



Attachment 3 – a.

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
May 27, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, and called to order by Chairperson Foley at 4:00 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 (4:10 p.m.); Bria Burris; Erica Case (virtual); Mark Foley; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; Supreme Moore Omokunde; Waleed Najeeb (virtual); and Gale Pence.

Excused: Tina Owen-Moore

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.

ITEM 2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: April 22, 2025

Motion It was moved by Director Burris and seconded by Director Moore Omokunde to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 22, 2025.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

4.a. Bills – April 2025

4.b. Financial Report – April 2025

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4.c. Human Resources Report

4.d. Procurement Report

4.e. Construction Report

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

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

5 a. Resolution (F0360-05-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025L of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Motion It was moved by Director Mendieta-Ramos, seconded by Director Burris, to approve Resolution (F0360-05-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025L of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Burris, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Pence, and Foley - 6

Noes: None

Abstain: Baker

5 b. Resolution (F0361-05-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026A of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Motion It was moved by Director Moore Omokunde, seconded by Director Burris, to approve Resolution (F0361-05-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026A of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Pence, Baker, Burris, and Foley - 7

Noes: None.

5 c. Approval of Budget and Class I Public Hearing Legal Notice FY26

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Pence, to approve the Budget and Class I Public Hearing Legal Notice FY26.

Discussion Mr. Paul Zinck, vice president, Administration and Operations, provided an overview and answered questions from the Board.

Action Motion approved by voice vote.

5 d. Resolution (F0362-05-25) to Approve Strategic Plan

Motion It was moved by Director Najeeb, seconded by Director Moore Omokunde, to approve Resolution (F0362-05-25) to Approve Strategic Plan.

Discussion Dr. Jennifer Mikulay, director, Quality Planning and Assessment, provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from the Board.

Action Motion approved by voice vote.

ITEM 6. Policy Review

6 a. Policy A0104-6 – Duties of Officers of MATC District Board

Discussion Ms. Sherry Terrell-Webb, general counsel, addressed questions regarding the draft of the Policy Review.

ITEM 7. Reports - Monthly

7 a. Chairperson's Report

Discussion Chairperson Foley shared the following report:

- Congratulated the 1,700 students of the graduating class of 2025. Directors Case, Pence, Najeeb and Moore Omokunde attended the May 17 Commencement, where 854 students walked the stage. The full ceremony will be broadcast on June 14, at 9:00 a.m. on Milwaukee PBS Channel 36 and is also available on MATC's YouTube channel.
- The Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on June 17 at 4:00 p.m. in the Downtown Board Room. This meeting provides the public with the opportunity to speak to the board regarding the proposed FY2025-2026 budget.

- The WTCDBA Fall Meeting and Legal Issues Seminar will be held on October 16-18 at Waukesha County Technical College.
- Chair Foley led the discussion on the results of the Board Self Evaluation Survey.

7 b. President's Report

Discussion Dr. Anthony Cruz shared the following report:

- The college's second Student Leadership Series event was held on April 30 at the Downtown Campus. The event featured a panel discussion for students to hear about the leadership journeys of Dr. Jesse Ehrenfeld, former president of the American Medical Association and professor of anesthesiology at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and Jess Johnson, chief operating officer of Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center. Both leaders shared valuable insights into their career paths, lessons learned along the way, and the challenges they've faced in their respective fields.
- A Voice of the College Live was held on April 23. Employees focused on student success by examining data on retention and graduation rates to identify and address equity gaps with the goal of ensuring that all students are set up for success.
- Fifty Milwaukee Area Technical College employees were honored for their outstanding service at an inaugural recognition breakfast held on April 28. The honored employees had received at least two nominations from peers or student customers to be considered for the prestigious WE CARE award, which reflects how the college aims to interact with other employees, students and visitors.
- The Bright Ideas Initiative, a new campaign designed to empower employees to propose innovative solutions, has concluded its initial review. Over 70 ideas were submitted, and three winners were selected.
 - Samantha Burgos, bilingual retention coach, whose Bright Idea is the Creation of a mindfulness makerspace that will allow students and staff to tap into their flow and take advantage of a space to build community and a sense of belonging.
 - Erin Dischler, Accounting instructor, whose Bright Idea is a faculty excellence award that highlights the contributions faculty make in their classrooms, community and overall student success.
 - David Schmocker, Electronic Engineering Technology lead instructor, whose Bright Idea is reducing the workload of faculty/staff in entering semester textbook information.
- In April, the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing granted Continuing Accreditation to MATC's associate's program in Nursing, with the next evaluation visit scheduled for Fall 2032.

- The Create the Spark student showcase was held on May 8, which offered a glimpse into the exceptional portfolio work of students spanning all twelve programs in the Creative Arts, Media and Design Pathway. Attendees were treated to a diverse range of projects that showcased the students' mastery of their craft and their unique artistic visions.
- Dr. Cruz attended the Nurses' Pinning Ceremony on May 20, which celebrated the achievements of 43 LPN students and 52 ADN students.
- Spring enrollment is 4,112 as of May 19. This is 106% of actual to goal and 4% higher than the same time last year.
- FTE for summer enrollment has exceeded the term goal by 7.4%.
- Dr. Cruz reflected on the conclusion of his first academic year, highlighting some of the progress that has been achieved on the college's annual goals:
 - Reduced the gap in course completion rates between student groups from 20% to 15%, helping more students succeed.
 - Decreased the gap in persistence rates from Fall to Spring between student groups from 23% to 14%, surpassing MATC's goal and supporting more students on the path to graduation.
 - Narrowed the gap in credit attainment between Black/African American and White students from 30% to 22%, going farther than the target and increasing the overall percentage of students who earn at least one credit in their first semester.
 - Exceeded the budgeted enrollment goal of 8,650 full-time equivalent (FTE) students, surpassing 9,000 FTEs for the first time since the pandemic.
 - Successfully enrolled more full-time college-level students who identify as Hispanic/Latino/a as the college continued its work to become a Hispanic-Serving Institution.
 - Developed the college's first artificial intelligence (AI) policy, made recommendations for safe AI learning environments, and offered 20-plus workshops, seminars and training sessions to improve the college's systems and processes.
 - Completed the draft of the next strategic plan.
 - Now that the MATC District Board has voted on the strategic plan, the college will work to finalize their annual goals for 2025-26.
- Dr. Cruz thanked everyone who he had the pleasure of meeting over the past year at college and community functions.
- Recognized the recent successes of the EA Sports club, which has over fifty students participating.

7 c. Treasurer's Report

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Discussion Director Gale Pence shared that the next Internal Audit committee meeting will be held on June 11 at 3:00 p.m. at the Downtown MATC Campus, M200.

7 d. Legislative Update

Discussion Ms. Ramie Zelenkova, partner, Hubbard, Wilson, and Zelenkova, LLC, shared the quarterly Legislative Update. Highlights of the update included:

- The process to adopt the 2026-28 state biennium budget continues. The Governor's budget included the full WTCS request.
- As the Education and Workforce Committee worked on its portions of the reconciliation bill, MATC submitted letters to its House delegation regarding Pell. Universities of Wisconsin, WAICU, and WTCS submitted a joint letter to members of the Wisconsin congressional delegation.

ITEM 8. BOARD MONITORING

8 a. Review Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Activity Plan and Budget

Discussion Mr. Paul Zinck, vice president, Administration and Operations, presented on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Activity Plan and Budget.

8 b. Review Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Capital Equipment Budget

Discussion Mr. Paul Zinck, vice president, Administration and Operations, presented on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Capital Equipment Budget.

8 c. Review Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Capital Remodeling and Renovation Project

Discussion Mr. Paul Zinck, vice president, Administration and Operations, presented on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Capital Remodeling and Renovation Project.

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Foley noted that two scheduling issues will be on the agenda for the board organizational meeting.

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ITEM 10. Future Agenda Items/Events

- a. June 17, 2025, MATC Public Hearing on the Budget, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210)
- b. June 24, 2025, MATC District Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210)

ITEM 11. Closed Session

- a. President's Annual Evaluation Survey Discussion

Motion It was moved by Director Mendieta-Ramos and seconded by Director Burris to move into closed session to discuss Item 11.a, President's Annual Evaluation Survey Discussion.

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

Ayes: Najeeb, Pence, Baker, Burris, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, and Foley - 7

Noes: None.

ITEM 12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kovoichich

On behalf of Board Secretary Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

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