



Attachment 3 – a.

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
January 28, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, and called to order by Chairperson Foley at 4:04 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); and Gale Pence.

Excused: Tina Owen-Moore

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

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: December 17, 2024

Motion It was moved by Director Burris and seconded by Director Baker to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 17, 2024.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

4.a. Bills – December 2024

4.b. Financial Report – December 2024

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4.c. Human Resources Report

4.d. Procurement Report

4.e. Construction Report

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

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

5 a. Resolution (F0349-01-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Motion It was moved by Director Case, seconded by Director Burriss, to approve Resolution (F0349-01-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Burriss, Case, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Pence, Baker, Foley - 8

Noes: None.

5 b. Resolution (F0350-01-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025I of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Burriss, to approve Resolution (F0350-01-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025I of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Case, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Pence, Baker, Burriss and Foley - 8

Noes: None.

ITEM 6. Policy Review

6 a. Policy A0104-6 – Duties of Officers of MATC District Board

Discussion Chair Foley led the discussion on the policy review.

ITEM 7. Policy Approval

7 a. Policy G0301 – Weapons on MATC Property

Motion It was moved by Director Najeeb, seconded by Director Mendieta-Ramos, to approve Policy G0301 – Weapons on MATC Property.

Discussion Ms. Sherry Terrell-Webb led the discussion on the current policy with the board.

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Moore Omokunde, to table Policy G0301 – Weapons on MATC Property until the February board meeting.

Action The motion to table the policy until the February meeting was approved.

ITEM 8. Reports - Monthly

8 a. Chairperson’s Report

Discussion Chairperson Foley shared the following report:

- Dr. Cruz and Laura Bray joined Chair Foley at the WTCDBA Legislative Seminar January 15 and 16 in Madison, where they also held productive meetings with legislators from both parties.
- Chair Foley also attended the Governance Leadership Institute on January 17 in Madison. He was joined by Dr. Cruz and Director Pence and by Director Najeeb, who attended virtually.
- The date for the Board Retreat will be scheduled soon. The majority of board members selected Saturday, February 8 or the afternoon of February 25, which would be held before the board meeting. Topics to be addressed include a Strategic Planning Update, HLC Compliance with Core Component 2A, and Budget Forecast for Fiscal Year 26.
- As a result of term expiration, three MATC appointments will be made effective July 2025: Employer 15 plus, Elected Official, and Additional Member. The Appointment Committee will meet on Monday, March 3 at 3:00 pm. at the downtown campus.

8 b. President’s Report

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Discussion

Dr. Anthony Cruz shared the following report:

- Enrollment is at 99% of the budgeted goal for this term and 7% higher than SP2024 at the same time last year.
- More than 200 students, staff and community members attended the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on January 15. The theme was “Building a Beloved Community at MATC.” The keynote speaker, the Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu, introduced the South African proverb built around Ubuntu, addressing how our actions, or inactions, affect ourselves and other people.
- On January 22, MATC signed a lease agreement for the new shared-use athletic training facility in the Deer District, which is expected to break ground this summer. The facility will be built across from Fiserv Forum and will have a 28,000-square-foot double-court gymnasium that seats up to 1,000 spectators, a fitness center, locker rooms, concessions, meeting rooms, and other amenities. The project is being co-developed and co-owned by the Milwaukee Bucks and developers J. Jeffers & Co. The new facility will enhance the college experience for all students, attract new students, and expand the number of sports offered at the college. The facility could host its first games in fall 2026.
- Director Moore Omokunde and Dr. Cruz attended MATC’s National Day of Racial Healing celebration on January 22 at the Downtown Campus. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Joy Angela DeGruy, an internationally acclaimed researcher and educator specializing in the intersections of racism, trauma and healing.
- In response to student feedback, the college opened a convenience store on the third floor of the downtown Student Center. The store is open Monday through Thursday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Dr. Cruz reflected on the midyear point of the academic year by sharing some important themes and providing an update on the work toward strengthening the culture. Highlights included:
 - Building a strong culture is a priority, while continuing to place students at the center of everything the college does.
 - Actionable steps with all employees were laid out in November and include:
 - An outside firm will be named to review the newly improved hiring and complaint processes within the next 30 days.
 - Next month will begin the work of bringing restorative practices to all managers.
 - In April, the college will host its first WE CARE event, celebrating employees who provide excellent customer service.

- The college will create a new Voice of the College LIVE series to gather feedback on a specific topic to help better serve students and support one another.
- Cabinet meetings will rotate across campuses and updates will be provided in The Week Ahead on topics of discussion and key decisions that advance the strategic goals.
- The college will formally require supervisors to hold regular one-on-one, team, and skip-level meetings.
- A Bright Idea Exchange will be launched to generate strategies that will help better serve students and employees.

8 c. Treasurer’s Report

Discussion Director Gale Pence shared the treasurer’s report. Highlights of the report included:

- OPEB Investment Trust Committee meeting was held on January 24, 2025.
- Advisory Audit Committee meeting will be held on February 5, 2025.

8 d. District Student Senate Report

Discussion Mr. Warren Murphy, chairperson for the MATC District Student Association (DSA), shared the Student Senate report. Highlights of the report included:

- Members of the MATC Times student newspaper will be attending the ProCon 25 College Media Awards in New York City during the week of February 26.
- The Wisconsin Student Government Legislative Seminar will take place on February 16 - 18.
- The District Student Association passed a resolution regarding technology resources on campus and will be meeting with Dr. Phillip King, executive vice president, to discuss possible solutions.

8 e. Bimonthly – Milwaukee PBS General Manager’s Report

Discussion A written report from Ms. Debbie Hamlett, vice president/general manager, Milwaukee PBS, was shared with the board. Highlights included:

- Historian John Gurda and producer Claudia Looze will be working to produce a documentary, “A History of Black Milwaukee.” The script

and treatment will benefit from the consultation of Clayborn Benson, founding director of the Wisconsin Black Historical Museum, Dr. Robert Smith, director of the Center for Urban Research, and Reggie Jackson, an award-winning journalist and head docent of America's Black Holocaust Museum. Educational materials will be produced in partnership with the Wisconsin Historical Society. Projected release is February 2026.

- The station is 63% towards its fundraising goal of \$8 million by June 30.
- Ms. Hamlett was recently invited to be on the PBS Development Advisory Committee. This committee works with the PBS team and other stations to offer feedback and test new development ideas.

8 f. Annual – Sustainability Report

Discussion

Ms. Laura Tenpenny, energy manager, Facilities Planning, Sustainability, and Construction, answered questions regarding the annual Sustainability Report. Highlights of the report included:

- FY24 greenhouse gas emissions decreased by 32% due to energy reductions on site and a faster greening of the electric grid.
- We Energies electric generation goals include becoming net carbon neutral by 2025, CO2 reduction of 80% by 2023, and eliminating coal by 2032.
- New vehicle purchases have been cleaner vehicles, including a hybrid trades truck and hybrid public safety vehicle.

ITEM 9.

BOARD MONITORING

9 a. Program Viability - Process

Discussion

Dr. Phillip King, executive vice president, presented on Program Viability - Process. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Program creation (sunrise):
 - New program idea initiation
 - New program exploration
 - Program concept/approval phases
 - Program development.
- Program/Department Review:
 - Annual program/department review
 - Program vitality study (four-year cycle)
 - Review discussion (QRP or suspension)
 - Next steps – return to program/department review cycle or move to sunset.
- Program discontinuance (sunset):
 - Program suspension initiated

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- Action plan:
 - Teach out plan
 - Student plan
 - Faculty plan
 - Reinstatement (moves back to annual review cycle) or discontinuance.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

Director Baker asked for the board work groups to report out at the next board meeting.

Director Mendieta-Ramos asked for the door to the board room to remain unlocked for the duration of the meeting.

Chair Foley asked the board to consider another day of the week for board meetings due to a scheduling conflict with Director Owen-Moore.

ITEM 11. Future Agenda Items/Events

- a. February 9-12, 2025, ACCT National legislative Summit, Washington, D.C.
- b. February 24-26, 2025, Public Media Summit, Washington, D.C.
- c. February 25, 2025, MATC District Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210)

ITEM 12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kovochich

On behalf of Board Secretary Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

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