

**MINUTES OF THE MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular quarterly meeting of the Legislative Task Force was held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 and called to order by Janice Falkenberg at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing.

A. ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Janice Falkenberg, Vicki Martin, Lauren Baker, Erich Zeimantz, Charles Bruders, Equan Burrows, Jennifer Mikulay, Bohdan Zachary

Guests:

Ramie Zelenkova of Hubbard, Wilson, & Zelenkova, LLC

B. COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW

The Legislative Task Force meeting was noticed to be in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 22, 2021 MEETING

Minutes were approved by consensus of all members.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Legislative Update

a. Local

Nothing to report.

b. State

Wisconsin Assembly Bill 60/Senate Bill 55 relating to publication of proceedings of meetings held by certain governmental bodies. Passed the Senate, Assembly action pending.

Wisconsin Assembly Bill 266/Senate Bill 291 to eliminate certain restrictions on the respective educational roles of the UW System and Technical College System. The provisions were also included in the Governor's 2021-23 Biennial Budget request. Assembly committee recommended passage, Senate action pending.

Wisconsin Assembly Bill 195/Senate Bill 323 to designate University of Wisconsin and technical college sports and athletic teams based on sex of the participants. Passed

Assembly 59-38; Senate action pending. The Governor indicated he will likely veto the legislation if it reaches his desk.

Wisconsin Assembly Bill 347/Senate Bill 375 to prohibit UW System institutions and WTCS colleges from requiring testing for, or vaccination against, COVID-19. Assembly committee recommended passage, Senate action pending.

2021-23 Biennial Budget Provisions (2021 Act 58):

- Provided an increase of \$2,250,000 GPR annually for state general aid.
- Provided an increase of \$2,250,000 GPR annually for grants for technical college district boards. Provided \$50,000 PR annually for grants to district boards to acquire software to support firefighter certification testing activities.
- Provided \$5,000,000 GPR to HEAB for a nurse educator program. The funding would be available to students/graduates of Wisconsin-based programs to provide fellowships to students who enroll in degrees of doctor or nursing programs or masters of science in nursing programs; educational loan repayment assistance to recruit and retain faculty for nursing programs; postdoctoral fellowships or loan repayments for those who commit to teaching for three consecutive years.
- Provide \$72 million GPR over the biennium in property tax relief under revenue limits for technical college. This is additional funding for property tax relief, not spendable dollars.

c. Federal

Senate passed a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution earlier this month, the first step towards enacting budget reconciliation legislation. The action will allow the Senate HELP Committee to spend \$726 billion and the House Education and Labor Committee to spend \$779.5 billion to advance President Biden's economic

E. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom

F. ADJOURNEMENT

Lauren Baker moved, Jennifer Mikulay seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.