



Attachment 3 – a.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, and called to order by Chairperson Foley 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 (virtual); Erica Case; Mark Foley; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; Supreme Moore Omokunde (virtual, 4:57 p.m.); Waleed Najeeb (virtual); 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

Ms. Dewey Caton, MATC part-time faculty member, spoke on part-time faculty compensation.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: May 27, 2025

3 b. Public Hearing on the Budget: June 17, 2025

Motion It was moved by Director Case and seconded by Director Pence to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on May 27, 2025 and the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Budget on June 17, 2025.

Action Motion approved, with Director Baker abstaining.

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ITEM 4.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Motion It was moved by Director Baker and seconded by Director Mendieta-Ramos to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

- 5 a. Resolution (F0363-06-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026A of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Case, to approve Resolution (F0363-06-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026A 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 2025-2026A.

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

Ayes: Burris, Case, Mendieta-Ramos, Najeeb, Pence, Baker, and Foley - 7

Noes: None.

- 5 b. Resolution (F0364-06-25) Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing the Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026B of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Mendieta-Ramos, seconded by Director Baker, to approve Resolution (F0364-06-25) Authorizing the Issuance

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of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026B of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Case, Mendieta-Ramos, Najeeb, Pence, Baker, and Foley –
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Noes: None.

5 c. Resolution (F0365-06-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$27,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026C of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Case, to approve Resolution (F0365-06-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$27,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026C of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Mendieta-Ramos, Najeeb, Pence, Baker, Case, and Foley - 6

Noes: None.

5 d. Resolution (F0366-06-25) to Approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Renovation/Remodeling (Capital) Projects

Motion It was moved by Director Najeeb, seconded by Director Baker, to approve Resolution (F0366-06-25) to Approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Renovation/Remodeling (Capital) Projects.

Action Motion approved by voice vote.

5 e. Resolution (F0367-06-25) to Approve Three Year Facilities Plan

Motion It was moved by Director Pence, seconded by Director Case, to approve Resolution (F0367-06-25) to Approve Three Year Facilities Plan.

Action Motion approved.

5 f. Resolution (F0368-06-25) to Establish Reserves for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Case, to approve Resolution (F0368-06-25) to Establish Reserves for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

Action Motion approved.

5 g. Resolution (F0369-06-25) to Authorize Contingency Payment of Bills and Awarding of Contracts

Motion It was moved by Director Mendieta-Ramos, seconded by Director Pence, to approve Resolution (F0369-06-25) to Authorize Contingency Payment of Bills and Awarding of Contracts.

Action Motion approved.

5 h. Resolution (F0370-06-25) to Approve Insurance Coverages Through Districts Mutual Insurance and the Wisconsin Technical College Insurance Trust

Motion It was moved by Director Najeeb, seconded by Director Mendieta-Ramos, to approve Resolution (F0370-06-25) to Approve Insurance Coverages Through Districts Mutual Insurance and the Wisconsin Technical College Insurance Trust.

Action Motion approved.

5 i. Resolution (F0371-06-25) to Approve Compensation Recommendation for Administrators and Staff

Motion It was moved by Director Najeeb, seconded by Director Baker, to approve Resolution (F0371-06-25) to Approve Compensation Recommendation for Administrators and Staff.

Discussion Mr. Dan McColgan, director, Labor Relations, provided an overview.

Action Motion approved.

5 j. Resolution (F0372-06-25) to Approve Compensation Recommendation for Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements

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Motion It was moved by Director Case, seconded by Director Baker, to approve Resolution (F0372-06-25) to Approve Compensation Recommendation for Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Discussion Mr. Dan McColgan, director, Labor Relations, provided an overview of the collective bargaining process.

Action Motion approved.

5 k. Resolution (F0373-06-25) to Adopt Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Najeeb, to approve Resolution (F0373-06-25) to Adopt Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

Discussion Mr. Paul Zinck, vice president, Administration and Operations, discussed the 2025-2026 budget.

Action 2/3 Majority affirmative votes required to pass the budget. Motion approved, the roll call vote being as follows:

Ayes: Pence, Baker, Case, Mendieta-Ramos, Najeeb, and Foley - 6

Noes: None.

Director Moore Omokunde joined the meeting virtually at 4:57 p.m.

ITEM 6. POLICY APPROVAL

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

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, and seconded by Director Case, to approve Policy A0104-6 – Duties of Officers of MATC District Board.

Discussion Ms. Sherry Terrell-Webb, general counsel, provided an overview of the proposed policy.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 7. REPORTS – MONTHLY

8 a. Chairperson's Report

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Discussion

Chairperson Foley shared the following report:

- Director Case provided the MATC Foundation Liaison Report. Highlights included:
 - MATC Foundation President Chantel Byrd recognized the work of outgoing Board member Jamie Berger who resigned from the Board after moving out of the area.
 - In the coming year, the MATC Foundation will begin a strategic plan process to align with college priorities. As the college's philanthropic partner, the MATC Foundation exists to build public-private partnerships to advance MATC's strategic priorities.
 - The Board elected officers for the 2026 fiscal year, with David Megna, an MATC alum and senior vice president, We Energies, elected as president.
 - The Board approved its 2025-26 budget. The Foundation budget includes providing \$4.5 million in student scholarships, \$200,000 in student emergency funds, and \$900,000 in program expenses used mostly to fund student-facing staff on special projects funded by public-private partnerships. The fundraising goal for 2025-26 is budgeted at \$3 million.
 - The board celebrated the last board meeting for Laura Bray who served for eight years as vice president, College Advancement and External Communications, and the executive director of the MATC Foundation.
- Chair Foley discussed the results of the board self-evaluations.
- Nominations for the 2025 WTC District Boards Association Awards are now open. Board members should send Chair Foley the names of potential nominees by the July 21 deadline.
- The next meeting will be the annual Board Organizational Meeting held on Monday, July 14 at 4:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in person and officers will be elected for the next fiscal year.
- Recognized Director Bria Burris with a resolution of appreciation for her service to the board and the college.

8 b. President's Report

Discussion

Dr. Cruz shared the following:

- Attended the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee Scholarship Reception on May 29, where MATC students were awarded scholarships.
- On May 31, Dr. Cruz attended the 8th annual Oak Creek Campus car show, which drew approximately 750 attendees and featured 325 vehicles in 18 categories. This family-friendly event highlighted MATC's automotive programs, allowing prospective students to

connect with faculty and current students. The event also raised over \$3,000 for the MATC Drive student fund.

- On June 17, MATC hosted a Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony at the Downtown Campus. Speakers Kyle Hayden and Courtney Kelly emphasized the symbolism of the Juneteenth flag and highlighted Milwaukee's unique, long-standing Juneteenth celebrations. The flag raising was accompanied by "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and then followed by a moment of silence
- Dr. Cruz walked with the MATC delegation at Milwaukee's 54th annual Juneteenth Day parade on June 19th along with approximately 40 students, staff, and alumni. MATC representatives distributed fans and water bottles, while the Recruitment team and Milwaukee PBS staffed booths.
- Congratulations to Veronica Arteaga, a part-time ESL instructor, who was one of 22 recipients named "Educator of the Year" by the Wisconsin Association for Bilingual Education (WIABE) during its annual conference held in Wisconsin Dells. The award recognizes outstanding educators in Wisconsin who are dedicated to multilingual and multicultural education. In addition, Rafael Burgos-Rivera, GED instructor, was elected to serve on the WIABE Executive Board.
- Spoke about the college's efforts to comply with a new federal regulation under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA. This rule requires MATC to ensure all digital resources are fully accessible to everyone, including individuals with disabilities. By April 24, 2026, all of MATC's online content – website, mobile apps, digital course materials, administrative systems like registration, and even social media – must meet specific accessibility standards, which ensure usability for individuals with visual, hearing, cognitive, or dexterity disabilities.
- Workforce Solutions Salesforce achieved a contract revenue of \$1,862,012, exceeding its FY25 goal of \$1.4M.
- PBS surpassed its \$8 million fundraising goal for the fiscal year.
- Ms. Laura Bray, vice president of College Advancement and External Communications and Executive Director of the MATC Foundation, is departing MATC on July 3rd to become president of the UWM Foundation.
 - Since joining MATC in 2017, Ms. Bray's exceptional leadership has been transformative, evidenced by a staggering 532% increase in student scholarships and the MATC Foundation raising \$34.5 million under her eight-year tenure, a dramatic increase from the \$4.28 million raised in the prior eight years.
 - Dr. Cruz extended his gratitude for Ms. Bray's contributions and expressed confidence that the strong foundation she built will continue to propel MATC forward.

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- To ensure uninterrupted progress during this transition period, Dr. Cruz has appointed Ms. Ginny Finn to serve as acting executive director of the MATC Foundation.

7 c. Treasurer's Report

Discussion Director Gale Pence shared the Treasurer's Report, which included the audit advisory report, which met on June 11, 2025.

7 d. Milwaukee PBS General Manager's Report

Discussion Ms. Debbie Hamlett, vice president and general manager of Milwaukee PBS, shared the Milwaukee PBS General Manager's Report.

ITEM 8. BOARD MONITORING

8 a. MATC Student Athlete Success

Discussion Mr. Randy Casey, athletic director, and Mr. Travis Mrozek, assistant athletic director, provided a presentation on student athlete successes at MATC.

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS

Director Baker asked for a report on the part-time faculty compensation issues that were brought to the board.

ITEM 10. FUTURE EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. July 14, 2025, MATC District Board Organizational Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210).

ITEM 11. CLOSED SESSION

- a. President's Contract and Compensation

ITEM 12. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The District Board returned to open session at 8:45 p.m.

12 a. Resolution (F0374-06-25) to Approve FY26 Presidential Goals

Motion It was moved by Director Case, and seconded by Director Pence, to approve Resolution (F0374-06-25) to Approve FY26 Presidential Goals.

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Action Motion approved.

12 b. Resolution (F0375-06-25) to Approve President's FY26 Contract

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, and seconded by Director Pence, to approve Resolution (F0375-06-25) to Approve President's FY26 Contract.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kovoichich

On behalf of Board Secretary Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

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