

**WSU Tech Board of Trustees
Board Minutes
December 18, 2025**

Role Call	WSU Tech Board of Trustees met face-to-face at 3:05 pm on December 18, 2025. The meeting was held at WSU Tech - NCAT Campus with a virtual option. Role Call: Alicia Thompson – No Andrew Nichols – Yes (virtual) Bryan Frye – No Derek Penn - No Derrick Nielsen - No Doug Stark - Yes Enrique Villar – Yes Greg Stroud – No Kahlilah Iratheta – Yes (virtual) Lily Wu – Yes Maggie Topping – Yes Matt Hesse – Yes Pete Meitzner - Yes Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derek Penn, Derrick Nielsen, and Greg Stroud
Public Communications	All proper notifications were sent. There were no speakers signed up under Public Communications
Make A Difference Student Award – Dr. Justin Pfeifer	Kaleb Moore, Welding Student Dr. Justin Pfeifer highlighted Kaleb's positive impact in the classroom, lab, and shop, noting his strong work ethic and determination. Kaleb was described as the hardest worker in the class, proficient in operating all equipment while assisting classmates without compromising his own work. His leadership and ability to motivate peers were recognized. Kaleb shared that he has worked 18 consecutive days and is taking next semester off to focus on becoming a TIG welder.
Consent agenda	a. BOT Meeting Minutes Recommendation action: Approval of the WSU Tech Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2025. These documents were provided to the Board electronically in advance of the meeting. The board minutes were considered and discussed and upon the motion of Board member Matt Hesse seconded by Pete Meitzner, the minutes were approved. Motion carried: 8-0 Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derek Penn, Derrick Nielsen, and Greg Stroud b. <u>Board review & ratification of employment offers June - August Vanessa Campos, Admin Specialist, TRIO & Student Engagement Education/Credentials:</u> Master in Sports Management, Wichita State University Bachelor in Sport Management, Wichita State University 9 years of experience in Administration <u>Coby Christman, High School Advisor</u> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> Bachelor of General Studies in Religious Studies w/ minor in History, The University of Kansas Airman Leadership School Diploma, Air University Certified Law Enforcement Officer, Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center

Jacob Cronsell, Career Pathway Recruiter

Education/Credentials:

Associate of Science in Welding Technology, WSU Tech
Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership (expected graduation 2027), Wichita State University
Presidential Scholar List (March 2023-May 2025)
Member of President's Student Advisory Council, WSU Tech (July 2025-present)

Aiden Downey, Technology Support Specialist I (Evening Shift)

Education/Credentials:

High school graduate
2 years of experience as Information Systems Technician Submarine-Networking (In Training)

Isaac Eakes, 12 Month Faculty CNC Machining Technology

Education/Credentials:

Machinist Program (Fall 2011- Spring 2013), Wichita Area Technical College (WATC)
12 years of experience as a Machinist

Kimberly Henning, 12 Month Faculty, Practical Nursing

Education/Credentials:

Associate of Science in Nursing, Butler Community College
4 years of experience as Emergency Department Nurse/Clinical Nurse Coordinator

Harrison Hill, Coordinator FutureMaker

Education/Credentials:

Bachelor in Sports Management w/ minor in E-Sports Management and Sociology, Wichita State University
2+ years of experience in Photojournalism
3+ years of experience as Producer

Scott Jahay, Industry Trainer, Yingling

Education/Credentials:

Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology, Cowley County Community College Aviation Tech Center
King Air 200 Mechanic's course, Flight Safety International
Introduction to Non-Destructive Inspection
U.S. Army Aviation Structural Mechanic Course
U.S. Army Avionics Mechanic Course
FAA A&P Certificate
19 years of experience as an Aviation Mechanic

***Lisa Myers, Functional Technician, Banner**

Education/Credentials:

Bachelor of Business Administration, Friends University
Associate of General Studies, Garden City Community College
10 years of experience in higher education, grants, and financial management
Independent Contractor, Grants Management, WSU Tech (Jan 2021-Feb 2022)
Perkins Coordinator and Grants Specialist, WSU Tech (Oct 2018-Jan 2021)
Student Retention and Data Specialist, NAC and KanTRAIN Grants, WSU Tech (Nov 2015-Sept 2018)

***Steve Patton, Campus Security Officer**

Education/Credentials:

Butler County Community College
High school graduate
25 years of experience in Law Enforcement

	Completed numerous specialized trainings and recognized with multiple professional awards 2 years of experience as Director of Security and Security Officer <u>Jamey Regier, Creative Marketing Manager-Open Education</u> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> Bachelor of Arts in Communications (Dean's list), Tabor College Kansas Leadership Center Training Supervisory Certificate, Wichita State University Supplemental art and computer coursework, Wichita State University 17+ years of experience as Digital Media Coordinator <u>Micaah Salazar, Success Coach TRIO</u> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> Master of Theological Studies in Counseling, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Bachelor of General Studies in Religion, Psychology, and Philosophy, Wichita State University Associates of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Butler County Community College Most recent experience as an Outreach Coordinator <u>Taylin Wells, Visual Designer, Marketing</u> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Communications, The University of Kansas Certificate of Entrepreneurship, The University of Kansas 1.5 years of experience in Graphic Design 2 years of experience in Digital Printing <u>Vanessa Woll, 12 Month Faculty, Short Term Health</u> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration and Management, WSU Tech License Practical Nurse-Multi State (Compact) IV Certified 4+ years of experience as a Nurse Ratification of Employment Offers The ratification of employment offers was reviewed and discussed. Upon a motion by Board Member Pete Meitzner, seconded by Doug Stark, the Board approved the employment offers. Motion carried: 8-0 Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derek Penn, Derrick Nielsen, Greg Stroud
Reports of Officers	Vice President of Finance & Administration – Marlo Dolezal November Financials (approval required) Marlo provided a financial review, noting that revenue is ahead of budget by \$600,000, primarily due to tuition. There is a risk of a \$2 million deficit in the Excel and CTE budget if state funds are not moved to make it whole. The net income forecast is \$8.6 million, primarily due to capital campaign revenues. Financials Approval The financials were reviewed and discussed. Upon a motion by Board Member Pete Meitzner, seconded by Matt Hesse, the Board approved the financials were approved. Motion carried: 8-0 Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derek Penn, Derrick Nielsen, Greg Stroud

FY25 Audit Report – Teresa Seymour (approval required)

Teresa presented the fiscal 2025 audit, noting a clean or unmodified audit opinion.

The Management Letter highlights significant accounting policies, management judgments, and financial statement disclosures.

There were no material weaknesses or internal control deficiencies reported in the audit.

The auditors pointed out the importance of understanding revenue recognition and related parties.

The FY25 Audit Report was considered and discussed and upon the motion of Board member Doug Stark seconded by Maggie Topping, the consent agenda was approved.

Motion carried: 8-0

Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derek Penn, Derrick Nielsen, and Greg Stroud

Vice President, Instructional & Academic Support – Trish Schmidt

Trish discussed credit hour changes, noting that most are minor adjustments.

The unmanned aircraft systems program expired one course and made changes to align with industry standards.

Course-level changes include adjustments to prerequisites, outcomes, and course descriptions.

The interior design program made significant changes to outcomes and descriptions, driven by industry feedback.

Discussion on changes, including adjustments to military benefits for veterans and changes to CTE programs.

The aviation maintenance technology program now allows veterans to use military benefits for courses.

The mobile equipment technology and construction technology programs were adjusted to accommodate new programs.

Following are the detailed Program changes and updates.

Credit Hour Changes

Aviation

-AER-Aviation Sheetmetal Assembly, TC

-UAS-Unmanned Aircraft Systems, AAS, Cert A, Cert C

Manufacturing

-CWG-Welding Technology, AAS

-MMG-Machining Technology, AAS, TC, CNC, Multi-Axis

Health Sciences: EMT-Emergency Medical Services, TC

Applied Technologies: EQP-Mobile Equipment Technology, Cert C

Professional Studies: LGM-Logistics and Supply Chain, TC

Course-Level Changes

Applied Technologies

-AFV-Alternative Fuel, AAS, TC

-ELE-Electrical Tech, AAS

-TAS-Automotive Techn, AAS, TC

Aviation

-PLT-Professional Pilot, AAS

Culinary Arts, AAS, TC, TC-BVI

Hospitality & Events Mgmt, AAS, TC

Health Sciences

-SGT-Surgical Technology, AAS

	-VET-Veterinary Nursing, AAS Manufacturing -CWG-Welding Technology, TC -MCD-Architectural Design, AAS, TC, CC -MCD-Engineering Design, AAS, TC, CC -QAI-Quality Assurance Inspection, TC Professional Studies -ACC-Accounting, AAS, TC -DMK-Digital Marketing, AAS -INT-Interior Design, AAS -LGM-Logistics, AAS Unique Changes AMT-Aviation Maintenance Technology -Added three courses to accommodate Veterans, allowing for PLA and additional funding for all exit points. CCP-Construction Technology & EQP-Mobile Equipment Technology -AY26.27 changes reverse previous changes made to accommodate newly acquired CTEC programming. -New MAS-Masonry and HEO-Heavy Equipment Operations programs created for AY26.27 to more fully account for CTEC programming. Program Changes Approval All proposed program changes and updates were reviewed and discussed. Upon a motion by Board Member Enrique Villar, seconded by Maggie Topping, the Board approved all program changes. Motion carried: 8-0 Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derek Penn, Derrick Nielsen, Greg Stroud noted absent Vice President of Student Success – Dr. Justin Pfeifer Dr. Pfeifer provided an enrollment update, noting that the spring semester is shaping up to be another record-breaking semester. Credit hours are up 11.5% Headcount is up 14.5% Dr. Pfeifer reviewed the strengths and challenges
President's Report	Board By-laws – Dr. Sheree Utash Dr. Utash suggested updating the bylaws to increase the board size from 15 to 17 members to include more industry representation. It was discussed to remove the need for an annual meeting The board considered changing the voting rules to allow designated proxies to vote. The board agrees to revisit the bylaws in February for final approval. Legislative Priorities and \$2M request – Dr. Sheree Utash Dr. Utash discussed the state's proposed budget cuts, including a \$200 million reduction and potential cuts to post-secondary aid and Excel and CTE funding. The board discussed the importance of advocating for full funding for tiered and non-tiered aid, Excel and CTE, and the base operating grant. The board is encouraged to work with lobbyists and legislators to support these priorities. The board was informed about a letter requesting \$2 million for the NCAT expansion. New City Manager

	Dr. Utash participated in the interview process for the new City Manager, who will begin on January 5. Capital Campaign and Building update Sheree provided a capital campaign update, noting that the campaign goal is just shy of \$5 million with 11 proposals pending. The board was informed about a significant gift from Snap-on, but \$200,000 of it is in consignment equipment that cannot be booked. Johnna Hart provided a quick building update, noting that the training facility budget is \$41 million, with a 5% contingency built in. The board is informed about the progress of the construction, including the completion of the airfield pavement and the start of steel deliveries. Tech Talk and Holiday Message Dr. Utash highlighted the success of the first year of Tech Talk, a podcast featuring stories of student and employee achievements. The board was encouraged to listen to Tech Talk to stay informed about the college's accomplishments. Dr. Utash shared a holiday message, thanking the board, faculty, staff, and supporters for their dedication and support.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30p.m.

Approved:

Signature

Dated