



## **Attachment 3 – a.**

### **MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN October 28, 2025**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, and called to order by Chairperson Case 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; Mark Foley; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; Supreme Moore Omokunde; Waleed Najeeb (virtual); Gale Pence.

**Excused:** None

#### **ITEM 1 b. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW**

Discussion Chairperson 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**

Ms. Jennifer Wayd, community member, spoke about personnel issues.

Ms. Melanie Leyva, Voces de la Frontera, spoke about the Multicultural Center.

Ms. Pam Fendt, president, Milwaukee Area Labor Council, spoke about the Multicultural Center.

Mr. William Xiong, community member, spoke about the Multicultural Center.

#### **ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3 a. Regular Board Meeting: September 23, 2025**

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Motion It was moved by Director Foley and seconded by Director Mendieta-Ramos to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on September 23, 2025.

Action Motion approved, with Director Baker abstaining.

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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

Action Motion approved.

**ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**Action Items**

- 5 a. Resolution (F0378-10-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026E of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Foley, seconded by Director Pence, to approve Resolution (F0378-10-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026E of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

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

Noes: None.

- 5 b. Resolution (F0379-10-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026F of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Foley, seconded by Director Baker, to approve Resolution (F0379-10-25) Authorizing the Issuance of

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\$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026F 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, Foley, and Case - 7

Noes: None.

**5 c. Resolution (F0380-10-25) to Establish 2025-2026 Tax Levy**

Motion It was moved by Director Mendieta-Ramos, seconded by Director Pence, to approve Resolution (F0380-10-25) to Establish 2025-2026 Tax Levy.

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

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

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

Noes: None.

**5 d. Resolution (F0381-10-25) to Approve Designation of MATC State Public Officials Under Wisconsin Code of Ethics**

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Foley, to approve Resolution (F0381-10-25) to Approve Designation of MATC State Public Officials Under Wisconsin Code of Ethics.

Discussion Ms. Elle Bonds-Jones, vice president, Human Resources, provided an overview of the resolution.

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

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

Noes: None.

**ITEM 6. POLICY APPROVAL**

**6 a. Policy A0205 – Services of Outside Legal Counsel**

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Discussion Ms. Sherry Terrell-Webb, general counsel, answered questions from the Board regarding the policy.

Action Policy was approved by voice vote.

## ITEM 7. REPORTS – MONTHLY

### 7 a. Chairperson's Report

Discussion Chairperson Case shared the following report:

- The Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association held their fall meeting and a legal issues seminar earlier this month at Waukesha County Technical College. Board members who attended shared their takeaways from the seminar.
- Dr. Bryan Albrecht has been named Interim Executive Director of the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association. Dr. Albrecht is the president emeritus of Gateway Technical College and has served on more than 60 national, state, and local boards. Dr. Albrecht has agreed to serve in this interim capacity until a nationwide search for a permanent executive director is successfully completed.
- Chair Case attended the ACCT Congress in New Orleans, LA, along with Directors Baker, Foley, Moore Omokunde, and Pence. Chair Case and the board members who attended shared their takeaways on the conference.
- MATC's Fall Commencement is scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m. at the Fiserv Forum.
- Director Pence shared the Foundation Liaison Report. Highlights of the report included:
  - The Foundation Board held its first meeting of the 2025-26 fiscal year on October 6.
    - Newly elected board members were introduced: Trevor D'Souza, senior vice president at Associated Bank, and Laila Valters, vice president and chief compliance officer at Northwestern Mutual and CEO & President Northwestern Mutual Investment Services.
    - The terms of board members Susan Lubar and Tracy Luber were extended until June 30, 2026.
    - The 2024-25 audit process will be completed and delivered to the college no later than October 15, 2025.
    - The regular fundraising report noted that as of September 30, 2025, the Foundation raised 10% of its annual goal.

- Foundation is on track to meet its goal of distributing \$4.5 million in direct student support during the 2025-26 school year.
- The Foundation hosted a BluTender fundraising event at the Pfister Hotel on October 14, 2025.
- Applications for the position of CEO, MATC Foundation and executive director of advancement will be accepted until November 12, 2025.

## **7 b. President's Report**

Discussion      Dr. Cruz shared the following:

- Three MATC students participated in Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson's College Workforce Retention Roundtable earlier this month. The purpose of the roundtable was to better understand the factors that drew students to Milwaukee for school and the factors that are influencing their decision to stay or leave after graduation. MATC's students expressed appreciation for the city's diverse neighborhoods, affordability, abundant recreation and entertainment, sports teams, and employment opportunities.
- On October 2nd, Dr. Cruz joined the 15 students in the college's Gap Year program for a tour of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District and Northwestern Mutual. This marks the sixth cohort for the program, which is run in partnership with NEWaukee. Participating students are led through a curated program that will include MATC hands-on career exploration, career exposure at local companies, and network development with peers.
- MATC held another successful Student Leadership Series event on September 10 at the Oak Creek campus, which featured panel discussions with Milwaukee County Sheriff Dr. Denita Ball and Milwaukee Fire Chief Aaron Lipski. Sheriff Ball and Chief Lipski shared reflections and insights about their educational and professional journeys and answered questions from students from MATC's Community and Human Services programs.
- The college hosted its annual MATC Teams Day on October 14, an event entirely dedicated to fostering employee development and collaboration. This year's theme, "Innovate and Grow: Building Our Future Together," emphasized the importance of continuous learning and teamwork in achieving MATC's institutional goals. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the value of investing in employees' professional growth and the positive impact of a shared learning experience.
- The new college-wide employee recognition platform, Motivosity, was launched in mid-October. The recognition platform is a way for MATC employees to transform the way they celebrate success, recognize achievements and acknowledge daily contributions. The

platform will be used to drive engagement and recognition and to promote a caring culture across the college.

- Voice of the College live events continued on October 15, as employees were invited to join the workgroups and propose solutions for challenges identified in the most recent Student Satisfaction Inventory.
- In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Dr. Cruz welcomed attendees at the "Breaking the Silence," panel discussion hosted by MATC's Healthcare Pathway and Office of Public Health. Approximately 150 MATC students, faculty, staff, and community members attended. Several women shared their personal journeys of battling and surviving cancer, and valuable information was exchanged by many survivors and families impacted by the disease.
- On October 28, Dr. Cruz attended the Heavy Metal Tour at the Oak Creek campus. Nearly 150 high school students attended the event to learn about careers in manufacturing. The event was sponsored in part by All Within My Hands, a nonprofit established by the members and management of the rock band Metallica to support and advance careers in "heavy metal" manufacturing fields.
- The proposed 2026 Milwaukee County budget includes eliminating six bus routes, modifying five others, and increasing fares. Dr. Cruz is meeting with county representatives this week to discuss these cuts and convey their potential impact on MATC's students.
- As of October 20, Fall 2026 FTE enrollment stands at 4,432, which is 102% of the college's goal for this term and a 7% increase over last year.

#### **7 c. Legislative Update**

Discussion Ms. Ramie Zelenkova, partner, Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova, shared the legislative update.

#### **7 d. District Student Senate Report**

Discussion There was no student senate report this month.

#### **7 e. Annual Non-Construction Procurement Report**

Discussion Ms. Laura Moore, manager, Procurement, was available to answer questions from the board regarding the pre-recorded report.

#### **7 f. Annual Construction Services Report**

Discussion Mr. Kris Johnson, director, Facilities Planning, Construction, and Sustainability was available to answer questions from the board.

**ITEM 8. BOARD MONITORING**

**8 a. Aviation Technology Program**

Discussion The board viewed a video presentation highlighting the Aviation Technology program. Dr. Phillip King, executive vice president, and Ms. Rebecca Alsup-Kingery, dean, Manufacturing, Construction, and Transportation Services, answered questions from the board regarding the program.

**ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**ITEM 10. FUTURE EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. November 24, 2025, MATC District Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210).

**ITEM 11. CLOSED SESSION \*\***

- a. Presidential Evaluation Instrument

**ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter Kovoichich*

On behalf of Board Secretary Waleed Najeeb

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