# SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION
# MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

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

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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 October 22, 2026. Board President Dana J. Dykhouse called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. (MNT) with the following members present: Jim Dover, Brad Greenway, Denny Law, Joy Nelson, Brian Sandvig, Dr. Kay Schallenkamp*, and Jamie Stucky. The following member was absent: Terry Sabers.

   *Dr. Kay Schallenkamp joined the meeting shortly after roll call.

   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)
   Tiffany Howe, Vice President for Teaching and Learning (WDTC)
   Curt Pochardt, former WDTC Board of Trustees member

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

2. **Adoption of the Agenda (1:55)**

   Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Sandvig to adopt the proposed agenda, as presented in Attachment #1.

   Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

   Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes (2:25)**

   A. **Action: July 30, 2026**

      Motion made by Law and seconded by Stucky to approve the meeting minutes, as presented in Attachment #2.

      Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

      Motion carried.

4. **Declaration of Conflicts (2:52)**

   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.

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5. **Public Comment (3:10)**

Dykhouse opened the floor for public comments.

Dykhouse and Curt Pochardt, former WDTC Board of Trustees member, addressed the group.

6. **Reports (11:00)**

**Informational: Executive Director, Nick Wendell**

Wendell presented the executive director's update.

7. **Finance and Management (22:09)**

**A. Action: Repair and Improvement Subaccount Resolution**

Wendell presented an overview of the Repair and Improvement Subaccount Resolution.

Motion made by Sandvig and seconded by Dover to approve the Repair and Improvement Subaccount Resolution, as presented in Attachment #3.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

**B. Action: LATC Building Project**

President Sanderson presented an overview of the LATC Building Project.

Motion made by Sandvig and seconded by Nelson to approve the LATC Building Project.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

**C. Action: WDTC Building Project**

President Ericson presented an overview of the WDTC Building Project.

Motion made by Law and seconded by Greenway to approve the WDTC Building Project.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

8. **Institutional Effectiveness (53:48)**

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

Reis presented an overview of the Fall 2026 Enrollment Report, as presented in Attachment #4.

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**9. Academic Affairs (1:13:11)**

**A. Non-Substantive Program Application**

**I. Informational: LATC: AASO: Law Enforcement – Conservation Officer**

Sanderson presented an overview of the non-substantive program application, as presented in Attachment #5.

**B. Substantive Program Application**

**I. Action: MTC: L-CERT: Allied Health**

Kriese presented an overview of the substantive program application.

Motion made by Greenway and seconded by Stucky to approve the substantive program application, as presented in Attachment #6.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

**10. Campus Updates (1:19:50)**

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

Sanderson (LATC), Kriese (MTC), Clasemann (STC), and Ericson (WDTC) provided technical college president reports, as presented in Attachment #7.

**11. Adjournment (1:43:58)**

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

Voice vote, all present voted in favor.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:44 a.m. (MNT)

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