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**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Thursday, February 19, 2009, and called to order by Chairperson Baker at 6:04 p.m. in the Board Room, Room M210, at the Downtown Milwaukee Campus of Milwaukee Area Technical College.

ITEM A. ROLL CALL

Present: Lauren Baker; Robert M. Davis; Peter G. Earle; Melanie C. Holmes; Thomas A. Michalski; Richard F. Monroe; Fred Royal, Jr.; and Ann Wilson. Bobbie R. Webber joined the meeting via telephone at 6:06 p.m.

ITEM B. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Chairperson Baker indicated that proper notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Attorney José Olivieri, Michael, Best and Friedrich, stated that there would be no Comments from the Public because:

- It was not a requirement.
- It had not been allowed in past board hearings.
- It was not advisable in meetings where personnel matters were discussed.

Mr. Webber joined the meeting via telephone at 6:06 p.m.

ITEM C. Consult with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation Related to the Performance and Possible Discipline of the President of MATC

ITEM D. Hearing to Determine If Discipline Up To and Including Discharge Is Warranted Regarding the President of MATC, Dr. Darnell E. Cole. The President Has Been Advised That He May Request That This Hearing Be Conducted in Open Session.

Motion It was moved by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Earle, to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(c) and (g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss Item C., Consult with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation Related to the Performance and Possible Discipline of the President of MATC; over whom the MATC District Board exercises responsibility, and pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(a), (b), (c), (f), and (g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to conduct a (Item D.) Hearing to Determine If Discipline Up To and Including Discharge Is Warranted Regarding the President of MATC, Dr. Darnell E. Cole. Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the President has been notified of the opportunity to request that the hearing on this matter be held in Open Session. The board may reconvene into Open Session to take action on matters discussed in Closed Session under Items C., D., and/or at the request of the President.

Action Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Davis, Earle, Holmes, Michalski, Monroe, Royal, Webber, Wilson, and Baker – 9.

Noes: None.

Closed Session

The board convened into Closed Session at 6:07 p.m.

Open Session

The board reconvened into Open Session at 9:59 p.m.

Motion It was moved by Dr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Michalski, that the MATC District Board use the discretion provided to the board under Dr. Darnell E. Cole's employment contract to terminate said contract pursuant to the terms of Section 10. b. of the contract, based solely on conduct which occurred on February 8 and the early morning of February 9, 2009, as described by Dr. Cole on the record in his interview. Dr. Cole will be relieved of any further duties as president of MATC as of the approval of this motion.

Action Motion approved, roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Earle, Holmes, Michalski, Monroe, Wilson, and Baker – 6.

Noes: Royal, Webber, and Davis – 3.

Motion It was moved by Dr. Monroe, seconded by Ms. Holmes, that Dr. Vicki J. Martin, provost, assume the duties of President of MATC on an interim basis.

Action Ayes: Holmes, Michalski, Monroe, Webber, Wilson, Earle, Davis, and Baker – 8.

Noes: Royal – 1.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Royal, Jr.
Secretary