship
- Troy Stelzer – Coordinator, Student Resource

Resignations:

- Patty McGovern – Technician, Biomedical Lab
- Joseph Bonke – Faculty, Machine Tool
- Robert Leafblad – Faculty, Welding
- Travis Teska – Faculty, Culinary Arts
- Curtis Leszczynski – Specialist, Multimedia
- Steve Bigelow – Coordinator, Human Resources
- Allison Burgau – Human Resources Generalist

Retirements:

- David Boisen – Instructional Technician
- Veronica Hope – Faculty, Welding
- John Burgess – Faculty, Business Management & Leadership Development
- Sara Nickel – Faculty, Health Care Business

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Dr. Jennie Worden