

**MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Stevens Point Downtown Campus

February 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER – Charles Spargo

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m.

A. Roll Call:

PRESENT: Shawn Becker, Betty Bruski Mallek, Rick Merdan, Charles Spargo, Terry Whitmore, Neebes Young, Ryan Zietlow and Dr. Shelly Mondeik

EXCUSED: Kim Johnson and Ron Rasmussen

OTHERS: Craig Bernstein, Dr. Karen Brzezinski, Jackie Esselman, Logan Hamann, Carrie Kasubaski, Dr. Mandy Lang, Patrick Neuenfeldt, Ben Nusz, Brad Russell, Dr. Chris Severson, and Angie Susa

B. Open Meeting Certification: This meeting, like all meetings of the Mid-State Technical College District Board of Directors is open to the public in accordance with State Statute. Notice was provided to the news media and designated individuals to inform the public of the meeting's time, location, and agenda.

C. Open Forum | Public Comment: No one wished to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Charles Spargo

Motion by Ms. Bruski Mallek, seconded by Mr. Becker, upon a voice vote, approved minutes from the board meeting held January 19, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA – Charles Spargo

Motion by Ms. Bruski Mallek, seconded by Mr. Whitmore, upon a roll call vote, unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

A. Payment of Bills and Payroll: The district's bills for the month of January 2026 were presented. These bills totaled \$1,321,394.91 of which \$441,038.48 represented operational expenditures and \$880,356.43 represented capital expenditures. The district's payroll for the month of January totaled \$1,725,522.31 plus \$22,019.23 for travel and miscellaneous reimbursements and \$1,001,072.68 in fringe benefits. The district's bills and payroll totaled \$4,070,009.13.

B. Entered into the following contracted service agreements totaling \$38,240.00:

<u>Agreement #</u>	<u>Contracted Service:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
147434	Heartsaver FA CPR AED	\$870.00
147435	Estate Planning 101	\$400.00
147436	Customer Service Training	\$6,960.00
147437	Intro to Inventor	\$4,800.00
147438	Leadership Dev Strategy/Skills	\$4,990.00
147439	Career Professionalism	\$1,300.00
147440	Emergency Services Training	\$4,000.00
147441	Confined Space Rescue	\$2,560.00
147442	Farm Tour – Group Rate	\$1,000.00
147443	Articulating Manlift Awareness	\$1,830.00
147444	Scissor Lift Awareness	\$1,830.00
147445	Rough Terrain Forklift Awareness	\$1,830.00
147446	Heartsaver FA CPR AED	\$1,230.00
147447	Heartsaver FA CPR AED	\$1,230.00
147448	BLS Skills Test	\$780.00
147449	Security Officer Firearms Training	\$100.00
147450	ECE class	\$2,530.00

- C. Approved the following procurement(s) for goods and services:
No procurements required board approval.

REPORTS

- A. Chairperson's Report – Charles Spargo
- a. A welcome was extended to the group. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Rasmussen asked to be excused from the meeting.
 - b. The District Boards Association Winter meeting was held virtually January 30, 2026. Mid-State hosted the event and presented. Attendees provided positive feedback about the meeting.
 - c. ACCT National Legislative Summit will be held February 8-11, 2026 in Washington, D.C. Following discussion and careful consideration, Mid-State has elected to forgo the 2026 National Legislative Summit.
 - d. Mid-State's Board of Directors hosted a Board Retreat on February 16, 2026 prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting. Board members provided feedback on the day.
 - e. The 2025-2026 Mid-Year Dashboard was presented for review and discussion as part of Committee-of-the-Whole.
 - f. Those interested in attending the May 16 Commencement Ceremony were asked to indicate so. A member to provide the Board Address was also sought.
- B. College Presidents Report – Dr. Shelly Mondeik
- a. Dr. Mondeik highlighted recent campus activities including on-site reviewers for dental programming, Mid-State Student Government meeting to prep for state advocating, and hosting WCTC for an AI signing event.
 - b. Recent community involvement included meeting with Rafter personnel to discuss a literacy program and ag day at the ballpark, meeting with a Senator Baldwin staffer, hosting the virtual DBA meeting, being honored by the Associated General Contractors with Findorff for the AMETA project, being selected as a finalist for the AACC Outstanding College Corporate Partnership Award of Excellence and being invited by Aspen to interview for semifinalist consideration of their community college award.
 - c. The WTCS Board of Directors met January 20 followed by the Presidents Association. Presidents Association members are bringing together leaders from each college for a financial summit to discuss education landscape, best practices, and strategies.
- C. Financial Report – Charles Spargo
- a. FY26 financial report was provided and discussed.

ACTION ITEM(S)

- A. Academic Programming: The College sought Board approval to take the following actions related to academic programming:
- Program Approval – Fire Medic Associate Degree
Vice President of Academics Dr. Chris Severson provided an overview of the program and requirements. Supported by the Advisory Committee, this program combines existing courses for a

65 credit associate degree program allowing students in the program to be eligible for financial aid. There are no staffing implications, and curriculum and equipment are existing.

Motion by Mr. Becker, seconded by Ms. Bruski Mallek, upon a roll call vote, unanimously provided program approval for the Fire Medic Associate Degree program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

- A. FY27 Capital Budget presentation: The proposed FY27 capital budget presentation will be held March 16 beginning at 3:30 p.m. All members of the Board are invited to attend.

- B. K-12 Annual Report: The 2024-2025 K-12 Annual Report was presented and highlighted. High school transition rate, dual credit increases, academy focus and youth apprenticeship were all discussed.

CLOSED SESSION – Charles Spargo

The Board considered a motion to go into closed session under 19.85(1)(d) Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (discuss College President's evaluation and goals). The Board may take action in closed session.

Motion by Mr. Whitmore, seconded by Mr. Merdan, upon a roll call vote, unanimously approved convening in closed session at 5:19 p.m. as announced by Mr. Spargo

Motion by Mr. Merdan, seconded by Ms. Bruski Mallek, upon a roll call vote, unanimously approved reconvening in open session at 5:51 p.m.

ADJOURN – Charles Spargo

Mr. Spargo announced that during closed session the Board conducted the Presidents mid-year evaluation and discussed goals. While financial concerns will need to be addressed during budget cycles, the Board remains satisfied with the Presidents work advancing the college.

There being no further action or business of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Merdan, seconded by Mr. Whitmore, upon a voice vote.

Betty Bruski Mallek, Secretary

Angela R. Susa, Recording Secretary