

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

12:00 p.m.

Pennington County Room

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The Western Dakota Tech Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 2:00 pm, in person at the Western Dakota Tech campus in the Pennington County Room. The meeting was also available virtually via Teams. The board trustees in attendance included: Tom Brunner, Brad Heltzel, Lynn Kendall, Curt Pochardt, Andrea Powers (virtual), Linda Rabe, Mike Roesler, Andy Scull, and Dr. Steve Willard.

WDTC leadership and other staff attending included: Christine Goldsmith and Noelle Simmons

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

WILLARD called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm with a roll call to order.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

BRUNNER moved, and HELTZEL seconded to approve the special meeting agenda. MOTION CARRIED (8-0) via roll call vote.

KENDALL arrived at 2:01 PM.

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ROESLER moved, seconded by RABE to go into Executive Session at 2:02 PM, per SDCL 1-25-2 Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. MOTION CARRIED (9-0) via roll call vote.

The Executive Session concluded at 3:11 PM.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, motion by ROESLER, seconded by BRUNNER, that the Board of Trustees transfer Dr. Steve Willard from the position of WDTC Board of Trustees Chair, to the position of WDTC Interim President, until such time as a new President can be hired and report for work. Once this happens, Dr. Willard will resume his role as Chair on the Board of Trustees. Further, Dr. Willard's compensation while performing the duties of WDTC Interim President shall be negotiated forthwith by the current President's search committee. MOTION CARRIED (8-0) via roll call vote. WILLARD abstained.

Motion by ROESLER, seconded by SCULL, that the Board of Trustees reassign Christine Goldsmith from the role of WDTC Acting President to her previous position of WDTC Vice President for Finance and Operations, until such time and date as her resignation becomes effective. Her existing compensation will be maintained until separation of employment with WDTC. MOTION CARRIED (9-0) via roll call vote.

5. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled as follows: March 12, 2025 | 11:30 am | Pennington County Room

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

SCULL moved and BRUNNER seconded to adjourn at 3:19 pm. MOTION CARRIED (9-0) via roll call vote.



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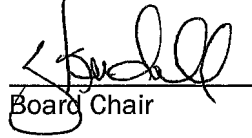
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Respectfully Submitted,



Board Chair