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**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
April 23, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, and called to order by Chairperson Foley at 4:33 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; Mark Foley; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; Supreme Moore Omokunde; Waleed Najeeb (virtual); Tina Owen-Moore (virtual); Gale Pence.

Excused: None

ITEM 1 b. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Chairperson Foley 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

MATC students Marta Prado, Felipe Beltran, and Veronica Rojo expressed concern about a personnel matter.

MATC student Nefataria Gordon spoke about challenges at Westown Green.

MATC student Elsa Marks spoke about the Student Resource Center.

Bara Omari, MATC ESL faculty member, read an email from Milwaukee ESL faculty members in response to the March Community Education report.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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- 3 a. Regular Board Meeting: March 26, 2024**
- 3 b. Special Board Meeting: April 3, 2024**
- 3 c. Special Board Meeting: April 4, 2024**
- 3 d. Special Board Meeting: April 5, 2024**

Motion It was moved by Director Burris and seconded by Director Mendieta-Ramos to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 26, 2024 and the minutes of the Special Board Meetings on April 3, 2024; April 4, 2024; and April 5, 2024.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 4 a. Bills – March 2024**
- 4 b. Financial Report – March 2024**
- 4 c. Human Resources Report**
- 4 d. Procurement Report**
- 4 e. Construction Report**

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

Action The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was approved by voice vote.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

- 5 a. Resolution (F0308-04-24) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024K of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Case, to approve Resolution (F0308-04-24) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024K of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Discussion Mr. Justin Fischer, managing director, Robert W. Baird & Co., reviewed the Final Pricing Summary for the \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024K.

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

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Ayes: Burris, Case, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Owen-Moore, Pence, Baker, Foley - 9

Noes: None.

5 b. Resolution (F0309-04-24) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024L of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Pence, to approve Resolution (F0309-04-24) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024L of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Case, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Owen-Moore, Pence, Baker, Burris, and Foley – 9

Noes: None

5 c. Resolution (F0310-04-24) for Approval of Other Student Fees, Avocational Fees, and Adult Tuition

Motion It was moved by Director Burris, seconded by Director Case, to approve Resolution (F0310-04-24) for Approval of Other Student Fees, Avocational Fees, and Adult Tuition.

Discussion Ms. Eva Kuether, acting vice president, Finance, addressed the proposed fees.

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

Ayes: Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Owen-Moore, Pence, Baker, Burris, Case, Foley - 9

Noes: None.

5 d. Resolution (F0311-04-24) to Revise Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Renovation/Remodeling (Capital) Projects

Motion It was moved by Director Case, seconded by Director Burris, to approve Resolution (F0311-04-24) to Revise Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Renovation/Remodeling (Capital) Projects.

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Discussion Mr. Kris Johnson, director, Facilities Planning, reviewed the revision.

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

Ayes: Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Owen-Moore, Pence, Baker, Burris, Case, Mendieta-Ramos, Foley - 9

Noes: None.

ITEM 6. POLICY REVIEW

6 a. Review of College Advancement Policies

Discussion Ms. Laura Bray, vice president, College Advancement, provided an overview of the proposed changes to policies H0205 - Employee Giving; H0300-1 – Private Donations, Gifts, Grants, Bequests and Donations In-Kind; and J0200 – Authorizing Milwaukee Area Technical College Foundation, Inc.

Board members asked to see the MOU between the Foundation and MATC>

ITEM 7. POLICY APPROVAL

7 a. Approval of Financial Aid Policy

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Case, to approve the Financial Aid Policy.

Discussion Mr. Joshua Montevon, executive director, Financial Aid, explained that the updates to the policy were made to comply with the Department of Education’s recommendations to language in the MATC Return of Title IV Policy, which is a calculation of how much federal student aid a student who has withdrawn has earned.

Action The policy was approved by voice vote.

ITEM 8. REPORTS – MONTHLY

8 a. Chairperson’s Report

Discussion Chairperson Foley shared the following report:

- Dr. Martin was honored as one of the 2024 Professional Dimensions Imprint Award winners at the April 18 celebration at the Pfister Hotel. Professional Dimensions’ Imprint award, formerly known as the Sacagawea Award, was originally established in

1982 to honor career women for their accomplishments as business leaders and trailblazers within the Milwaukee region.

- Apprenticeship Graduation Celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bucyrus Club in South Milwaukee.
- Reminders on upcoming dates for the Presidential Search:
 - Round Two interview with Dr. Anthony Cruz on Wednesday, April 24
 - Round Two interview with Dr. Mark Curtis Chávez on Thursday, April 25
 - Round Two interview with Dr. Monica Brown on Monday, April 29
 - Presidential Selection Meeting on Thursday, May 2, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

8 b. President's Report

Discussion

Dr. Martin shared the following:

- On March 28, Restaurant Owner Paul Bartolotta and “Top Chef” Contestant Dan Jacobs visited MATC and shared their insight, inspiration, and experiences with our graduating culinary students in a special session and then another more public meeting with almost 200 MATC students, faculty, staff and visitors.
- Participated in the American Association of Community Colleges conference from April 5 - 8 alongside Steve Herro, the associate dean and project manager of the MATC Drive program, and Dr. Reggie Parks, the retention coach for the MATC Drive program. The presentation highlighted the achievements of MATC’s transportation programs and provided insights on how colleges nationwide could adopt and implement similar initiatives in their communities.
- Announced that MATC was recently honored by Cognia for 100 years of excellence as an adult high school. Cognia is a nonprofit organization that provides quality assurance for schools, school districts, and education service providers. MATC is the only one of the 16 Wisconsin Technical College system colleges that operates an adult high school.
- On April 22, MATC welcomed nearly 200 high school seniors in Cooley Auditorium where they signed their letters of intent to attend MATC. The event was kicked off by MATC’s drumline from the Music Occupations program. Representatives from all seven of the college’s Academic and Career Pathways were on hand to promote their programs.
- Campuses participated in Earth Day activities on April 22 to beautify their neighborhoods. Dr. Martin and her cabinet attended the Earth Day cleanup at Walker’s Square and surrounding community, where they were joined by special guests Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier

Johnson, Alderman Jose Perez, and Milwaukee Police Department Chief Jeffrey Norman. The cleanup event was an idea that an ESL student suggested to Dr. Martin at one of her listening sessions.

8 c. Legislative Matters Report

Discussion

Ms. Laura Bray, vice president, College Advancement, shared highlights of the legislative report from Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova.

- Nomination papers for candidates for the assembly and the senate are due in June. The next legislative session will be impacted by open seats due to retirements and paired incumbents under the new legislative districts.
- A legislative study committee on the future of the University of Wisconsin system is under consideration for the 2024 legislative interim. If formed, membership would consist of both legislators and members of the public.

8 d. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report

Discussion

Mr. Michael Rogers, interim vice president, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, shared highlights from the DEI report.

- Exploring opportunities to dig deeper and align programming with strategic initiatives, specifically more focused on serving students to assist in completion and persistence rates.
- Leading training with MATC Management Essentials group on culturally relevant supervision.
- Developing standard operating procedures with the goal of promoting consistency, efficiency, and accountability.
- Strengthening student services by having more transformational conversations with students with the overall goal of closing equity gaps.
- Reinforcing MATC's partnership with the Mexican Consulate, which will provide opportunities to advance educational opportunities at MATC for Mexican and Latino communities.

8 e. Enrollment Report

Discussion

Dr. Phillip King, executive vice president, student success, and Dr. Yan Wang, acting vice president, Enrollment and Retention, presented the enrollment report:

- The college is at 100.09% of its enrollment goal as of April 15, 2024.

8 f. Milwaukee PBS General Manager's Report

Discussion Ms. Debbie Hamlett, vice president and general manager of Milwaukee PBS, shared the following:

- End of March revenue is \$5,912,959 towards the \$6.7 Million-dollar goal.
- Visit Milwaukee has tentatively agreed to be one of two underwriters for the Violent Femmes/Milwaukee Symphony program, which will air nationally this fall.
- Students will be working in staff positions on Channel 36 during portions of the day on May 4. Student workshop projects will be shown along with live segments.
- Milwaukee PBS staff were nominated for awards from The Wisconsin Broadcaster Association and The Milwaukee Press Club for stories that were broadcast on Adelante, 10ThirtySix, Black Nouveau, Rhythm Café, and the documentary "A Hallowed Home for Heroes."
- The PBS Annual Meeting will be held the week of May 13.
- PBS will be adding ASL to several children's shows for the first time this fall.

8 g. District Student Senate Report

Discussion Ms. Kimberly Haynes, student representative reported the following:

- The District Student Government Association held its last meeting of the year on April 19, 2024.
 - Changes to constitution were passed by the students.
 - Approved funding for the Labor Ladies to hold a car show in June and Latinx to hold their year-end celebration.
- Wisconsin Student Government met on February 12, 2024 at Stevens Point and elections were held for next year's board.
- The West Allis Student Life and Student Government are co-sponsoring the end of year lunch at the campus on April 29 with a live band and lunch catered by MATC.

ITEM 9. BOARD MONITORING

9 a. FY24 Year-End Projection of General Fund

Discussion Ms. Eva Kuether, acting vice president, Finance, shared the FY-24 year-end projection of the general fund.

9 b. Review of FY25 Preliminary Operation Budget

Discussion Ms. Eva Kuether, acting vice president, Finance, shared the FY25 preliminary operation budget.

- The board members requested more detailed information to enhance their understanding of the budget.
- Director Baker proposed creating a budget task force for the 2024-2025 year.

9 c. Review of FY25 Year-End Preliminary Capital Remodeling and Renovation Budget (Statutory)

Discussion Mr. Kris Johnson, director, Facilities Planning, answered questions about the FY25 year-end preliminary capital remodeling and renovation budget. Each year the college brings to the board, as a preliminary matter, the projects that have been prioritized and put forward for the next fiscal year in the Capital Remodeling and Renovation Budget.

9 d. Westown Green Update

Discussion Dr. Phillip King, executive vice president, student success, and Mr. Equan Burrows, dean, Student Experience, highlighted key points from the video presentation.

- In response to recent feedback, senior leaders of the college undertook the following measures:
 - Met additionally with each student that may have had concerns
 - Conducted a walkthrough of the facilities at Westown Green
 - Met individually with Founders 3 property manager, Justin Johnson
 - Created a survey for the students in housing on April 17, 2024
- Student survey responses indicated that the overall rating of the experience at Westown Green was 4.35 of 5, with an overall response rate of 46%.
- The college meets every other week with onsite management to engage all stakeholders in supporting students, resolving complaints, engaging in payment conversations, and ensuring that changing conditions are being managed.
- MATC will be adding more information sessions for students regarding financial aid and payment obligations.
- MATC and Westown Green management will regularly review and improve performance through annual surveys.
- Members of the MATC Student Resource team have provided continuous support to students at Westown Green.

Board members asked that all Westtown Green residents be surveyed.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

Board members asked that a Community Education update be given at the next meeting.

Director Mendieta-Ramos requested more information on the initiatives the college is undertaking for HSI.

Chair Foley asked for input from the board before the next meeting about the need to provide an upgrade to the board's accreditation training.

Chair Foley asked board members for feedback on the current committee as a whole structure and if subcommittees or ad hoc committees would be a more appropriate format for specific issues.

ITEM 11. FUTURE EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Commencement – May 19, 2024, Fiserv Forum
- b. May 28, 2024, MATC District Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.,
Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210)

ITEM 12. CLOSED SESSION

12 a. Presidential Search Discussion

Discussion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Burris, to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss Item 12 a. Presidential Search.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kovoichich

On behalf of Board Secretary Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

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