

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE JULY 31, 2025, REGULAR MEETING**

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Western Dakota Technical College - Event Center
800 Mickelson Drive, Rapid City, SD 57703

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (0:07)

President Dana J. Dykhous called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. (MTN) with the following members present: Doug Ekeren, Brad Greenway, Dennis Law, Joy Nelson, Terry Sabers, Brian Sandvig, Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, and Jamie Stucky.

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)

Theresa Kriese, President, Mitchell Technical College (MTC)

Dr. Cory Clasemann, President, Southeast Technical College (STC)

Dr. Kendra Ericson, President, Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC)

Grace Beck, Policy Advisor and Lobbyist, Redstone Law Firm

Toby Morris, Senior Vice President at Colliers Securities LLC

Morgan Matzen, Argus Leader

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda (1:58)

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

Chairman Dykhous requested an amendment to remove item 8.B. Tuition Sub-Account Disbursement from the agenda.

Motion brought to the Board by Chair. Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (3:08)

A. Action: May 22, 2025

Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Ekeren to adopt the minutes from the May 22, 2025, regular meeting, as presented in [Attachment #2](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts (3:29)

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 (3:50)

Dykhouse opened the floor to public comment. No members of the public offered comment.

6. Reports (4:09)

A. Informational: Executive Director, Nick Wendell

Wendell presented the executive director update.

7. Governance and Policy (4:36)

A. Action: Annual Review of Open Meetings Laws – Acknowledgment (SDCL § 1-25-13)

Wendell provided an overview of the Annual Review of Open Meetings Laws.

Motion made by Law and seconded by Sabers to approve the Annual Review of Open Meetings Laws – Acknowledgment (SDCL § 1-25-13) as presented in [Attachment #3](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

8. Finance and Management (7:18)

A. Informational: Bonding Update

Wendell introduced Toby Morris (Colliers Securities LLC) to present an update on bonding.

Morris provided an overview of bonding at the Technical College system.

B. Action: Tuition Sub-Account Disbursement

This item was removed from the agenda by general consent at the start of the meeting.

C. Action: FY 2027 Budget Request

Wendell provided an overview of the FY 2027 Budget Request.

Motion made by Ekeren and seconded by Law to approve the FY27 Budget Request, as presented in [Attachment #4](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

9. Academic Affairs (57:15)

A. Competency-Based Education (CBE) Board Policy Proposals

I. Action: BP 303.2. Substantive Program Application

DesLauriers provided an overview of the Substantive Program Application.

Motion made by Schallenkamp and seconded by Sabers to approve the Substantive Program Application, as presented in [Attachment #5](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

II. Action: BP 306.1. Competency-Based Education – Definitions and Requirements

DesLauriers provided an overview of the Competency-Based Education – Definitions and Requirements.

Motion made by Stucky and seconded by Greenway to approve the Competency-Based Education – Definitions and Requirements, as presented in [Attachment #6](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

10. Institutional Effectiveness (01:09:14)

A. Informational: Summer 2025 Enrollment Report

Reis provided an overview of the Summer 2025 Enrollment Report, as presented in [Attachment #7](#).

11. Campus Updates (01:12:23)

A. Informational: Technical College President Reports

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

12. Executive Session (01:34:01)

At approximately 11:35 am MTN, Dykhouse requested a motion to enter an 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, pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.

Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Sabers to enter executive session.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

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

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

13. Adjournment

Motion made by Sandvig and seconded by Ekeren to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.