



Attachment 3 – a.

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
May 26, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, and called to order by Vice Chair Mendieta-Ramos at 4:02 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); Katrice Cotton (virtual); Mark Foley; Charlotte Hayslett; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; Supreme Moore Omokunde (4:04); Waleed Najeeb (virtual); Gale Pence.

Excused: None.

ITEM 1 b. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Vice Chair Mendieta-Ramos 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

Ms. Dewey Caton, vice president, Local 212 PT Faculty Union, spoke on the topic of the proposed exempt-adjunct teaching pathway.

Mr. Stacy Smiter, PT Faculty, spoke on the topic of the proposed exempt-adjunct teaching pathway.

Ms. Jodie Rady, PT Faculty and FT Paraprofessional, spoke on the topic of the proposed exempt-adjunct teaching pathway.

Ms. Susan Goodrich, full time faculty, spoke on the topic of faculty participation in institutional decision-making.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: April 28, 2026

Motion It was moved by Director Hayslett, and seconded by Director Foley to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 28, 2026.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 4 a. Bills April 2026**
- 4.b. Financial Report April 2026**
- 4 c. Human Resources Report**
- 4 d. Procurement Report**
- 4 e. Construction Report**

Motion It was moved by Director Baker and seconded by Director Foley to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

- 5 a. Resolution (F0400-05-26) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026L of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Foley, seconded by Director Baker, to approve Resolution (F0400-05-26) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026L of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Discussion Mr. Tim Wiencek, senior quantitative analyst, Robert W. Baird & Co., reviewed the Final Pricing Summary for the \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026L.

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

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

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Noes: None.

5 b. Resolution (F0401-05-26) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026-2027A of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Motion It was moved by Director Foley, seconded by Director Pence, to approve Resolution (F0401-05-26) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026-2027A of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

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

Noes: None.

ITEM 6. PRESENTATION

6 a. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Activity Plan and Budget

Discussion Mr. Paul Zinck, vice president, Administration and Operations, presented the budget.

ITEM 7. ACTION/APPROVAL

7 a. Resolution (F0402-05-26) for Approval of Budget & Class I Public Hearing Legal Notice FY27

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Hayslett, to approve Budget & Class 1 Public Hearing Legal Notice FY27.

Discussion Director Baker noted the historical property tax data demonstrates a decreasing tax impact on a \$100,000 home over time, a sign of MATC's commitment to community value.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS – MONTHLY

8 a. Chairperson's Report

Discussion Chairperson Case reported the following:

- Extended congratulations to 1,947 graduating students in the Class of 2026. The board noted an ongoing issue with students leaving the arena immediately after walking the stage and requested administration to look for ways to address this protocol issue for future
 - i. Director Foley shared the District Boards update. The upcoming DBA meeting will include votes on bylaw amendments to resolve long-standing internal issues.
 - ii. Seven out of nine board members completed the self-evaluation survey. Chair Case asked that the board members take a deeper dive into the results and a discussion will be considered for a board retreat.

8 b. President's Report

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

- Funeral Service Program: Participated in the May 14 Service of Gratitude honoring unclaimed individuals cared for within the restorative arts laboratory.
- Employee Wellness Challenge: Concluded the annual workplace culture initiative with 181 employees participating.
- Faculty Recognition: Faculty member Dwayne Schlud was named Wisconsin Respiratory Therapist of the Year by the Wisconsin Society for Respiratory Care.
- Student Showcases & Ceremonies: Visited the Create the Sparks Showcase on May 14 featuring 12 portfolio programs from the Creative Arts pathway.
- Enrollment Metrics: Summer enrollment is currently trending 4.6% ahead of projections.

8 c. Treasurer's Report

Discussion Director Gale Pence provided the monthly Treasurer's Report.

8. d. Milwaukee PBS General Manager's Report

Discussion Ms. Debbie Hamlett, general manager and vice president, Milwaukee PBS, shared the Milwaukee PBS General Manager's Report.

- Philanthropy: Total donations have reached \$9.7 million—approximately \$300,000 away from a historic fiscal high of \$10 million. Total active member count has risen to 44,131.

- National Syndication: The recording of America the Beautiful featuring the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra was formally offered to PBS National for syndication.
- Program Lineup & Honors: Ken Burns' upcoming 4-part series Crime and Punishment in America will debut in November alongside an MATC-produced local companion program. Milwaukee PBS captured multiple awards from the Milwaukee Press Club, including Gold awards for Powerful Marches and the Waukesha Parade tragedy feature story.
- Debate Hosting: Milwaukee PBS will officially host the Governor's Debate on October 9, 2026.

8. e. Legislative Matters Report

- Discussion Ms. Ramie Zelenkova, partner, Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova, LLC provided the legislative update.
- State Budget Surplus: The proposed \$18 billion tax and education package negotiated between Governor Evers and Republican leadership failed in the State Senate after passing the Assembly. The package included a \$50 million dollar-for-dollar property tax levy buy-down for technical colleges, which provides no additional spendable revenue for the institutions.

ITEM 9. BOARD MONITORING

9 a. Review Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Capital Equipment Budget

- Discussion Mr. Paul Zinck, vice president, administration and operations, answered questions from the board regarding the preliminary capital equipment budget.

Director Cotton left the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

9 b. Apprenticeship Program Presentation

- Discussion Doni Bartley, Associate Dean of MCT Apprenticeship, spoke to his transition into administration after 19 years teaching HVAC at the college and fielded questions to his pre-recorded presentation.

9 c. Student Satisfaction Survey

- Discussion Erich Zeimantz, director, Institutional Research & Data Analytics, and Dr. Jennifer Mikulay, executive director, Institutional Effectiveness & Research, presented the survey results.

Key Findings: MATC outperformed national averages and improved upon its own historical data from 2022 and 2024 across all 50 survey questions.

9 d. Academic Program Status Updates

Discussion Dr. Phillip King, executive vice president and provost, spoke to the college concluding its annual program review cycle.

Board members requested deeper, more structured information regarding educational program suspensions in future agenda packets.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

Director Baker asked for additional information on the exempt adjunct teaching pathway.

ITEM 11. FUTURE EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. June 16, 2026, MATC Public Hearing on the Budget, 4:00 p.m. Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210)
- b. June 23, 2026, MATC District Board, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210)

ITEM 12. CLOSED SESSION

Motion It was moved by Director Pence, seconded by Director Najeeb to go into closed session.

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

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

Noes: None.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Schultz

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On behalf of Board Secretary Waleed Najeeb

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