

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAKESHORE COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Lakeshore College, 1290 North Ave. Cleveland, WI**  
**April 17, 2025**

**Board Present:** Wyatt, Pohlman, Rooney (virtual), Esquinas, Trimberger

**Board Absent:** Lukas, Brauer, Kluss, Nichter

**Staff Present:** Carlsen, Johnson, Soodsma, Sauer, Liphart, Boman, O'Connell, Holst, C. Leverenz, Schmidt, Bradley, Kroepfen, Klein, Charles, Vorphal

**Guests:** Stearns, Steffek

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Lakeshore College Board was called to order by Board Chair, John Wyatt, at 3:00pm. It was reported this meeting had been publicized in accordance with requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. A quorum was present.

**Public Input**

No public input was provided.

**Policy Governance**

**Board Linking: Lakeshore Community Health Care**

The Board and was introduced to Kristen Sterns, the CEO of Lakeshore Community Health Care, and given an update on our partnership with the organization.

**Presidents Update**

President Paul Carlsen provided an update on college operations and his activities.

**Board Policy Review**

Board Policies II.C. Monitoring Presidential Performance, IV.A. Workforce Development, and IV.B. Access & Affordability were reviewed and interpretations accepted.

**Strategic Discussion**

Liz Bradley provided an update on recent Wisconsin Technical College System Grant Awards.

**Monitoring Reports**

The College Financial Position was accepted by the Board.

**Administration**

IT WAS MOVED BY DON POHLMAN AND SECONDED BY BELINDA ESQUINAS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,300,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2025A; AND SETTING THE SALE THEREOF. Roll call vote: Rooney; aye, Trimberger, aye; Pohlman, aye; Wyatt, aye; Esquinas, aye; Lukas, absent; Nichter, absent; Kluss, absent; Brauer, absent.

### **Consent Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED BY BELINDA ESQUINAS AND SECONDED BY MIKE TRIMBERGER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Roll call vote: Rooney; aye, Trimberger, aye; Pohlman, aye; Wyatt, aye; Esquinas, aye; Lukas, absent; Nichter, absent; Kluss, absent; Brauer, absent.

### **District Boards Association Officer Election Update**

John Wyatt, Board Chair, shared he had been elected chair of the Association and outlined his agenda.

**Board members and President had an opportunity to identify items for future Board agendas.**

### **Closed Session**

IT WAS MOVED BY DON POHLMAN AND SECONDED BY BELINDA ESQUINAS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85(1)(a)(b)(c) OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES FOR PURPOSE OF (1) A PRIVATE CONFERENCE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF ONE FACULTY NON-RENEWAL AND (2) REVIEWING AND CONSIDERING THE TERMINATION OF ONE FACULTY EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT. Roll call vote: Rooney; aye, Trimberger, aye; Pohlman, aye; Wyatt, aye; Esquinas, aye; Lukas, absent; Nichter, absent; Kluss, absent; Brauer, absent. The Board convened into closed session at 3:44pm.

### **Open Session**

IT WAS MOVED BY BELINDA ESQUINAS AND SECONDED BY MIKE TRIMBERGER TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. Roll call vote: Rooney; aye, Trimberger, aye; Pohlman, aye; Wyatt, aye; Esquinas, aye; Lukas, absent; Nichter, absent; Kluss, absent; Brauer, absent. The Board reconvened into open session at 5:06pm.

IT WAS MOVED BY DON POHLMAN AND SECONDED BY MIKE TRIMBERGER TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO ISSUE A FINAL NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT NON-RENEWAL OF ONE R.W. AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION. Roll call vote: Rooney; aye, Trimberger, aye; Pohlman, aye; Wyatt, aye; Esquinas, aye; Lukas, absent; Nichter, absent; Kluss, absent; Brauer, absent.

IT WAS MOVED BY MIKE TRIMBERGER AND SECONDED BY DON POHLMAN TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF ONE W.C., EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION. Roll call vote: Rooney; aye, Trimberger, aye; Pohlman, aye; Wyatt, aye; Esquinas, aye; Lukas, absent; Nichter, absent; Kluss, absent; Brauer, absent.

### **Adjourn**

IT WAS MOVED BY DON POHLMAN AND SECONDED BY MIKE TRIMBERGER TO ADJOURN. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Nichter  
Board Secretary/Treasurer