

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2026, REGULAR MEETING**

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Mitchell Technical College
1800 E Spruce St.
Mitchell, SD 57301

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

President Dana J. Dykhous called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. (CST) with the following members present: Jim Dover, Brad Greenway, Dennis Law, Terry Sabers, Brian Sandvig, Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, Jamie Stucky. The following member was absent: Joy Nelson.

Also present:

Nick Wendell, Executive Director, BOTE

Jenna Reis, Policy & Data Analyst, BOTE

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

Theresa Kriese, President, Mitchell Technical College (MTC)

Christine Goldsmith, Vice President for Finance, Southeast Technical College (STC)

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

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda (0:39)

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

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (1:12)

A. Action: March 26, 2026

Motion made by Sabers and seconded by Sandvig to adopt the minutes from the March 26, 2026, regular meeting, as presented in [Attachment #2](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

4. Declaration of Conflicts (1:50)

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 (2:07)

Dykhous opened the floor for public comment; no comments were offered.

6. Reports (2:25)

A. Informational: Executive Director, Nick Wendell

Wendell presented the executive director's update.

7. Governance and Policy (4:23)

A. Action: FY27 – FY28 Board Meeting Calendar

Wendell overviewed the FY27-28 Proposed Board Meeting Calendar.

Motion made by Law and seconded by Sandvig to adopt the FY27-28 meeting calendar, as presented in [Attachment #3](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

8. Finance and Management (6:05)

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 Greenway to approve the Annual Certificate of No Default and Debt Service Coverage, as presented in [Attachment #4](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

9. Institutional Effectiveness (12:33)

A. Informational: FY26 Graduate Outcomes Report

Reis overviewed the FY26 Graduate Outcomes Report, as presented in [Attachment #5](#).

10. Academic Affairs (19:43)

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

I. Informational: STC: L-CERT: Advanced Emergency Medical Technician

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

II. Informational: STC: L-CERT: Landscaping

Goldsmith (STC) overviewed the non-substantive program application, as presented in [Attachment #7](#).

III. Informational: STC: AASO: Business Administration: Entrepreneurship Emphasis

Goldsmith (STC) overviewed the non-substantive program application, as presented in [Attachment #8](#).

B. Substantive Program Applications ([BP 302.2](#))

I. Action: STC: AAS: Credit for Prior Learning in Paramedic Science

Goldsmith overviewed the substantive program application.

Motion made by Greenway and seconded by Schallenkamp to approve the substantive program application, as presented in [Attachment #9](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

II. Action: WDTC: AAS: Gunsmithing

Ericson overviewed the substantive program application.

Motion made by Law and seconded by Sabers to approve the substantive program application, as presented in [Attachment #10](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

III. Action: WDTC: DIP: HVAC/Refrigeration Technology

Ericson overviewed the substantive program application.

Motion made by Stucky and seconded by Greenway to approve the substantive program application, as presented in [Attachment #11](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

C. Additional Location or Branch Campus Application ([BP 304.1](#))

I. Action: WDTC: Additional Location: Rapid City Correctional Facility

Ericson overviewed the substantive program application.

Motion made by Sandvig and seconded by Law to approve the additional location application, as presented in [Attachment #12](#).

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

11. Campus Updates (37:58)

A. Informational: Technical College President Reports

Sanderson (LATC), Kriese (MTC), Goldsmith (STC), and Ericson (WDTC) provided technical college president reports, as presented in [Attachment #13](#).

12. Executive Session (01:03:17)

At approximately 11:03 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 Law and seconded by Sabers to enter executive session.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenway and seconded by Law to exit executive session.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

The BOTE exited the executive session with no action taken.

13. Adjournment

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

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m. (CST) following the conclusion of executive session.