



Attachment 3 – a.

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
February 25, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, and called to order by Vice Chairperson Case at 4:02 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 (virtual); Citlali Mendieta-Ramos (virtual until 4:33 pm, then in person); Supreme Moore Omokunde; Waleed Najeeb (virtual); Tina Owen-Moore; and Gale Pence.

Excused: None.

ITEM 1 b. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion Vice 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

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: January 28, 2025

3 b. Board Retreat: February 8, 2025

Motion It was moved by Director Najeeb and seconded by Director Pence to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 28, 2025 and the Board Retreat on February 8, 2025.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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- 4.a. Bills – January 2025**
- 4.b. Financial Report – January 2025**
- 4.c. Human Resources Report**
- 4.d. Procurement Report**
- 4.e. Construction Report**

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

Discussion It was noted that a percentage on the financial report appeared to be incorrect.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

- 5 a. Resolution (F0351-02-25) Authorizing the Sale 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 Burris, to approve Resolution (F0351-02-25) Authorizing the Sale 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: Burris, Foley, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Najeeb, Owen-Moore, Pence, Baker, Case - 9

Noes: None.

- 5 b. Resolution (F0352-02-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin**

Motion It was moved by Director Burris, seconded by Director Owen-Moore, to approve Resolution (F0352-02-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-2025J of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

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

Noes: None.

ITEM 6. Policy Approval

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

Motion It was moved by Director Najeeb, seconded by Director Pence, to approve Policy A0104 – Duties of Officers of MATC District Board.

Discussion Director Baker suggested tabling approval until the next board meeting to incorporate suggestions from the work groups.

Motion It was moved by Director Foley and seconded by Director Najeeb to table the approval until the next board meeting.

Action Motion approved by voice vote.

6 b. Policy G0301 – Weapons on MATC Property

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Burris to amend Policy G0301 – Weapons on MATC Property.

Discussion Director Baker recommended amending the policy by striking the wording “oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray)” from the definitions section of the policy and adding the following wording recommended in the memo from Public Safety: “Pepper Spray, which is legal to carry in Wisconsin pursuant to Wi. Stat. § 941.26(4)(b) may be carried on MATC campuses so long as it is used as self-defense and not misused or used in a way that violates the Student Code of Conduct, MATC policies or any federal, state or local laws.”

Action Motion to amend the policy to strike the wording “oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray)” from the definitions section of the policy and add the wording recommended in the memo from Public Safety: “Pepper Spray, which is legal to carry in Wisconsin pursuant to Wi. Stat. § 941.26(4)(b) may be carried on MATC campuses so long as it is used as self-defense and not misused or used in a way that violates the Student Code of Conduct, MATC policies or any federal, state or local laws,” was approved by voice vote.

Action Motion to approve the amended policy was approved by voice vote.

ITEM 7. Reports - Monthly

7 a. Chairperson’s Report

Discussion Vice Chairperson Case shared the following report:

- President Anthony Cruz will be serving as a guest bartender for a fundraiser on March 4 at the Blu at the Pfister Hotel to benefit the MATC Promise Scholarship. The event runs from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with 10% of food and beverage sales and 100% of the tips going directly to the scholarship.
- Earlier this month, Directors Foley and Pence attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. along with Laura Bray, vice president, college advancement. The summit informs community college leaders on federal policy issues that impact postsecondary institutions and students.
- The ad hoc work groups provided the following work groups:
 - MATC Board Oversight for Financial Matters:
 - Director Baker shared that the group took a detailed look at the budget process.
 - Onboarding Work Group:
 - Director Owen-Moore shared that the work group was established to identify how to best support the onboarding and continuous professional development of MATC trustees.
 - Key experiences that new Board Members should have:
 - New Board Member tour, with an emphasis on areas of expertise;
 - Open meetings law training;
 - Each trustee should receive training on parliamentary procedure and should receive a procedure card (cheat sheet) for Robert's Rules of Order;
 - A financial overview.
 - Topics that need further discussion:
 - Determine ownership of the various tasks and activities (e.g., PBS connection and tour, monthly training activities, updating of the handbook, notifying Board Members of upcoming term dates, etc.)
 - The need for an orientation for those considering applying to be on the Board (any such orientation should include the process for consideration and selection).

7 b. President's Report

Discussion Dr. Anthony Cruz shared the following report:

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- Spring enrollment is 7.7% higher than the same time last year.
- On January 30, MATC hosted the 10-year anniversary celebration of M-cubed.
- Under the theme “Celebrating Our History - Building Our Legacy,” MATC celebrated Black History Month with a number of activities for students, employees, and community members.
- Dr. Cruz hosted the first President's Student Leadership Series on February 12 at the Downtown Campus. The guests on February 12 were Margaret Henningsen, co-founder of one of the first U.S. banks started by Black women, and Greg Wesley, who leads Wisconsin's largest community foundation with more than \$1 billion in financial assets.
- The Wisconsin Broadcasters Association announced its student excellence awards this month. Students in MATC's Television and Video Production and Digital Content Creation teams submitted 25 entries. 10 of them were recognized as best in the state, garnering six first place awards and four second place honors.
- The first Voice of the College event was held on Monday afternoon, which was an opportunity for employees to offer their input about the recruitment and complaint processes.
- Students, faculty and staff are invited to use the pickleball courts at the Downtown Campus Gym. Paddles and balls are available for checkout. Courts are open on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to one hour of play. The courts are open this semester Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Wednesdays and Fridays, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. (excluding February 19), and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- MATC Accounting students are offering free tax preparation for MATC students/staff earning \$70,000 or less. Students and staff may drop off tax documentation at the Oak Creek Campus on Tuesdays from February 4 through April 1 between the hours of Noon and 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.
- Dr. Sadique Isahaku was named vice provost for learning, reporting to executive vice president Dr. Phillip King, effective February 17. As vice provost for learning, Dr. Isahaku will serve as the chief academic officer of the college. In this role, he will have administrative authority over the instructional deans and provide strategic leadership for the college's teaching, learning and public service programs.
- MATC is reviewing guidance from the U.S. Department of Education to determine what, if any, next steps the college will take. Regardless of the outcome, members of the Executive Leadership Team, the President's Cabinet and Dr. Cruz remain committed to serving all of MATC's students and helping them succeed.

7 c. Treasurer's Report

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Discussion Director Gale Pence shared the treasurer’s report.

7 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:

- Last week, a group of twenty student leaders took a trip to Madison for the WSG Legislative Seminar.
- This week, the MATC Times heads to New York City for the college media association ProCon25 where student publications from the entire country converge to learn, critique, and engage with each other, all while learning from industry professionals. The MATC Times is nominated for multiple awards.
- The DSA is working on having a bill introduced in the Wisconsin legislature that would effectively exempt textbooks from sales tax. DSA has already partnered with multiple other college governments to spread the word about this bill.

7 e. Legislative Update

Discussion Ramie Zelenkova, partner, Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova, LLC Government Relations, shared the legislative update. Highlights of the report included:

- Governor Evers introduced his 2025-27 Biennial Budget Recommendation on February 18.
- Federal priorities were outlined by both the ACCT and WTCSD at the ACCT National Legislative Summit. Highlights of the priorities included:
 - Support community colleges and their students in budget reconciliation
 - Bolster the role of community colleges in workforce development
 - Focus student tax policy on those who can benefit most
 - Fund key education and workforce programs

ITEM 8. BOARD MONITORING

8 a. Review of Board Self-Evaluation Instrument

Discussion Vice Chairperson Case asked board members to review the self-evaluation instrument and to submit any suggested changes before the next board meeting.

8 b. Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI)

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Discussion Dr. Phillip King, executive vice president, and Mr. Tony Tagliavia, chief marketing officer, presented on the Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI).

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ITEM 10. Future Agenda Items/Events

- a. March 25, 2025, MATC District Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210)

ITEM 11. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Litigation Strategy
- b. Litigation Update

Motion It was moved by Director Mendieta-Ramos and seconded by Director Baker to move into closed session to discuss Item 11 a., Litigation Strategy, and Item 11.b., Litigation Update.

ITEM 12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kovoichich

On behalf of Board Secretary Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

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