

Washtenaw Technical Middle College
Meeting Minutes – WMTTC Board of Directors
February 8, 2023

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 8:35 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Director Gensheimer, Director Jackson, Director Muthig, Director Richards-Schuster and Chairman White. On Zoom were Director Peurach and Director Miller.

III. Public or Staff Communications: WTMC senior students Ava Prude and Vanessa Danci presented to the Board their plans for a senior trip to Milwaukee Wisconsin. The trip would take place over the May break, May 3rd through 7th. It would consist of a five-day bus trip with educational and fun bonding experiences. The trip will be offered to the current senior class. This cohort unfortunately missed out on many outings and experiences due to COVID and remote learning.

IV. Updates and Announcements: Chairman White addressed the group with the following: Director Milshteyn has left the WTMC Board of Directors, and will now serve on the WCC Board of Directors. Chairman White will remain onboard as Chairman, and Director Muthig will serve as Board Secretary. Director Gensheimer moved and Director Jackson seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda: The Meeting Agenda, December Meeting Minutes, and the November and December Financial Statements, were all approved. Director Richards-Schuster moved and Director Jackson seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

VI. Committee Reports: Finance Committee, Director Miller; Director Gensheimer will replace Director Milshteyn on the Finance Committee. Policy Committee, Director Peurach; the committee met and discussed the biannual board policy updates for spring, student recruitment and a review of the organizational chart. Governance Committee, Director Muthig; the committee met and discussed board guidelines for new board members.

VII. Deans Report: Dean Covert reported that as of today we have had 160 applications submitted for the fall of 2023. We would like to have 300 applications submitted before the deadline. We are holding one more admissions night on February 16th. There are more middle colleges to compete with now, however we have a great brand, and are well known in the community. We believe that we will hit our numbers for the fall of 2023. Continued work with our four directors on leadership and development of goals. One of items we are working on, is having faculty members teach both 9th grade and middle college classes. We continue to expand our footprint on campus with the Hoop House and the aquaponics system. Our Fall audit went very well and we will be receiving the extra FTE. Our academic warning system for students on the caution/warning lists is working quite well. We are able to have early intervention with the students who might be at risk, or who are struggling. Staff meetings to discuss grading policies have continued on into this semester. Dr. Covert will be attending, and presenting at the National Middle College Conference the week of February 13th. Dr. Covert serves as a Board Member for both the Middle College National Consortium and the Michigan Early Middle College Association.

VIII. Adjournment: Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

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