



Dixie Technical College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 18th, 2025  
8:00 a.m.

**Attendance:**

President Rushton-P  
Gil Almquist-P  
Stephen Wade-Excused  
Chris Peterson-P  
Reuben Evans-P  
Greg Marsing-P  
Mari Krashowetz-Z  
Dan Nielson-P  
LaRene Cox-P  
Paul Broadhead-P

Others Attending: Cindy Lyman, Joe Brusati, Derek Hadlock, Tyce Peterson, Jeremiah Terry, Krystal Thompson, Austin Pickett, Noah Burk, Ken, Gavin Thayn, Eric Peterson, Angie Stallings-Z,

**Welcome**

Chair Gil Almquist conducted the meeting  
Pledge of Allegiance offered by Eric Peterson

**Discussion and Information Items**

1. Welcome new Board Members (Dan Nielson, LaRene Cox)
2. Building Update (President Rushton)-Thank you to Chris for helping with this project. We are trying to save taxpayer dollars by doing it differently. Chris Peterson- Felt the initial budget was too high. He knew it could be done cheaper. College leadership has spent a lot of

time meeting with DFCM, GC, and others to identify cost-saving measures. A lot of great progress has been made over the past six months while identifying areas to create cost savings. President Rushton will plan to take an updated proposal to the Legislature in Jan-Feb in hopes of receiving additional funding to move forward. Rushton hopes that going from \$700 per square foot to \$500 per square foot will help move the project forward. Rushton also expressed his appreciation for Trustee Peterson and the time he has dedicated to helping this project move ahead.

3. Austin and Noah, instructors in the Digital Design Program, gave a short presentation regarding their students who placed in SkillsUSA at both the State and National Levels. This is the third time Dixie Technical College has taken Gold at the Skills USA National Competition. Gavin, one of the Gold medalists, felt they were very well prepared by the program to compete at the state and national level. President Rushton congratulated them and stated that they represented themselves and Dixie Tech very well.

## **Action Items**

### 9. Consent Calendar:

- a. [Minutes from May 29, 2025 Meeting](#)
- b. Amended Policies and Plans:
  - i. [Title IX](#)
  - ii. [Admissions](#)
- c. Investment Reports:
  - i. [May 2025](#)
  - ii. [June 2025](#)
  - iii. [July 2025](#)
  - iv. [August 2025](#)
- d. [FY26 Spending Update](#)

A motion to approve the consent calendar was made by Reuben Evans and seconded by Paul Broadhead. The motion passed unanimously.

10. [Firefighter approval - 12 credits/360 hours](#)
  - e. [Phlebotomy update - 3 credits/90 hours](#)
  - f. [Fees update: Phlebotomy increased \\$120, 30 hours, and IV cert](#)
  - g. [IT fee update -\\$985 Access Codes for Learning Materials and Competency Certifications \(Required\)](#)

Program Changes/Approvals: President Rushton stated that these are all hard costs that we are passing along to students with the intent to continue to keep fees as low as possible moving forward.

Rushton also stated that the new Fire Program is moving along nicely, and we already have a significant number of applicants trying to get in. We will have 15 to 20 students starting in January.

A motion to approve the Fire program and updated fee schedule was made by Greg Marsing and seconded by LaRene Cox. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 11. Closed Session.

The Board may go into closed session, pursuant to Utah Code 52-4204, 205, & 206. (Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual)

A roll-call vote was taken, and the Board voted unanimously to go into a closed session at 9:15 to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:40 and continued with their open session meeting.

#### **Calendar:**

October 22, 2025, Trustees Summit, Salt Lake City (8:00 - 5:00)

October 27, 2025, Fundraising Event on campus (6:00 - 7:00)

December 10, 2025, Trustees Meeting and Trustees Dinner (4:30 - 7:30)

In closing remarks, LaRene Cox updated us that The Rotary will be giving 5, \$1000 scholarships.

Dan Nielson- updated us on a couple of important dates for UT: meet and greet 6:30-8:00 pm next Wednesday at the Alumni house. Oct 24th is President Smeed's Inauguration at 10 am

Gil suggests that we add board member reports to the end of our continuing agenda.

President Rushton thanked board members and all in attendance.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Peterson and seconded by Greg Marsing. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

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610 S Tech Ridge Dr #A329  
St. George, Utah 84770