

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 2025, REGULAR MEETING**

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Lake Area Technical College
Student Center, Level 4
1201 Arrow Avenue, Watertown, SD 57201

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (0:08)

President Dana J. Dykhouse called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. (CST) with the following members present: Doug Ekeren*, Brad Greenway, Dennis Law, Joy Nelson, Terry Sabers, Brian Sandvig, Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, Jamie Stucky.

*Note: Ekeren joined shortly after rollcall.

Also present:

Nick Wendell, Executive Director, BOTE

Scott DesLauriers, Deputy Director, BOTE

Jenna Reis, Policy & Data Analyst, BOTE

Tiffany Sanderson, President, Lake Area Technical College (LATC)

Cam Corey, Vice President (LATC)

Barb Kleinjan, Dean of Academics (LATC)

Nicki Yackley-Franken, Assistant Dean of Academics (LATC)

Theresa Kriese, President, Mitchell Technical College (MTC)

Corey Clasemann, President, Southeast Technical College (STC)

Dr. Steve Willard, Acting President, Western Dakota Technical College (WDTA)

Dr. Jeff Danielsen, Superintendent, Watertown School District

Additional representatives from the technical colleges, local governing boards, public, and media.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (2:29)

Motion made by Greenway and seconded by Sabers to adopt the proposed agenda, as presented in [Attachment #1](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (2:59)

A. Action: March 27, 2025

Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Sandvig to adopt the minutes from the March 27, 2025, regular meeting, as presented in [Attachment #2](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts (3:26)

Per SDCL 3-23-10, state boards and commissions are required to publicly address the expectations regarding annual disclosures and waivers. No BOTE members submitted new declarations of conflicts.

5. Public Comment (3:42)

Dykhouse opened the floor to public comment, though none was present.

6. Reports (4:00)

A. Informational: Executive Director, Nick Wendell

Wendell presented the executive director update.

7. Finance and Management (5:31)

A. Action: Annual Certificate of No Default and Debt Service Coverage

Wendell presented the Annual Certificate of No Default and Debt Service Coverage.

Motion made by Sandvig and seconded by Ekeren to approve the Annual Certificate of No Default and Debt Service Coverage, as presented in [Attachment #3](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

8. Institutional Effectiveness (27:24)

A. Informational: FY25 Graduate Outcomes Report

Reis overviewed the FY25 Graduate Outcomes Report, as presented in [Attachment #4](#).

9. Academic Affairs (36:59)

A. Non-Substantive Program Application(s)

I. Informational: LATC: DIPL: Cosmetology

President Sanderson overviewed the non-substantive program application, as presented in [Attachment #5](#).

II. Informational: STC: AAS: Technical Studies

President Clasemann overviewed the non-substantive program application, as presented in [Attachment #6](#).

III. Informational: WDTA: L-CERT: Agricultural Business

Acting President Willard overviewed the non-substantive program application, as presented in [Attachment #7](#).

10. Campus Updates (44:16)

A. Informational: Technical College President Reports

Sanderson (LATC), Kriese (MTC), Clasemann (STC), and Willard (WDTA) provided technical college president reports, as presented in [Attachment #8](#).

11. Executive Session (01:13:40)

At approximately 10:44 a.m. (CST), Dykhouse requested a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation, contractual matters, marketing

or pricing strategies by a board of a business owned by the state when public discussion may be harmful to the competitive position of the business, and to consult with legal counsel.

Motion made by Sandvig and seconded by Greenway to enter executive session.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Sabers and seconded by Ekeren to exit executive session.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

The BOTE exited the executive session with no action taken.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Greenway to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m. (CST).