



Attachment 3 - a

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
February 28, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, and called to order by Chairperson Olson 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: Lauren Baker, Bria Burris, Erica Case, Antonio Diaz, Mark Foley (via Zoom), Citlali Mendieta-Ramos (via Zoom), Nikki Moews, Supreme Moore Omokunde (joined at 4:06 p.m), Lisa Olson.

Excused: None.

ITEM 1 b. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Chairperson Olson asked if proper notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Ms. Gwendolyn Green, board liaison, confirmed proper notice was given.

ITEM 2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairperson Olson reviewed the list of speakers and read the following statement.

Board policy a0107 states: "no person may speak more than once to an issue or for a period longer than five minutes, except upon the consent of a majority of the district board. No more than three people may be heard to one side of an issue, except upon the consent of a majority of the district board.

Motion It was moved by Director Burris, seconded by Director Mendieta Ramos, to refrain from limiting public comment. Chair Olson asked for a roll call vote.

Action Motion approved, the roll call vote as follows:

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Ayes: Burris, Case, Diaz, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Baker

Noes: Foley, Moews, Olson

The following speakers addressed the Board.

Juan Miguel Martinez: MATC Student graduate, expressed the importance of ESL classes.

Alondra Garcia: second grade elementary teacher for Milwaukee Public Schools, express the importance of learning English and concerns about losing ESL classes.

Francisco Aguilar: former MATC graduate, express the importance of having an education, learning English and adding value to the community.

Lourdes Castillo: ESL instructor provided written statements from students who expressed concern about the loss of ESL courses and the impact on their life.

Felipe Beltran: president of the Latinx Student Organization read a statement from Walker's student and the impact of the cancelled classes on their life.

Bara Omari: MATC ESL instructor, shared the impact of being able to take ESL courses at MATC had on her family and life. Expressed concerns about the admission process for those with literacy barriers.

Anton Valinov: current student, Ukrainian refugee, express concerns about the student's fees charged for the SP2023; student was charged as a non-resident. Classes now cost \$800 compared to costing \$25 last semester.

Eileen Stone: community based organization partner, express the importance of having services available to the working community with limited resources.

Kristi Weisenburger: ESL instructor at the Downtown Campus, read a letter from a student written in Spanish and translated by the instructor, the reason for the letter is to express concerns about non-resident fees charged despite the fact she is a resident.

Ms. Berta Barrillas: Academic Support Specialist, stated Walker's is the only campus that offers GED in Spanish, expressed concerns that the program is in jeopardy.

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Erin Helland: read a letter from a student affected by the cancellation of GED courses.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: January 24, 2022

Motion It was moved by Director Moews, seconded by Director Case, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting: January 24, 2022.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 4 a. Bills – January 2023**
- 4 b. Financial Report – January 2023**
- 4 c. Human Resources Report**
- 4 d. Procurement Report**
- 4 f. Construction Report**

Motion It was moved by Director Case, seconded by Director Baker, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

- 5 a. Resolution (F0262-02-23) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022-2023I of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Moews, seconded by Director Diaz, to approve Resolution (F0260-01-23) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022-2023I of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Discussion Mr. Kevin Mullen, director, Robert W. Baird & Co., reviewed the Final Pricing Summary for the \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022-2023I of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Burris, Case, Diaz, Foley, Citlali Mendieta-Ramos, Moews, Moore Omokunde, Baker and Olson - 9

Noes: None.

5 b. Resolution (F0263-02-23) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022-2023J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Moews, to approve Resolution (F0261-01-23) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022-2023J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Case, Diaz, Foley, Mendieta-Ramos, Moews, Moore
Omokunde, Baker, Burris, and Olson - 9

Noes: None.

ITEM 6 Reports

6 a. Chairperson's Report

Discussion Chairperson Olson:

i. Board Policy Taskforce

Ms. Kris Decato, Interim General Counsel, reported the Board Policy Task Force met on February 15 to outline the charter and roles of the task force. The purpose is to review and clarify the Board's Bylaws and to ensure the policy reflects the defined structure of the organization and the role of the Board. The goal is to complete the policy by the end of May.

ii. Board Self-Evaluation Instrument

The instrument will move to approval as an action item for the March meeting with the following edit: Add to item 9 "monitors *and evaluates*, crossing off the last phrase.

Chairperson Olson:

- Announced registration for the spring's District Board Association is April 20-22 in Kenosha; the topic is Governance for Accountability. Parties interested should inform Beth Schultz if they would like to register.
- Announced District Board Appointment being held March 15 at 1:00 pm in the Downtown Campus Board Room.

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- Reported all of the Board members received a memo on Friday, February 24 with information on ESL and ELL offerings at Walker's Square.
- Called on Dr. Mohammad Dakwar and Dr. Patricia Torres Najera to update the board on instruction at Walker's Square. Dr. Torres Najera reiterated her commitment to Walker's Square and reported on increasing communication with faculty, staff, and students. Additional faculty have been hired, along with identifying three faculty leadership positions.

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Mendieta Ramos, to have Community Education (ESL/ELL/ GED) placed on next month's agenda for a comprehensive discussion covering topics addressed by the public.

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

Ayes: Burris, Case, Diaz, Foley, Mendieta-Ramos, Moews, Moore Omokunde, Baker and Olson - 9

Noes: None.

- Presented Resolution of Appreciation for Gwendolyn Green.

6 b. President's Report

Discussion Dr. Martin:

- Announced BizTimes named two MATC leaders, Laura Bray and Dr. Sadique IsahAku as Notable Leaders in Higher Education, in addition, Laquita Bonds and Dr. Eva Martinez Powless were selected to be included in the BizTimes Notable BIPOC Executive List.
- Announced that for the first time ever MATC's men's Stormer basketball team was streamed live on ESPN Plus. The team is currently ranked eighth in the nation.
- Announced the Purchasing Department is hosting a Vendor Spotlight Series where they are introducing minority, women, veteran and LGBTQ+ businesses.
- Announced the departure of Kristen Decato, Interim General Counsel, her last day will be Wednesday, March 15.
- Acknowledged Gwendolyn Green's retirement.

6 c. District Student Senate Report

Discussion Patrick Casper:

- Reported that Student Life welcomed new coordinators last semester at the Mequon and Oak Creek campuses.
- Reported the Wisconsin Student Governance hosted the Annual Legislative Seminar at the Concourse in Madison; 18 MATC student leaders attended.

6 d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report

Discussion Dr. Eva Martinez-Powless, vice president, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, shared updates and activities on MATC Employee Affinity Groups and DEI programs, which are sponsored in MATC's DEI Office.

- Hosted a Cultural Day on February 15 on the Downtown Campus over 200 students and employees participated.
- Hosted on February 22 the Office of Student Life and DEI office hosted A Taste of Soul Food
- Reported the Office of DEI continues to focus on making progress on the DEI plan, equal opportunity and compliance student success, accessibility and interpreting services, and instilling a sense of belonging for students and employees.

Director Baker asked Dr. Martinez-Powless about bilingual services for students. Dr. Martinez-Powless explained the ecosystem for bilingual students. The college has multiple resources in Spanish and Hmong.

6 e. Enrollment Report

Discussion Dr. Sarah Adams, Dean of Enrollment Services and Registrar, presented the Enrollment Report and enrollment impact on revenue.

6 f. Milwaukee PBS VP General Manager's Report

Discussion Mr. Dan Braovac, interim vice president and general manager of Milwaukee PBS, shared the following highlights:

- Spring pledge drive is underway, the first weekend produced \$56,300 from 347 donors.
- Reported \$4.43 Million raised, 70% toward the target of 6.3 million dollars for the fiscal year.
- MPBS Engineers have completed the transition of moving the master control operation from Florida to the Educational Communications Board in Madison, Wisconsin.

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- Announced on Sunday, March 12 will host an event with Rick Steeves.

6 g. Legislative Matters Report

Discussion Ms. Ramie Zelenkova, lobbyist, Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova, Laura Bray provided the following updates:

- Reported the possibility of expanding Pell Grants for short-term programs.
- Reported the introduction of the Governor's budget that included statutory language to expand Pell Grants
- Monitoring the occupational licensing changes..

Discussion Director Moews:

- Reported on the Advisory Audit Committee.

ITEM 7. BOARD MONITORING

7 a. Overview of Academic Offerings

Information Information was sent via video recording prior to the meeting.

7 b. Quarterly OPEB and FCC Trust

Information Jeff Hollow, vice president, Finance, presented the current value of the trusts.

Director Baker asked for the unfunded portion of the OPEB liability. Jeff Hollow stated he will provide that number.

Director Burriss asked for more information on the FCC Spectrum Trust.

ITEM 8. New Business

- Add Community Education at Walker's Square to next month's agenda.
- Follow up on admissions applications in different languages.

ITEM 9. Future Agenda Items/Events

9 a. March 15, 2023, MATC District Board Appointment Committee Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210)

9 b. March 28, 2023, MATC District Board Meeting 4:00 p.m. Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210)

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ITEM 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Schultz

On behalf of Board Secretary Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

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*** It is anticipated that this item may be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85(1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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