



WSU Tech Board of Trustees

Email Vote Record

Date of Vote: May 9, 2025

Subject: Approval of Potential New Partnerships and Program Adjustments

At the last Board of Trustees meeting, Dr. Sheree Utash shared an update on the potential new partnerships with Pittsburg State University and a private Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Pittsburg, Kansas. As a result of this initiative, two of our programs will need to be adjusted to accommodate the new curriculum for CTEC.

Motion:

To approve the following program modifications as part of the proposed partnership with CTEC:

Construction Technology

1. The AAS, CERT C and A will be adjusted to provide a track in Masonry. Making this adjustment allows current and future students the ability to train in a construction trade area that is considered critical to the southeast region of Kansas.

Mobile Equipment Technology

2. In this program the plan is to adjust the curriculum to accommodate a Certificate A exit point for current and future students in Heavy Equipment Operator. The overall impact on the program is the establishment of a third track for students in Heavy Equipment Operator.
 1. Mobile Equipment Technology – Think Big (AAS)
 2. Mobile Equipment Technology (AAS and CERT C)
 3. Heavy Equipment Operator (CERT A)

Board Members Participating in the Email Vote:

- Maggie Topping, Chair – Yes
- Pete Meitzner, Vice Chair – Yes
- Bryan Frye – Yes
- Matt Hesse – Yes
- Khalilah Iraheta – Yes
- Andrew Nichols – Yes
- Derrick Nielsen – Yes
- Meredith Olson – Yes
- Derek Penn – Yes
- Doug Stark – Yes
- Greg Stroud – Yes
- Alicia Thompson – Yes
- Enrique Villar – Yes
- Lilly Wu – Yes

Motion passed with 14 affirmative votes. No opposing votes or abstentions were recorded from participating members.

Certification:

These minutes reflect the results of May 9, 2025, email vote and will be entered into the official record at the next regular meeting of the WSU Tech Board of Trustees.

Submitted,
Paula Pitts
Board Secretary
WSU Tech

