



Attachment 3 – a.

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
August 25, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, and called to order by Chairperson Case at 4:09 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; Mark Foley; Raynetta Hill; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; Supreme Moore Omokunde; Waleed Najeeb (virtual); Gale Pence, Tina Owen-Moore (virtual).

Excused: None.

ITEM 1 b. COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Discussion 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

Motion Director Moore Omokunde moved and Director Baker seconded for an amendment to the board policy limiting public comments to three speakers per topic.

Action Amended motion was approved, 8 ayes, 1 no.

Motion Director Foley moved and Director Mendieta-Ramos seconded to amend the amended motion by limiting the time permitted for each speaker to three minutes.

Action Amended motion was approved, 5 ayes, 3 noes.

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Mr. Richard Eaton, part-time MATC faculty member, spoke about part-time faculty pay.

Ms. Dewey Caton, vice-president MATC part-time faculty, AFT Local 212, spoke about part-time faculty pay.

Mr. Hugh Crawford, part-time MATC faculty, read a statement on behalf of Ann Sarnowski, part-time MATC faculty, regarding part-time faculty pay.

Ms. Lisa Conley, president of AFT Local 212, spoke on the state of MATC.

Ms. Kate Erickson, MATC faculty member, commented on the closing of the Multi-Cultural Office.

Mr. Kelly Logan spoke about the closing of the Multi-Cultural Office.

Mr. Floyd Griffin, student services specialist, commented on the closing of the Multi-Cultural Office.

Ms. Devon Hayden, MATC student, spoke about the closing of the Multi-Cultural Office.

Yeng Tha Vue, MATC student, commented on the closing of the Multi-Cultural Office.

Ms. Christine Neumann-Ortiz, executive director of Voces de la Frontera, spoke about the closing of the Multi-Cultural Office.

Ms. Crystal Harper, MATC student, commented on the closing of the Multi-Cultural Office.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3 a. Regular Board Meeting: June 24, 2025

3 b. Board Organizational Meeting: July 14, 2025

Motion It was moved by Director Moore Omokunde and seconded by Director Mendieta-Ramos to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 24, 2025 and the minutes of the Board Organizational Meeting on July 14, 2025.

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 4 a. Bills – June 2025
- 4.b. Bills – July 2025
- 4.c. Financial Report – June 2025
- 4.d. Financial Report – July 2025
- 4 e. Human Resources Report
- 4 f. Procurement Report
- 4 g. Construction Report

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

Action Motion approved.

ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

- 5 a. Resolution (F0374-08-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026D of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Foley, to approve Resolution (F0374-08-25) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-2026D of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

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

Noes: None.

ITEM 6. POLICY REVIEW

- 6 a. Policy C0700-1 – Code of Ethics

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

- 6 b. Policy C0700-2 – Conflict of Interest

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

6 c. Policy A0205 – Services of Outside Legal Counsel

Discussion Ms. Sherry Terrell-Webb, general counsel, provided an overview of the proposed policy. Ms. Terrell-Webb will provide an updated policy, per the Board's suggestions, at the September board meeting

ITEM 7. REPORTS – MONTHLY

8 a. Chairperson's Report

Discussion Chairperson Case shared the following report:

- Welcomed students back for the fall semester.
- Board committee assignments have been made for 2025-2026.
 - Director Baker will serve as the board representative to the MATC Legislative Task Force.
 - Director Pence will serve as the board liaison to the MATC Foundation.
 - Director Pence, as the board treasurer, will also chair the Audit Advisory Committee and serve on the FCC/OPEB Trust Committee.
- In addition to these MATC committees, the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association committee assignments are as follows:
 - Director Foley will serve as representative to the association's board of directors.
- Chair Case also noted that the Wisconsin District Boards Association is still seeking MATC representation on additional committees. Participation requires attendance at DBA meetings.
- ACCT Leadership Congress is being held from October 22-25, 2025, in New Orleans. The ACCT Leadership Congress is the largest professional development opportunity for community college trustees. Chair Case will be attending the conference along with Directors Baker and Pence.

8 b. President's Report

Discussion Dr. Cruz shared the following:

- Welcomed MATC students and faculty back to campus and looking forward to a rewarding year.
- Met with MATC Retirees at the downtown campus in July for coffee and a campus tour, which included the student center and the new cafeteria. Dr. Cruz plans on continued outreach to retirees.
- On August 14, MATC held their academic year kickoff for all faculty and staff. This was an opportunity to connect with colleagues, celebrate successes, and learn more about the strategic plan and

strategies to support student success. An evening session was also held for second and third shift employees, which Dr. Cruz attended along with other campus leaders.

- In his address to faculty and staff, Dr. Cruz highlighted MATC's role in creating economic mobility by offering career-focused programs that lead to family-sustaining wages. This was also an opportunity to thank employees and external partners for their vital role in shaping curriculum and connecting students with jobs to meet regional workforce needs.
- BizTimes Milwaukee has recognized Dr. Josephine Gomez and Mr. Marwill Santiago as Notable Latino Leaders for their significant contributions to the Milwaukee community. Dr. Gomez is the Dean for Community Education and Student Engagement, while Mr. Santiago serves as the Director of Student Recruitment and Call Center.
- Instructor Gloria Madison was awarded the 2025 Wisconsin Health Information Management Association Educator Award. Ms. Madison is a part-time instructor in the Health Information Technology program. She was recognized for making a profound impact on the health information profession through her exceptional teaching, curriculum leadership and unwavering commitment to student success.
- The Cosmetology program held a runway showcase for MATC's Barbering and Cosmetology students on July 29 at the Downtown Campus. Students selected themes to feature various beauty, makeup, next-gen barbering, nail and hairstyles in a runway setup.
- MATC's Workforce Solutions team was awarded funding for all three Workforce Advancement Training grants submitted this year. Awarded Grants were for ATI Ladish, LLC (submitted by Martha Chavarria) Pindel Global Precision (submitted by Robin Hoke) and Guardian Credit Union (submitted by Trisha Stehr).
 - WAT grant covers 65% of training costs for companies, reducing their share to just 35%.
- The college celebrated the opening of the new Healthcare Academic and Career Pathway office on August 18. The new office will serve more students and will allow deans, pathway advisors and retention coaches to better serve students. Enrollment in healthcare programs has increased 40% in the past three years.
- One of the college's Bright Ideas initiatives was to have a Mindfulness Creatorspace for MATC faculty, staff, and students, which began on August 25 at the Downtown Campus cafeteria. Mindful Mondays are an opportunity to connect and get creative with students and fellow faculty/staff members at MATC's Bright Ideas Mindfulness Creatorspace. The pop-up events will be held twice a month at the Downtown Campus cafeteria from Noon to 2:00 p.m.

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- Fall 2026 FTE is 4,204 as of August 18, 2026, which is 97% of the goal for this term.
- Between April and August, MATC launched 44 Express Enrollment registration events. These events generated strong student interest with more than 1,200 attendees.
 - In addition, in-person New Student Orientation welcomed more than 900 students. These sessions provided new students the opportunity to connect with faculty, staff, and peers while preparing for a successful transition into their programs.

7 c. Treasurer's Report

Discussion Director Gale Pence shared the Treasurer's Report, which included the Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Report.

7 d. Annual Grants Report Presentation

Discussion Ms. Stephanie Townsend, manager, Sponsored Projects, shared the annual Grants Report presentation.

ITEM 8. BOARD MONITORING

8 a. Academic Showcase Presentation

Discussion Ms. Barbara Cannell, executive dean, Academic Systems and Integrity, answered questions from the Board regarding the pre-recorded Academic Showcase presentation.

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Case and Director Foley asked for a report on Zancil spending.

Director Baker asked for information regarding part-time faculty pay.

ITEM 10. FUTURE EVENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. September 23, 2025, MATC District Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Board Room (M210).

ITEM 11. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Personnel Matters Discussion

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kowochich

On behalf of Board Secretary Waleed Najeeb

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