



Attachment 3 - a

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
March 28, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, and called to order by Chairperson Olson at 4:07 p.m. in the Board Room, Room M210, at the Downtown Milwaukee Campus of Milwaukee Area Technical College.

ITEM 1 a. ROLL CALL

Present: Lauren Baker, Bria Burris, Erica Case (via Zoom), Antonio Diaz (via Zoom), Mark Foley, Nikki Moews, Supreme Moore Omokunde and Lisa Olson.

Excused: Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

Motion Director Baker moved, seconded by Director Moews, to move a portion of the President's report to the front of the agenda.

6 b. President's Report

Discussion Dr. Martin:

- Introduced the MATC men's Stormer Basketball Team, NCJAA Division II National Champions.

ITEM 1 b. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Chairperson Olson asked if proper notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Ms. Elizabeth Schultz, board liaison, confirmed proper notice was given.

ITEM 2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Motion Director Moore Omokunde moved, seconded by Director Burris, to suspend the normal rules and allow more than 3 people to be heard on the same topic.

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Motion Director Foley motioned, seconded by Director Case, to amend the previous motion to limit the time for each speaker to 3 minutes.

Action: Motion to amend the motion failed, the roll call being as followed:

Ayes: Case, Foley, Moews, Olson

Noes: Diaz, Baker, Burris, Omokunde

Action Original Motion failed, the roll call vote being as followed:

Ayes: Diaz, Omokunde, Baker, Burris

Noes: Case, Foley, Moews, Olson

Motion It was moved by Director Foley, seconded by Director Baker, to suspend the policy and allow the people who have signed up for public comment to speak for a maximum of not more than 3 minutes each.

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

Ayes: Moews, Omokunde, Baker, Olson, Burris, Case, Diaz, Foley

Noes: None

Information Denise Whitehouse, partner, Michael Best, read a statement as a reminder to the public that it is not allowed to comment negatively on a named person or discuss any personnel matters during public comment.

Discussion Charles Lavin, current ESL instructor, expressed concerns for English Language Learner (ESL) students being underserved.

Joy Lehman, ESL instructor, expressed concerns with the registration process.

Kristi Weisenburger, ESL instructor, expressed concerns of the current registration process for ESL courses and the availability of testing times. She also advocated for a bilingual application.

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Addison Langhorst, Socialist Alternative member, stated MATC is to serve the community and not attempt to bring in revenue, ESL classes should be funded.

Christine Neuman Ortiz, Executive Director of Voces De La Frontera, expressed the need for ESL and Bilingual programs for the community. She advocated for investing in full-time faculty and bilingual support.

Mario Ramirez, organizer for Voces De La Frontera, spoke to his fond memories at MATC when he studied in the CNN program. He stated that the admissions test should also be in Spanish and noted the question that asks about residency is intimidating because it suggests you are asking about immigration status.

Maribel Nunez Trejo, Voces De La Frontera, talked about classes with waitlists.

Minerva Cornejo, Voces De La Frontera, has a family that took ESL courses at MATC. Stated MATC is a community college that meets people where they are at, relevant with the times. Asked that MATC considers current community needs.

Daisy Espana, current MATC student, spoke to a family member who took ESL courses and now is graduating with an associate's degree. States everyone deserves support no matter what level they are enrolled in.

Anastasia Benzike, current instructor in Community Education, concerned that a comprehensive effort has not happen to address the Community Education concerns.

Cyndi Richardson, current Integrated Education and Training (IET) instructor, asked for more support of IET faculty and staff.

Reggie Lesley, current MATC student, expressed concern in student account balances, students are not allowed to enroll if they have a balance and this is a barrier to continued education.

Liz Franczyk, adjunct instructor at MATC and Executive Director of the Fast Fund, expressed concern that scholarships are not removing all barriers for students, some scholarships do not address housing for students with families or allow for past student debt reduction.

ITEM 3.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: February 28, 2023

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Motion It was moved by Director Moews, seconded by Director Foley, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting: February 28, 2023.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 4 a. Bills – February 2023**
- 4 b. Financial Report – February 2023**
- 4 c. Human Resources Report**
- 4 d. Procurement Report**
- 4 e. Construction Report**

Motion It was moved by Director Foley, seconded by Director Moews, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

- 5 a. Resolution (F0264-03-23) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022-2023J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Foley, to approve Resolution (F0264-03-23) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022-2023J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Discussion Mr. John Mehan, director, Robert W. Baird & Co., reviewed the Final Pricing Summary for the \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022-2023J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Burris, Case, Diaz, Foley, Moews, Moore Omokunde, Baker and Olson - 8

Noes: None.

- 5 b. Resolution (F0265-03-23) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022-2023K of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

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Motion It was moved by Ms. Foley, seconded by Ms. Moews, to approve Resolution (F0265-03-23) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022-2023K of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Case, Diaz, Foley, Moews, Moore Omokunde, Baker, Burris, and Olson - 9

Noes: None.

5 c. Approval of Board Self-Evaluation Instrument

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Foley, to approve Board Self-Evaluation Instrument.

Action Motion approved

5 d. Resolution (F0266-03-23) to Authorize Administration to enter into Cooperative Agreement to expand the Electrical Power Distribution Program

Motion It was moved by Director Foley, seconded by Director Moews to approve Resolution (F0266-03-23) to Authorize Administration to enter into Cooperative Agreement to expand the Electrical Power Distribution Program

Discussion Laura Bray, vice president, College Advancement, provided a video recording giving an overview of the program. Current capacity is 18 students, and there are 35 individuals that are interested, the expansion of the program would help address the community need.

Director Foley asked for data on the future demand of this workforce.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 6 Reports

6 a. Chairperson's Report

- Announced the District Board Appointment Committee met March 15. Gail Pence (employer 15+ manufacturer) and Dr. Waleed Najeeb (employer 15+) were appointed to serve the

term ending on June 30, 2026. There were no applicants for the superintendent position. The appointments are not final until approved by the WTCS board.

- The Spring District Boards Association Meeting is being held at Gateway Technical College April 20-22. The theme is Governance for Accountability.

Discussion

Director Foley gave the following update on

i. Board Policy Taskforce

- Discussed 2-3 possibilities for new policies.
- Drafting SOP to handle public comments.
- Intend to present the items at the May meeting.

Director Case gave the following update on

ii. Foundation Report

- Foundation met March 9 and approved a resolution to give it's Executive Director the authority to expand the Electrical Power Distribution Program.
- We Energies and Piper have donated a facility and dollars to the EPD program.
- Checota Scholarship Program Update
 - i. Scholars are outpacing their peers on credits earned per semester.

6 b. President's Report

Discussion

Dr. Martin:

- Announced the Second Annual Diversity Career Fair was held on March 8.
- Announced the Higher Learning Commission will be visiting on April 24-25 for our mid-cycle accreditation review.
- Reported on monthly café chats on each campus and a recent visit with students at Walker's Square.

6 c. District Student Senate Report

Discussion

Patrick Casper:

- Announced student Mason Johnson was named the men's basketball NJCAA division II MVP.
- Announced the WCTS Student Ambassador banquet will be held April 27.

6 d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report

Discussion Dr. Eva Martinez-Powless, vice president, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, shared updates and activities on MATC Employee Affinity Groups and DEI programs.

6 d i. Semi-Annual Affirmative Action Report

Discussion Dan McColgan, director, Labor Relations, presented the report.

6 e. Enrollment Report

Discussion Dr. Sarah Adams, Enrollment Services Dean and Registrar, presented the Enrollment Report and enrollment impact on revenue.

6 f. Milwaukee PBS VP General Manager's Report

Discussion Mr. Dan Braovac, interim vice president and general manager of Milwaukee PBS, shared the following highlights:

- Spring pledge drive concluded on March 13. Results were 4.5% better than the March 2022 drive. Currently 78.9% toward the annual goal.
- On March 12, 670 people attended the Rick Steves event at Dominican High School.
- Six of the entries in the Milwaukee Press Club Awards for Excellence have been judged award winning.

Director Foley recently attended a public television conference and reported that Milwaukee Public Television was number one in viewership last calendar year.

6 g. Legislative Matters Report

Discussion Ramie Zelenkova, lobbyist, Hubbard, Wilson & Zelenkova, presented the Legislative Matters Report.

ITEM 7. BOARD MONITORING

7 a. Fall Success Metrics

Information Dr. Jeff Janz, vice president, Retention, presented information via slides.

- The fall-to-spring persistence data showed a 16% equity gap comparing white to non-white students.
- The equity gap is reduced when students use wrap around services.

7 b. Risk Management and Public Safety Update

Information Aisha Barkow, director of Public Safety, and Virginia Hart, risk manager, submitted the written report attached to the agenda.

Director Baker noted the significant reduction in Workers Compensation claims

7 c. FY23 Year-End Budget Performance Projection

Information Jeff Hollow, vice president, Finance, presented the budget.

7 d. FY24 Budget Planning Assumptions

Information Jeff Hollow, vice president, Finance, presented the FY24 Budget Planning Assumptions.

Director Foley suggested additional budget cycle training for new board members.

7 e. Community Education

Information Dr. Mohammad Dakwar, vice president, Learn, acknowledged the oversight and stated that MATC remains committed to ESL instruction and all of the community education classes.

Dr. Dakwar co-presented a PowerPoint with the vision for Community Education along with Dr. Patricia Tores Najera, executive director, Community Education, HSI, & Strategic Engagement. Dr. Najera reported on Casa Abierta, an open house at Walkers Square where over 200 attendees learned about MATC's courses, certificates, diplomas and degrees.

Also reported was community support and partnerships with UMOS, Mexican Fiesta and the Mexican Consulate. progress in stated the department is meeting ESL, GED and HSED programming needs.

Weekly meetings have been held to determine the faculty and staffing needs. Administration has committed to hiring two full-time faculty for Fall 2023. Additional needs are being assessed.

Discussion Director Foley asked the percentage of ESL students that continue on to post-secondary coursework. Dr. Najera will get that number.

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Director Burris suggested instructional videos be used for assisting non-English speakers to register until a bilingual application process is in place. She also suggested written copies in multiple foreign languages be on hand to assist applicants.

ITEM 8. New Business

Director Burris requested to have an update on Community Education next month that includes a timeline.

Director Burris asked for election information to be distributed to alert the community that Walkers Square is an April 4 election site.

ITEM 9. Future Agenda Items/Events

- 9 a.** April 20-22, 2023, WTCDBA Spring Meeting, Gateway Technical College
- 9 b.** April 24-26, 2023, Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Accreditation Visit
- 9 c.** April 25, 2023, MATC District Board Meeting 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210)

ITEM 10. Closed Session

- 10 a. Approval to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating and negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, and conducting other specified public business.**

Motion It was moved by Director Moews, seconded by Director Foley, to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section Stat. 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating and negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, and conducting other specified public business.

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

Ayes: Diaz, Foley, Moews, Moore Omokunde, Baker, Burris, and Olson, Case - 8

Noes: None.

ITEM 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Schultz

On behalf of Board Secretary Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

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** Action may be taken on any agenda item, whether designated as an action item or not. Agenda items may be moved into Closed Session for discussion when it becomes apparent that a Closed Session is appropriate under Section 19.85 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The board may return to Open Session to take action on any item discussed in Closed Session.

*** It is anticipated that this item may be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85(1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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