



**Attachment 3 – a.**

**MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN  
January 23, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board was held in Open Session on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, and called to order by Chairperson Foley at 4:34 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 (virtual); Mark Foley; Citlali Mendieta-Ramos; Supreme Moore Omokunde (virtual); Tina Owen-Moore; Gale Pence.

**Excused:** Waleed Najeeb

**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**

Lynnett Harvey, MATC staff member, spoke to staff compensation, the promotion process, and staffing logistics.

Lisa Connelly, president, AFT Local 212, shared results from the union's fall survey, which included concerns about compensation.

A member of the public spoke on behalf of Elijah Holloway, MATC student. Issues included safety, communication, and the rent payment process at the Westown Green student apartments.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3 a. Regular Board Meeting: December 19, 2023**

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Motion It was moved by Director Baker and seconded by Director Burris to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 19, 2023.

Action Motion approved.

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

- 4 a. Bills – December 2023**
- 4 b. Financial Report – December 2023**
- 4 c. Human Resources Report**
- 4 d. Procurement Report**

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

Action The motion was approved by voice vote.

**ITEM 5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**Action Items**

- 5 a. Resolution (F0300-01-24) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024H of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

Motion It was moved by Director Baker, seconded by Director Owen-Moore, to approve Resolution (F0300-01-24) Authorizing the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024H 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 2023-2024H.

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

Ayes: Burris, Case, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Owen-Moore, Pence, Baker, Foley - 8

Noes: None.

- 5 b. Resolution (F0301-01-24) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024I of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.**

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Motion It was moved by Director Mendieta-Ramos, seconded by Director Burris, to approve Resolution (F0301-01-24) Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023-2024 of Milwaukee Area Technical College District, Wisconsin.

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

Ayes: Case, Mendieta-Ramos, Moore Omokunde, Owen-Moore, Pence, Baker, Burris, and Foley - 8

### ITEM 6 REPORTS – MONTHLY

#### 6 a. Chairperson's Report

Discussion Chairperson Foley shared the following:

- The Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association's Spring Meeting, Annual Election, and Board of Directors Meeting will be held at Nicolet College in Rhinelander on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Educational topics will include mental health, competency-based education, and tribal connections. Lodging will be available at the Holiday Acres Resort.
- Tom Bordenkircher, vice president, Accreditation Relations at the Higher Learning Commission, will be attending the February board meeting.
- Presidential Search Update:
  - Distributed a listing of ad placements for the Presidential Search and asked board members to share any suggestions or ideas for additional marketing of the position.
  - The profile statement has been completed and is now posted on the MATC Presidential Search website.
  - Board members are asked to be available for the following meetings:
    - Anti-bias Workshop, February 13, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., presented by Greenwood/Asher via Zoom.
    - Prospect Review Meeting, March 19, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
    - Round One Interviews, April 3 – 4
    - Reference Feedback Meeting, April 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
    - Round Two Interviews (in-person, on-campus), Week of April 22.
    - Decision Meeting, April 29, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

#### 6 b. President's Report

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Discussion

Dr. Martin shared the following:

- Faculty member Scott Fisler was named the 2023 Byrl Shoemaker Instructor of the Year by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), an independent, nonprofit organization that works to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service by testing and certifying automotive professionals. This recognition is given to faculty who demonstrate excellence through their personal dedication and commitment to students pursuing careers in the automotive service industry.
- Faculty member Charles Barbour recently earned the title of Certified Master HVACR Educator (CMHE), a prestigious honor attained by fewer than 150 HVACR instructors across the country.
- Debbie Hamlett, vice president and general manager, Milwaukee PBS, was named one of Milwaukee's 49 leaders to watch in 2024 by the Milwaukee Business Journal.
- Addressed the Milwaukee Women's Club on January 17 to spotlight the transformative work undertaken by MATC. Two of the MATC's Checota scholarship students spoke of the life-changing effect of receiving the scholarship as well as the support and care they received from the college's staff. They were also joined by Ellen Checota and the Chair of the MATC Foundation, Chantel Byrd.
- Announced a new collaborative agreement where UW-Milwaukee (UWM) will guarantee admission and facilitate a straightforward transfer of credits for technical college graduates from Gateway, Moraine Park, Waukesha County Technical College, and MATC. All associate degree holders from the four technical colleges are guaranteed a seamless transfer for at least 60 credits toward a bachelor's degree at UWM.
- Introduced Mr. Michael Rogers, interim vice president, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Most recently, Mr. Rogers served as the director of advocacy and engagement at the University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin.

### **6 c. Legislative Matters Report**

Discussion

Ms. Laura Bray, vice president, College Advancement and External Communications, virtually highlighted several items from the legislative report:

- Senate Bill 169/Assembly Bill 180 relating to establishing a hotline for employers interested in hiring individuals with a conviction record passed the Senate via voice vote. Assembly action is pending. This was a recommendation from the WLC Study Committee on Increasing Offender Employment Opportunities.
- Senate Bill 367/Assembly Bill 370 relating to guaranteed admission to the University of Wisconsin System institutions and technical

colleges and requiring high schools to prepare class rankings for certain pupils passed Assembly. Senate Committee action is scheduled for January 23, 2024. This bill would require technical college district boards to establish a guaranteed admission program for applicants ranked in the top 5 percent of their high school class.

- Assembly Bill 549/Senate Bill 581 relating to grants up to \$1,000,000 for technical college manufacturing and truck driving programs to purchase manufacturing or advanced manufacturing equipment and enhance facilities as well as funds for certain hiring bonuses passed Assembly. Senate action is pending.

**6 d. Enrollment Report**

Discussion Dr. Eva Martinez Powless, interim vice president, Enrollment and Retention, presented the enrollment report:

- The college is at 89.5% of enrollment goal as of January 16, 2024.

Director Moore Omokunde left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

**6 e. Milwaukee PBS General Manager's Report**

Discussion Ms. Debbie Hamlett, vice president and general manager of Milwaukee PBS, shared the following highlights:

- The station is \$391,187 ahead of the same time last year, or 65% of the way to the \$6.7 million-dollar goal.
- Analytics are showing a strong interest from the community in music and arts, especially local artists. The station will be leaning into these areas more this year.
- The station is beginning to produce segments for Adelante, Black Nouveau and 10ThirtySix on issues of interest to voters leading up to the election.

**6 f. District Student Senate Report**

Discussion Ms. Kimberly Haynes, student representative reported the following:

- Wisconsin Student Government will be advocating for technical college students in Madison at the WSG Legislative Seminar from February 18 - 20, 2024.

**ITEM 7. BOARD MONITORING**

**7a. Review of Board Self-Evaluation Instrument (Board Policy A0106-3)**

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Discussion Chair Foley noted that the self-evaluation instrument is currently in the review stage and will be used in May.

**7 b. Zancil Update**

Discussion Dr. Mohammad Dakwar, vice president, Learn, answered questions regarding the presentation shared with the board. Mr. Dwayne Schlund, vice president of AFT, Local 212, collaborated on the video presentation, but was unavailable to appear before the board.

- Dr. Dakwar shared that the college has shown progress in the areas highlighted in the presentation.
- Chair Foley asked for Dr. Dakwar and Mr. Schlund to prepare another update for the February board meeting.

**7 c. Community Education Update**

Discussion Dr. Phillip King, executive vice president, and Dr. Sadique Isahaku, executive dean, Community Education, presented the Community Education update. Highlights from the presentation are as follows:

- Short-term solutions and recommendations have been or are in the process of being implemented based on recommendations from the Community Education Improvement/Action Plan team.
- Construction has started at WEC for a one-stop shop where Community Education students can ask questions, apply, test, and register for classes.
- A staff member focused on testing has been added to Walker's Square in a shared role with downtown. The long-term recommendation is for more staff to be added based on student growth.
- Student tracking will be expanded from ESL to all of Community Education next year.
- The ESL page on the MATC website has been fully updated with an explainer video, simpler wording, and content in seven languages.

**ITEM 8. NEW BUSINESS**

Director Burris and Director Mendieta-Ramos asked for an update on the Westown Green student concerns.

Director Baker asked for further conversations about compensation.

**ITEM 9. Future Events/Announcements**

- a. February 4-7, 2024, ACCT National Legislative Summit, Washington, D.C.

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- b. **February 27, 2024 MATC District Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.,  
Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Boardroom (M210)**

**ITEM 10. Closed Session**

Motion It was moved by Director Baker to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) and (g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss item 10 a., President's Semi-Annual Performance Evaluation and item 10 b., Personnel Matters and Legal Advice. The Board may reconvene in Open Session to take action on matters discussed in Closed Session under Item 10, if necessary.

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

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

Noes: None.

**ITEM 11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter Kovochich*

On behalf of Board Secretary Citlali Mendieta-Ramos

\* This meeting may be conducted in part by telephone. Telephone speakers will be available to allow the public to hear those parts of the proceedings that are open to the public.

\*\* Action may be taken on any agenda item, whether designated as an action item or not. Agenda items may be moved into Closed Session for discussion when it becomes apparent that a Closed Session is appropriate under Section 19.85 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The board may return to Open Session to take action on any item discussed in Closed Session.

\*\*\* It is anticipated that this item may be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(c) and (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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