



Attachment 3 – a.

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
March 25, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, and called to order by Chairperson Foley at 4:03 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; Erica Case (virtual); Mark Foley; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; Supreme Moore Omokunde; Waleed Najeeb (virtual); Tina Owen-Moore; and Gale Pence.

Excused: Bria Burris.

ITEM 1 b. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Chairperson Foley 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.

Discussion Dr. Cruz recognized the Men's Basketball Team for their successful season, which included winning the Region 4 District title and qualifying for the NJCAA Division 2 National Tournament.

ITEM 2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: February 25, 2025

Motion It was moved by Director Owen-Moore and seconded by Director Baker to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 25, 2025.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 4.a. Bills – February 2025**
- 4.b. Financial Report – February 2025**
- 4.c. Human Resources Report**
- 4.d. Procurement Report**
- 4.e. Construction Report**

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Mendieta-Ramos, to approve the Consent Agenda Report.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

- 5 a. Resolution (F0353-03-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin**

Motion It was moved by Director Owen-Moore, seconded by Director Pence, to approve Resolution (F0353-03-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Case, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Owen-Moore, Pence, Baker, Foley - 8

Noes: None.

- 5 b. Resolution (F0354-03-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025K of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin**

Motion It was moved by Director Owen-Moore, seconded by Director Baker, to approve Resolution (F0354-03-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025K of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Owen-Moore, Pence, Baker, Case, and Foley - 8

Noes: None.

5 c. Resolution (F0355-03-25) to Approve Proposed Program Titled Biotechnology Laboratory Technician

Motion It was moved by Director Owen-Moore, seconded by Director Mendieta-Ramos, to approve Resolution to Approve Proposed Program Titled Biotechnology Laboratory Program.

Discussion Dr. Michael Jenkins, interim dean, STEM Pathway, gave an overview of the proposed program and answered questions from the board.

Action Motion approved by voice vote.

5 d. Resolution (F0356-03-25) to Approve Proposed Program Titled Commercial Building Inspector Apprenticeship

Motion It was moved by Director Moore Omokunde, seconded by Director Owen-Moore, to approve Resolution to Approve Proposed Program Titled Commercial Building Inspector Apprenticeship.

Discussion Dr. Sadique Isahaku, vice provost, Learning, gave an overview of the proposed program and answered questions from the board.

Action Motion approved by voice vote.

ITEM 6. Reports - Monthly

6 a. Chairperson's Report

Discussion Chairperson Foley shared the following report:

- Director Erica Case shared the Foundation Liaison Report.
 - MATC Foundation Board met on March 13.
 - Dr. Cruz provided general remarks on recent announcements from the Department of Education.
 - Laura Bray reported on takeaways from the AGB annual foundation conference.
 - The Foundation has raised \$2.4 million to date, which is 60% of a \$4 million budgeted goal and is on pace to award \$4 million in student scholarships by the end of the fiscal year.
- Chair Foley attended the APTS Public Media Summit in Washington, D.C., where he was joined by Debbie Hamlett, vice president and general manager, Milwaukee PBS.

- Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association spring membership meeting and elections will be held on April 10 and 11 at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The WTCS Ambassador Banquet will be celebrated on April 10 and the DBA elections and membership meeting will be held on April 11.
- Create the Spark, a showcase event for the MATC Creative Arts, Design and Media Pathway, will take place on May 8 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Downtown Campus. This is an open house style event where guests can interact with students and their portfolio work, hear live music presentations, taste culinary and baking creations, and tour interactive student labs and unique facilities.
- The 2025 Spring Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 17 at the UWM Panther Arena at Noon. Holding the commencement at the Panther Arena, which has held MATC commencements in the past, allowed MATC to confirm the date earlier in the semester, given Fiserv Forum's potential to host NBA playoff games.

6 b. President's Report

Discussion

Dr. Anthony Cruz shared the following report:

- Men's basketball coach Randy Casey was named this year's NJCAA Region 4 – Midwest B District Coach of the Year, which marked the sixth time in seven years that coach Casey has earned the honor.
- MATC is launching an esports program which will compete against other state schools in the Wisconsin Esports Conference. MATC is the only two-year college in the state to offer an associate's degree in Computer Simulation and Gaming, and the addition of esports supports the college's recruitment efforts.
- The college exceeded their enrollment goal for the year by 4%.
- The college had a successful Open House at the Downtown Campus on March 6, with 123 staff and faculty members representing over 100 individual programs and departments. The college checked in 255 prospective students, with approximately 450 total attendees including friends and family members.
- The college held a Student Town Hall on March 6 to gather student feedback on the college's Student Success Inventory Survey results. The goal was to identify MATC's strengths and areas for improvement. Dr. Cruz plans on holding similar town halls on different student-focused topics, which will be held each semester.
- On March 19, the college held its first MATC Teams Day. Employees in each division had the opportunity to come together for collaboration on goal setting, team development, workshops and networking opportunities. Various topics were covered including innovative teaching methods and enhancing customer service skills.

- On March 21, Student Engagement and Community Impact, along with the Black Excellence Leadership Alliance, hosted the Sister Network Luncheon at the Downtown Campus. This event celebrated years of service for campus community members while acknowledging their contributions in advancing the college.
- There was very good turn-out at recent Coffee with Cruz events, as Dr. Cruz served coffee to students and employees at the Mequon, West Allis, and Walker's Square Campuses. Dr. Cruz also visited the Downtown Child Care Center last week, where he handed out cookies and read stories.
- Following the District Board Retreat discussion of the new strategic plan on February 8, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and Executive Leadership Team provided their feedback on a draft. This week, the President's Cabinet reviewed the revised plan and explored how the recommended strategic priorities and objectives would prepare MATC to address current and emerging challenges.
- Introduced Mr. Paul Zinck, new vice president, Administration and Operations. Mr. Zinck oversees all areas of Finance, Facilities, Construction, IT, the Bookstore, and Food Service.
- Acknowledged chief financial officer Eva Kuether's efforts and contributions during the vacancy for vice president, Administration and Operations.

6 c. Treasurer's Report

Discussion Director Gale Pence shared the treasurer's report.

6 d. District Student Senate Report

Discussion Mr. Warren Murphy, chairperson for the MATC District Student Association (DSA), shared the Student Senate report. Highlights of the report included:

- The MATC Times received six awards at the College Media Association Procon 25 in New York City, including a second-place award for best newspaper. The MATC Times won another five awards at the Wisconsin Newspaper Association conference in Madison, including first place for best website.
- The DSA approved the new International Student Organization.
- The DSA has unanimously approved a recommendation for a \$5 increase to student fees to take place over the next two years.

ITEM 7. BOARD MONITORING

7 a. Community Education Hubs

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Discussion Dr. Phillip King, executive vice president, and Dr. Clavon Byrd, associate dean, Community Education, presented on the Community Education Hubs.

ITEM 8. NEW BUSINESS

Board members asked for an overview of the Dental Hygiene Program.

Dr. Cruz indicated that board members would have the opportunity to tour the Dental Hygiene Clinic before the next board meeting.

ITEM 9. Future Agenda Items/Events

- a. April 22, 2025, MATC District Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210)
- b. April 10-11, 2025, WTCDBA Spring Membership Meeting and Elections, Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells

ITEM 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kovochich

On behalf of Board Secretary Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

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