



Attachment 3 – a.

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
March 24, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, and called to order by Chair Case at 4:01 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; Katrice Cotton (virtual); Mark Foley; Charlotte Hayslett; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; Supreme Moore Omokunde (virtual); Waleed Najeeb (virtual); Gale Pence.

Excused: None.

ITEM 1 b. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Chair Case 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

Mr. Sam Froiland, labor relations director, AFT Local 212, spoke on the topic of the Community Education Department.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: February 24, 2026

3 b. Board Retreat: February 27, 2026

Motion It was moved by Director Mendieta-Ramos and seconded by Director Pence to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 24, 2026 and the minutes of the Board Retreat on February 27, 2026.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 4 a. Bills February 2026**
- 4.b. Financial Report February 2026**
- 4 c. Human Resources Report**
- 4 d. Procurement Report**

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

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

- 5 a. Resolution (F0395-03-26) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Foley and seconded by Director Pence to approve Resolution (F0395-03-26) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Cotton, Foley, Hayslett, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Pence, Baker, and Case - 9

Noes: None.

- 5 b. Resolution (F0396-03-26) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026K of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Najeeb and seconded by Director Foley to approve Resolution (F0396-03-26) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026K of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

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Ayes: Foley, Hayslett, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Pence, Baker, Cotton, and Case - 9

Noes: None.

ITEM 6. POLICY REVIEW

6 a. Revised Pre-Employment Criminal Background Check

Discussion Mr. Dan McColgan, director, employee and labor relations, discussed the revised policy for pre-employment criminal background checks.

ITEM 7. REPORTS – MONTHLY

7 a. Chairperson’s Report

Discussion Chairperson Case shared the following report:

- The Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association Spring membership meeting and elections will be held on April 16 and 17 at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.
- In a March 2, opinion piece for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Dr. Cruz advocated for a fundamental shift in how Wisconsin prepares its workforce, arguing that career preparation must begin well before high school graduation.
- The 2026 MATC Spring Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the Fiserv Forum.

7 b. President’s Report

Discussion Dr. Cruz shared the President’s Report. Highlights included:

- The men’s basketball team finished the season with a 31–4 record, including a perfect 14–0 run at home, and leading the nation with an average of 103.7 points per game.
 - Coach Randy Casey was named the NJCAA Region 4 (Midwest District A) Coach of the Year, marking the seventh time in eight years that Coach Casey has earned a Coach of the Year honor at the regional or district level.
- The college was honored as the Large Business of the Year by the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce during their annual awards celebration at the Milwaukee Public Museum.
- MATC’s Oak Creek campus was the site of the legislative forum, "Pathways to Prosperity," on March 2, which provided elected officials with an opportunity to see firsthand how the college drives regional economic mobility through strong industry partnerships and career-focused educational programs.

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- A President’s Student Leadership event was held on March 11 at the Downtown campus with Diana Gutierrez, an Emmy and regional Edward R. Murrow Award-winning anchor and reporter for WISN 12 News.
- The MATC Day: Ascent in Action employee development event took place on March 18 at the Baird Center, focusing on the college’s strategic alignment and 'Students First' mission. Full-time employees and participating part-time faculty joined college leadership for a general session that reviewed institutional accomplishments and future objectives. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Tia Brown McNair, a nationally recognized expert in student success.
- On March 19, MATC conducted a dual-purpose Faculty Professional Learning Day.

7 c. Treasurer’s Report

Discussion Director Gale Pence provided the monthly Treasurer’s Report, which included the Advisory Audit Report.

7 d. District Student Senate Report

Discussion MATC student Elizabeth Calixto provided the District Student Senate Report.

7 e. Milwaukee PBS General Manager’s Report

Discussion Ms. Debbie Hamlett, general manager and vice president, Milwaukee PBS, shared the bi-monthly Milwaukee PBS General Manager’s Report.

ITEM 8. BOARD MONITORING

8 a. Review of Board Self-Evaluation Instrument

Discussion Chairperson Erica Case led the discussion on the board’s self-evaluation instrument.

8 b. ERP Modernization

Discussion Mr. David Rowe, chief information officer, answered questions from the board regarding the pre-recorded presentation on ERP modernization.

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS

Director Baker requested an update on Community Education.

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ITEM 10. FUTURE EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. April 28, 2026, MATC District Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210).
- b. May 16, 2026, MATC Commencement, 11:00 a.m., Fiserv Forum.

ITEM 11. CLOSED SESSION

11 a. Litigation Update

Discussion The board met in closed session for the litigation update.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kowochich

On behalf of Board Secretary Waleed Najeeb

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