



**Attachment 3 – a.**

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN  
November 24, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Monday, November 24, 2025, and called to order by Vice Chair Mendieta-Ramos 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; Erica Case (virtual); Mark Foley; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; Supreme Moore Omokunde; Waleed Najeeb (virtual); Gale Pence.

**Excused:** None

**ITEM 1 b. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW**

Discussion Vice Chair Mendieta-Ramos 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. Robin Hoke, account coordinator, MATC Workforce Solutions, spoke about the student first and caring culture that Dr. Anthony Cruz has brought to the college.

Mr. Sam Alford, MATC alum, spoke about the closing of the Multicultural Center.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3 a. Regular Board Meeting: October 28, 2025**

Motion It was moved by Director Foley and seconded by Director Pence to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on October 28, 2025.

Action Motion approved.

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 4 a. Bills – October 2025**
- 4.b. Financial Report – October 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 Foley to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action Motion approved.

**ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**Action Items**

- 5 a. Resolution (F0382-11-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026F of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Foley, seconded by Director Pence, to approve Resolution (F0382-11-25) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026F of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

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

Noes: None.

- 5 b. Resolution (F0383-11-25) Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing the Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026G of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Foley, seconded by Director Pence, to approve Resolution (F0383-11-25) Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing the Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026G of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

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

Noes: None.

**5 c. Resolution (F0384-11-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Foley, seconded by Director Pence, to approve Resolution (F0384-11-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

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

Noes: None.

**5 d. Resolution (F0385-11-25) to Approve FY2024-2025 Annual Budget Amendment**

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Foley, to approve Resolution (F0385-11-25) to Approve FY2024-2025 Annual Budget Amendment.

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

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

Noes: None.

**5 e. Resolution (F0386-11-25) to Approve Presidential Evaluation Instrument**

Motion It was moved by Director Pence, seconded by Director Baker, to approve Resolution (F0386-11-25) to Approve Presidential Evaluation Instrument.

Action Motion approved by voice vote.

**ITEM 6. REPORTS – MONTHLY**

**6 a. Chairperson's Report**

Discussion Chairperson Case shared the following report:

- Reminder that Winter Commencement will be held on Saturday, December 13 at the Fiserv Forum starting at 11:00 a.m.
- MATC's Culinary and Baking students will be showcasing their annual Gingerbread House Competition at the Downtown Campus beginning next week. The houses will be available for viewing at the Downtown Campus Room M508 on December 1 and 2 and then will be moved to the Milwaukee Public Market for display from December 3 until December 15. The awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, December 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Milwaukee Public Market.
- Annual National Legislative Summit of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) is scheduled for February 8-11, 2025 in Washington D.C.
- District Boards Report
  - Director Foley provided the District Boards Association report.

**6 b. President's Report**

Discussion Dr. Cruz shared the President's Report. Highlights included:

- The women's volleyball team completed a historic season with a 30 and 12 record, their second time ever achieving 30 wins, securing the program's third straight playoff berth.
- On October 30, Dr. Cruz was interviewed on the Tech Ed Podcast, a premier global resource for technical education and the future technical workforce. The podcast streams in 112 countries across 43 platforms, focusing on innovation and positive disruption in STEM and technical education.
- On November 11, MATC honored their military veterans with a Veteran's Day celebration at the Downtown Milwaukee campus. Paul Zinck, vice president for Administration and Operations, and a 20-year Army veteran, spoke about his service and continued military engagement.
- On November 13, MATC hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Leading Change Africa, an organization that transforms young Africans into leaders and leaders into agents of change through access to higher education and targeted leadership development.
- Many students and their families within the MATC community have been facing significant food insecurity. In response, MATC

launched a collegewide Food Drive to restock campus pantries across all locations. The MATC Foundation partnered with the Student Resource Center to expand access to emergency grants for November and has a dedicated donation page specific to supporting the MATC Food Pantry. The Foundation is also working with Manpower Group, which in early November initiated a food drive specifically for MATC Students. Manpower's food drive will continue until the end of the semester.

- Through December 31<sup>st</sup>, MATC Foundation donations to the Student Success Package will be matched \$1 to \$1 up to \$100,000.
- Kimberly Wright (Adams), an MATC Baking and Pastry Arts student and owner of Signature Sweets, is competing on the Food Network Channel in the new baking competition, "Wizards of Baking," which premiered this month. The competition features eight teams of pastry chefs and cake artists who are tasked with crafting edible showpieces inspired by moments and themes from the Harry Potter saga.
- The International Student Association and International Student Services held "A Walk Around the World" at the Downtown Campus. The event included food samples and a runway show representing countries from around the world.
- Dr. Cruz attended the MATC Walker's Square and Fast Fund Community Resource Event on November 24. This event was organized to offer essential support to the community during the holiday season. Dr. Cruz shared his sincere gratitude to the Milwaukee Diaper Missions, Sherman Park Grocery, and all other participants for their involvement.

#### **6 c. Treasurer's Report**

Discussion Director Gale Pence provided the monthly Treasurer's Report.

#### **6 d. District Student Senate Report**

Discussion MATC student Elizabeth Calixto provided the District Student Senate Report.

#### **6 e. Bi-monthly PBS General Manager's Report**

Discussion Ms. Debbie Hamlett, vice president/general manager, Milwaukee PBS, provided the bi-monthly PBS General Manager's Report. Highlights included:

- The station gained 2,000 new members in the last four months, bringing the total member count to 41,478.
- The American Revolution documentary series by Ken Burns has broken all previous streaming records.

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- The station will be featuring a program on Wisconsin's Underground Railroad.

**6 f. Gramm Leach Bliley Act (GLBA) FTC Report**

Discussion Mr. Paul Zinck, vice president, Administration and Operations, offered an overview of the report.

**ITEM 7. BOARD MONITORING**

**7 a. Financial and Single Audit Update from External Auditor**

Discussion Mr. Paul France, principal at Baker Tilly US, provided an update on the financial and single update from external auditor.

**7 b. Dual Enrollment**

Discussion Dr. Josephine Gomez, dean, Community Education and Strategic Engagement, and Dr. John Hill, director of College and Career Readiness, Milwaukee Public Schools, presented on Dual Enrollment.

**ITEM 8. NEW BUSINESS**

Director Baker asked for a board session that would provide an update on legislative matters impacting board members.

**ITEM 9. FUTURE EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. December 11, 2025, GED Graduation, 6:00 p.m., Cooley Auditorium
- b. December 13, 2025, Winter Commencement, 11:00 a.m., Fiserv Forum
- c. January 27, 2026, MATC District Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210).

**ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter Kovoichich*

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On behalf of Board Secretary Waleed Najeeb

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