

## **SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2026, REGULAR MEETING**

### **TELECONFERENCE**

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#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call (0:10)**

The South Dakota Board of Technical Education (hereinafter referred to as "BOTE") met on March 26, 2026, via teleconference. Board Vice Chairman Brian Sandvig called the meeting to order at approximately 10:30 AM (CST) with the following members present: James Dover, Brad Greenway, Dennis Law, Joy Nelson, Terry Sabers, Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, Jamie Stucky. The following member was absent: Dana J. Dykhouse.

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

Theresa Kriese, President, Mitchell Technical College (MTC)

Scott Fossum, Vice President for Academic Affairs, 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

Chad Peterson, Research and Strategy Specialist, Redstone Law Firm

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

#### **2. Adoption of the Agenda (2:19)**

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

Roll call vote. Voting yes: Dover, Greenway, Law, Nelson, Sabers, Sandvig, Schallenkamp, Stucky.

Motion carried.

#### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (3:07)**

##### **A. Action: December 2, 2025**

Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Law to approve the meeting minutes, as presented in [Attachment #2](#).

Roll call vote. Voting yes: Dover, Greenway, Law, Nelson, Sabers, Sandvig, Schallenkamp, Stucky.

Motion carried.

##### **B. Action: January 23, 2026**

Motion made by Schallenkamp and seconded by Stucky to approve the meeting minutes, as presented in [Attachment #3](#).

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Roll call vote. Voting yes: Dover, Greenway, Law, Nelson, Sabers, Sandvig, Schallenkamp, Stucky.

Motion carried.

**4. Declaration of Conflicts (4:25)**

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 (4:54)**

Sandvig opened the floor to public comment; no comments were made.

**6. Reports (5:20)**

**A. Informational: Executive Director, Nick Wendell**

Wendell presented the executive director's update.

**7. Governance and Policy (6:39)**

**A. Informational: 2026 Legislative Session Review**

Beck, Peterson, and Executive Director Wendell reviewed the 2026 Legislative Session.

**8. Finance and Management (21:00)**

**A. Action: FY27 Tuition and Fee Setting Proposal**

Wendell provided an overview of the FY27 Tuition and Fee Setting Proposal, as presented in [Attachment #4](#).

Motion made by Law and seconded by Sabers to approve the FY27 Tuition and Fee Setting Proposal.

Roll call vote. Voting yes: Dover, Greenway, Law, Nelson, Sabers, Sandvig, Schallenkamp, Stucky.

Motion carried.

**9. Institutional Effectiveness (39:24)**

**A. Informational: Spring 2026 Enrollment Report**

Reis provided an overview of the Spring 2026 Enrollment Report, as presented in [Attachment #5](#).

**10. Academic Affairs (54:36)**

**A. Non-Substantive Program Applications ([BP 303.3](#))**

**I. Informational: MTC: DIP: Machining & Manufacturing**

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President Kriese and Scott Fossum, Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided an overview of the non-substantive program application, as presented in [Attachment #6](#).

**II. Informational: MTC: DIP: Medical Office Professional**

President Kriese and Scott Fossum, Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided an overview of the non-substantive program application, as presented in [Attachment #7](#).

**III. Informational: MTC: DIP: Wi-Fi & Broadband Technologies**

President Kriese and Scott Fossum, Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided an overview of the non-substantive program application, as presented in [Attachment #8](#).

**11. Campus Updates (1:04:33)**

**A. Informational: Technical College President Reports**

Presidents Sanderson (LATC), Kriese (MTC), Clasemann (STC), and Ericson (WDTC) provided technical college president reports, as presented in [Attachment #9](#).

**12. Adjournment (1:27:34)**

Motion made by Sabers and seconded by Law to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote. Voting yes: Dover, Greenway, Law, Nelson, Sabers, Sandvig, Schallenkamp, Stucky.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:58 AM (CST).