

**LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2025 | 9:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- A. The regular quarterly meeting of the Legislative Task Force was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 via Zoom video conferencing and called to order by Laura Bray at 9:02 a.m.
- B. Roll Call:
 - 1. Members Present: Laura Bray, Equan Burrows, Roxanne Christian, Dr. Anthony Cruz, Darryll Fortune, Dr. Patricia Najera, Mary Peters-Wojnowiak, Steve Shea, Tony Tagliavia, Sherry Terrell-Webb, Denise Treuer, Carol Voss, and Erich Zeimantz
 - 2. Guests: Ramie Zelenkova of Hubbard, Wilson, & Zelenkova, LLC
 - 3. Members Excused: Bria Buris and William Smith

II. COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW

- A. Treuer confirmed the meeting was held in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 8, 2024 MEETING

- A. The October 8, 2024 minutes were brought forward for approval ([1: Minutes](#))

MOTION: Tony Tagliavia moved to approve the minutes; Dr. Patricia Najera seconded the motion.

ACTION: There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Legislative Updates: Both Bray and Zelenkova summarized the January 2025 MATC Legislative Task Force Report ([2: Report](#)). Key discussion points are noted below:
 - 1. Federal:
 - a) The federal appropriations request, including a \$1.1 million scholarship for parents championed by Senator Tammy Baldwin, has advanced to committee. Bray expressed optimism regarding its inclusion in the budget. A private donor has also indicated willingness to support this initiative.
 - 2. State:
 - a) Governor Evers will deliver the State of the State address on January 22, 2025, and the budget bill will be introduced on February 18, 2025.
 - b) The Legislative Audit Bureau is conducting an [audit](#) of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) activities, focusing on executive branch agencies. Updates will follow.
 - c) [Standing committee assignments](#) have been finalized, highlighting priority committees and their leadership.
 - d) 2011 Act 10 Update: ([3: Brief](#))
 - (1) The majority of Act 10 provisions are currently unenforceable due to recent court decisions, though appeals are expected. Discussions on implications for collective bargaining continue.
 - 3. Local/Other:

- a) Discussion centered on MATC's modernization initiatives and the ongoing requirement for annual reporting on specific projects funded by legislative action. Bray suggested exploring the discontinuation of these reports given their diminishing utility.
 - b) The task force will address the application of AI in government and higher education, including ongoing legislative recommendations. Erich Zeimantz, Sherry Terrell-Webb, and Carol Voss shall represent MATC as they currently sit on MATC's AI Task Force.
- B. Legislative Outreach
 - 1. Legislative Breakfast Plan
 - a) A March 2025 date is proposed, with Mondays being preferred for maximum attendance by legislators.
 - 2. [Legislative Advocacy Day](#):
 - a) Scheduled for January 16, 2025 in Madison, focusing on workforce grants and student needs.
 - 3. [ACCT National Legislative Summit](#):
 - a) Scheduled for February 9-12, 2025, in Washington, DC

V. FUTURE MEETING DATE/TIME:

- A. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m. following consensus.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Laura Bray
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