

**Board of Trustees**  
Washtenaw Community College

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**ACTION**

4800 E. Huron River Drive  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105-4800

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Subject  
Appointment to the Washtenaw Technical Middle College  
(WTMC) Board of Directors

Date  
September 25, 2018

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the WCC Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Donald J. Peurach as a Washtenaw Technical Middle College Board of Director with a term ending April 2021. Background information on Dr. Peurach follows on the next page.

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Prepared by: Linda Blakey

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Linda Blakey*

Title: Vice President Student and  
Academic Services

Linda Blakey, Vice President

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## **Donald J. Peurach**

Donald J. Peurach serves as a Senior Fellow of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, a Faculty Associate in the Center for Positive Organizations in the Ross School of Business and a Senior Research Associate in the Consortium for Policy Research in Education at the University of Michigan.

Peurach's research, teaching, and outreach focus on the production, use, and management of knowledge in practice, among social innovators and those they seek to serve. As such, his work sits squarely at the intersection of educational policy, leadership, and innovation.

In 2017, Peurach received an Outstanding Reviewer Award from Educational Researcher. In 2016, Peurach received an Outstanding Reviewer of the Year Award from Educational Administration Quarterly. In 2013, Peurach received the School of Education's Evan G. and Helen G. Pattishall Junior Faculty Research Award. In 2011, he received the Paula Silver Case Award from the University Council of Educational Administration for the most outstanding case published in the 2010 volume of the Journal of Cases in Educational Leadership.

Prior to joining the School of Education as a faculty member in 2011, Peurach served as an assistant professor at Michigan State University and at Eastern Michigan University. He also served as a researcher on U-M's Study of Instructional Improvement. Before pursuing an academic career, Peurach was a high school mathematics teacher and, before that, a systems analyst in manufacturing, health care, and higher education.

Peurach holds a BA in computer science from Wayne State University, an MPP from the Ford School of Public Policy at U-M, and a PhD in Educational Studies from the School of Education at U-M.