



Attachment 3 – a.

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
August 18, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, and called to order by Chairperson Case 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: Erica Case; Katrice Cotton (4:07pm) Mark Foley; Charlotte Hayslett; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; Supreme Moore Omokunde (4:13pm) (virtual); Waleed Najeeb (virtual); Buddy Robinson.

Excused: Lauren Baker.

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. Lisa Conley, president of AFT Local 212

Mr. Brian Kirsch, MATC Full Time Faculty.

Ms. Lori Kornblum MATC Full Time Faculty.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: June 23, 2026

3 b. Board Organizational Meeting: July 13, 2026

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Motion It was moved by Director Mendieta-Ramos and seconded by Director Hayslett to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 23, 2026 and the minutes of the Board Organizational Meeting on July 13, 2026.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 4 a. Bills – June 2026**
- 4.b. Bills – July 2026**
- 4.c. Financial Report – June 2026**
- 4.d. Financial Report – July 2026**
- 4 e. Human Resources Report**
- 4 f. Procurement Report**
- 4 g. Construction Report**

Motion It was moved by Director Cotton and seconded by Director Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

- 5 a. Resolution (F0411-08-26) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026-2027D of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Foley, seconded by Director Hayslett, to approve Resolution (F0411-08-26) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026-2027D 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, Robinson, Baker (EX), and Case - 9

Noes: None.

ITEM 6. REPORTS – MONTHLY

- 6 a. Chairperson's Report**

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Discussion

Chairperson Case shared the following report:

- Welcomed students back for the fall semester.
- Confirmation/Election of Nominated Secretary
- Board committee assignments have been made for 2026-2027.
 - Director Baker will serve as the board representative to the MATC Legislative Task Force.
 - Director Robinson will serve as the board liaison to the MATC Foundation.
 - Director Hayslett, as the board treasurer, will also chair the Audit Advisory Committee and serve on the FCC/OPEB Trust Committee.
- In addition to these MATC committees, the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association committee assignments are as follows:
 - Director Foley will serve as representative to the association's board of directors.
 - Director Moore Omokunde will serve on the external partnership committee.
 - Director Cotton will serve as representative to the DVA's award committee.
 - Director Robinson will serve on the bylaws committee.
- WTCS State Board meeting is being held from September 1-2, 2026, at the MATC Downtown Campus. Board members are invited to join the Board dinner on September 1st.
- Board members to complete the conflict of interest statement complete the form and return to Beth or Sarah M. tonight if possible.
- Reminder that MATC continues to welcome contributions to the campus food pantry and career closet

6 b. President's Report

Discussion

Dr. Cruz shared the following:

- Welcomed MATC students and faculty back to campus and looking forward to a rewarding year.
- Announcement of Joe Phillips our new CEO MATC Foundation and Executive Director College Advancement
- On July 28, MATC held their quarterly WeCare Awards breakfast
- BizTimes Milwaukee honored Beth Schultz and Araceli Robles Estrada as notable Executive Assistants.
- The MATC Pride Alliance was recognized by Global ERG Network.
- Dr. Cruz visited several MATC students at their residence over the summer to welcome them to MATC.
- Fall 2027 FTE is 4,078 as of August 17, 2026, which is 97% of the goal for this term.
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6 c. Legislative Update

- Motion It was moved by Director Foley and seconded by Director Mendieta-Ramos to adjust the meeting agenda.
- Action Motion approved.
- Discussion Ms. Ramie Zelenkova, partner, Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova, LLC provided the quarterly legislative update.

ITEM 7. BOARD MONITORING

7 a. Marketing Plan Presentation

- Discussion Dr. Michael West, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives & External Affairs and Ms. Sarah Eslyn, executive director, Marketing and Communications answered questions from the Board regarding the FY26 and FY27 marketing and communications

7 b. Program Vitality Review Schedule

- Discussion Ms. Barbara Cannell, executive dean, Academic Systems and Integrity, and Dr. Phillip King, executive Vice President of Student Success/Provost available for questions about the program vitality review schedule.

ITEM 8. NEW BUSINESS

Director Foley asked for more information about RSI.

ITEM 9. FUTURE EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. September 15, 2026, MATC District Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210).

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah Mercado

On behalf of Board Secretary Waleed Najeeb

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