

April 20, 2004

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE MILWAUKEE AREA
TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT, WISCONSIN

A regular open meeting of the **AD HOC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board of Wisconsin, will be held in the **BOARD ROOM, ROOM M210**, of **MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE**, 700 WEST STATE STREET, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, on **TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2004**, beginning at **3:00 P.M.** *

The agenda for said meeting is presented as follows:

- A. Roll Call**
- B. Compliance with the Open Meetings Law**
- C. [Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2004 - Attachment 1](#)**
- D. Comments from the Public**
- E. Legislative Issues****
 - 1. Review and Evaluate District's Legislative Relations Services
 - 2. Possible Revision of TABOR (formerly AJR55)
 - 3. Report on Assembly Task Force on the Wisconsin Technical College System
- F. Miscellaneous Business**
 - 1. Communications and Petitions
 - 2. Information Items
- G. Old Business/New Business**
 - 1. To Be Determined

Committee Members: Gobel, Bell, Maierle

* Other members of the MATC District Board may be present, although they will not be participating as members of this committee. This meeting may be conducted in part by telephone. Telephone speakers will be available to allow the public to hear those parts of the proceedings that are open to the public.

** These items may be for action or discussion.

Reasonable accommodations are available through the ADA Office for individuals who need assistance. Please call 414297-6874 to schedule services at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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AHL Attachment 1

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
ad hoc LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**STAFF/FACULTY
PRESENT:** Ellis Bromberg
Christy Brown
Darnell Cole (via phone)
Robert Hartung
Christina Kamer

**GUESTS
PRESENT:** Mr. Timothy Elverman (Broydrick & Associates)

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the *ad hoc* Legislative Committee of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in open session on Tuesday, June 17, 2003, and called to order by Chairperson Gobel at 2:04 p.m. in the Board Room, Room M210, at the Milwaukee Campus of Milwaukee Area Technical College.

ITEM A: ROLL CALL

Present: Jeannette Bell, Carl A. (Chuck) Gobel
Excused Mark S. Maierle

ITEM B: COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

The *ad hoc* Legislative Committee meeting was noticed in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings law.

ITEM C: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2003 – Attachment 1

Motion It was moved by Ms. Bell that the minutes of the May 13, 2003 meeting be approved.

Action Motion approved by unanimous consent.

ITEM D: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ITEM E: LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

FEDERAL ISSUES

Perkins Funding

Discussion Mr. Elverman reported that we continue to focus our attention on the Appropriations Committee. Mr. Hartung, who attended a recent reception with Congressman Obey, indicated that the congressman indicated he is very supportive of our concerns regarding this issue.

Federal Initiatives: Earmark in 2004 Federal Budget

Discussion Mr. Elverman reported that we are fortunate because, although Congressman Kleczka received more than 150 requests for earmarks, he is advancing our request as one of his highest priorities. His support letter was shared with the committee.

HR 1261 Workforce and Adult Education Act of 2003

Discussion As requested by this committee, Mr. Elverman conveyed the colleges position to the U.S. Senators Kohl and Feingold. Although the bill has not advanced in the senate at this point, he did receive the support of Senators Kohl and Feingold.

STATE ISSUES

Bills Introduced

State Budget Bill (SB44)

Discussion Mr. Elverman reported that the Senate is scheduled to meet today for the purpose of scheduling action on the budget bill tomorrow.

Mr. Elverman noted the efforts of MATC students, faculty, friends, board, and administration on their efforts in ensuring that \$15 million was retained in the budget.

Motion It was moved by Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Gobel, to recommend to the full board approval of the resolution regarding the State Budget Bill.

Action Approved by unanimous consent.

Tuition Payment by Nonresidents (AB 95)

Discussion There has been no action on this since its initial introduction.

Authority of WHEFA to Issue Bonds (AB 79)

Discussion There has been no action on this since its initial introduction.

Advanced Technology Center Legislation (AB 204)

Discussion This bill was approved as originally drafted, and will move on to the Assembly. Representative Stone will attempt to make this bill a top priority, should the Assembly meet prior to summer break.

UW Regents Appointment by Technical College Districts (AB 208, SB 85)

Discussion Mr. Elverman noted that AB 208 received approval at the May 20th hearing.

Limiting Technical College Presidents' Compensation (AB 236)

Discussion There has been no action on this since its initial introduction.

Youth Options Program Modifications (AB 183) (SB 153)

Discussion At the committee's request, administration requested feedback from public school districts as to their position on the Youth Options and legislative proposals to make participation voluntary.

Mr. Hartung reported that the overall attitude is supportive of the program; however there are concerns with continuing the program on a voluntary basis due to budget constraints.

At the suggestion of Mr. Elverman, this item will remain on this committee's ongoing agenda for continuing review.

Youth Options Program Reduction provides that students can take no more than two courses. Eliminates 15-credit limitation. Mr. Elverman noted that this item has been introduced by Senator Harsdorf as an alternative to the Youth Options Program Reduction.

Youth Program Elimination (AB 233)

AB233 was a subject of the May 20th hearing, has advanced through executive session, and is now on the Assembly floor.

Collective Bargaining Limitations on Health Care Coverage for Municipal Employees (AB 304)

Discussion AB 304 was a subject of a June 5th hearing, and is now on the Assembly floor.

A draft letter had been prepared, delineating MATC's position on this bill. However, it was recommended by administration that the letter not be sent at this time, as it will probably not be considered prior to the summer break. It was decided to revisit this at the next meeting of this committee.

Motion It was moved that MATC administration be complimented on their decision to hold this letter, and to wait on any communication with regard to AB304 at this time.

Action Approved by unanimous consent.

Transferability of Credits between UW and Wisconsin Technical Colleges (AB 366)

Discussion AB 366 was introduced on May 27th, but has not yet received a hearing.

Limits sabbaticals in UW faculty by requiring them to be paid by gifts or grants (AB 377)

Discussion AB 377 was introduced on June 3rd, but has not yet received a hearing. Mr. Elverman will continue to monitor, and report any action with regard to AB 377.

Ineligibility for Student Aid of Students Convicted

Discussion This item has advanced to the Assembly, and is waiting for action. This committee reiterated its opposition; Mr. Elverman will continue to monitor.

BILLS BEING CIRCULATED FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP

Permits an educational institution to refuse to Employ or terminate certain unparoled felons (An Alternative to AB 41) which passed in the Senate 25-8 (LRB 2348)

Discussion Mr. Elverman recommends supporting Representative Staskunas' legislation (LRB 2348). This item will be placed on the next agenda of this committee for further consideration.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT BUREAU FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Elverman spoke with Representative Jeskewitz who reports that the Legislative Audit hearing is tentatively scheduled for the end of July. At the request of Dr. Cole, Mr. Elverman will submit a request that the audit take place in Milwaukee, in order to allow individuals to speak on MATC's behalf.

OTHER ISSUES

House Speaker John Gard's Task Force Recommendations

Mr. Elverman reported that many topics from this task force will be discussed by the newly-formed Special Assembly Task Force

State Boards Association Issues

Discussion Ms. Bell noted that she will be unable to attend the upcoming conference in Eau Claire.

Administrative Strategies and Progress Relative to Legislative Issues

Discussion Mr. Hartung noted that MATC administration has been involved in a number of activities relative to the property tax freeze proposed by the Joint Finance Committee, including three press conferences. All three press conferences were covered heavily, and have been effective in representing the college's position.

Mr. Gobel expressed appreciation to the administration on their involvement, and asked that Mr. Hartung provide highlights on this issue at the upcoming board meeting.

Special Assembly Task Force on Technical Colleges

Discussion Mr. Elverman reported that Representative Jeskewitz will be the co-chair of the Special Assembly Task Force. It was reported that meetings will be held weekly, from July 15th through August 19th, in Madison.

Committee membership has not yet been confirmed. Letters of invitation were sent, and suggestions for additional potential members are welcomed. There was lengthy discussion on proposed members, as well as suggested membership. It was agreed that it is important that MATC have representation at these meetings, to include students, faculty, staff, etc., in order to express our opinions on topics discussed.

Mr. Elverman recommended that a current board member be nominated to this committee. Mr. Gobel agreed to provide MATC board representation.

A suggestion was made to revise the proposed resolution to include the term 'current' with regard to MATC representation (i.e., current presidents and board representatives, and current faculty and staff).

It was further suggested that this resolution be immediately forwarded to the co-chairs of the Special Assembly Task Force, following MATC board action.

Motion It was moved by Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Gobel, to recommend to the full board approval of the resolution regarding the Special Assembly Task Force, as revised, and that the resolution be immediately forwarded to the co-chairs of the Special Assembly Task Force, upon board approval.

Action Approved by unanimous consent.

New Bills

None

ITEM F: MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

F-1 Communications and Petitions

None

F-2 Information Items

None

ITEM G: G-1 OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Date of next meeting: To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT The committee adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Dohring
Administrative Specialist
Finance